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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

WANTED, LABORERS.

THE earth is white for harvest,
The sickles strong and keen,
The Saviour's call is earnest,
What do the reapers mean?
The Lord is in the army;
His presence leads them on.
"Lo, I am with you alway,"
He says to every one.

Why is it that they tarry,
And press not to the van?
Behind the cross of Calvary;
Before, the dying man.
How many might be saved,
Had we our duty done!
Of those who fall in service,
Shall you or I be one?
—Exchange.

ARE CAMP-MEETINGS NECESSARY?

THIS is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. . . . Do not plead an excuse. . . . The Lord has need of you.

IT is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many: and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. . . . You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

THE camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. . . . It is our work to give to the whole world,—to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,—the saving truths of the Third Angel's Message.

IF the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!
MRS. E. G. WHITE.

AT THE CAMP-MEETING.

BROTHER G. C. QUILLIN will have charge of the baggage.

Thomas Thornton will be in charge of the Conference grocery.

Dr. R. W. Walters has been appointed chairman of the Sanitary Committee.

Elder W. W. Miller has consented to serve as chairman of the Reception Committee.

Brother H. H. Votaw and wife will be in charge of the dining hall.

Harry Benson will conduct the lunch counter and restaurant.

Helpers from Abroad.

We are now prepared to announce to the readers of the VISITOR that we have the promise of the following named helpers at our next camp-meeting: Elders A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; E. W. Farnsworth, missionary recently from Australia; W. H. Anderson, missionary from Africa; and Allen Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference. These tried and faithful laborers with their many years of experience in the work of God will make them valuable teachers and counselors at this period of our history.

We are also expecting Elders J. B. Blosser, *Field Sec.*, and C. J. Herrmann, German representative of the Lake Union Conference, to be with us. We are looking forward to this meeting with the deepest interest, and believe it will prove to be the best of the kind ever held.

Our Youth and Children.

No pains will be spared to make the coming camp-meeting one of profit and encouragement to both our young people and children. Special services will be conducted for their benefit. In addition to our Conference laborers, we are expecting some valuable help from the general field.

Let parents as far as possible plan to bring the children. We all need the benefits of an annual convocation. The times are getting more perilous, temptations more deceptive, and the enemy is working with greater power than ever before to destroy us and our children. There is no time now to spend in self seeking. The judgment

is in progress; the end is at hand, and who can estimate the worth of a soul! Now, just now, is the only time we will ever have to do work for eternity. Let us see a large attendance of the youth and children of our Conference at the camp-meeting.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE forty-third annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Marysville, Union Co., Aug. 11-22, 1904. The first meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, at 9:30 A. M. Let every delegate make it a point to be present at the opening meeting if at all possible.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time, on the Union County Fair Ground, Marysville, Ohio. The first meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 15, 1904, at 9:30 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon Academy on the Union County Fair Ground, Marysville, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1904, at 9:30 A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. E. WELCH, *Sec.*

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

THE song, "Matthew twenty-four," is still given with every subscription, or renewal, to the WELCOME VISITOR. If you cannot talk the truth to some of your friends, you can sing it, and they will like it, too. Some who have tried this plan say that prejudice has been forgotten and their friends are now singing the song themselves. Recently, four copies were sent to Iowa.

FROM THE WORKERS.

Wilmington.

SABBATH, July 9, I spent with the church at Wilmington. The forenoon was spent in carrying out a well arranged program for a local Sabbath-school convention. Nearly every member of the school took part in the exercises, and the way each one acted his part showed that his heart was in the work. I was pleased with the earnestness manifested by the youth and children. If more such meetings were held there would be less lagging of real interest in the Sabbath-school work.

At two o'clock another meeting was held at which a deacon and deaconess were set apart, by prayer and laying on of hands, to serve the church. After this all members of the church present, with others who had come in to spend the day with us, engaged in a hearty celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. The service was one of spiritual strength to us all. We believe if the members of the Wilmington church will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God, others will soon be added to their numbers.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

South Lebanon.

ON Sunday we had the privilege of meeting and spending the day with Brethren Thurber and Gibson, who are conducting a tent effort in this village. By request of the brethren, we spoke to the people at 3 P. M. and found them ready to listen to the Message God has for the world to-day. Elder W. W. Miller came up from Cincinnati and spoke in the evening. The principle points of the Message have been presented and the people seem to be seriously considering their duty to obey. The critical period in this series of meetings has now been reached, and if Brethren Thurber and Gibson will now unite with their public efforts earnest personal work, in this way coming into closer touch with the hearts of the people, good results will surely follow. One sister has already decided to obey and kept last Sabbath. Others confessed that they were distressed and troubled for not doing likewise. Satan will not let a single soul step out on the Lord's side to obey his commandments, receive his seal and approval without a personal encounter. This fact makes it necessary for the servants of God to closely watch for opportunities to lend needed assistance to those who are

trembling in the balances and almost ready to fall. I enjoyed my visit with these brethren and join with them in praying for the future success of the effort they are now putting forth to establish the Third Angel's Message at South Lebanon.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Rows.

I WILL take this opportunity to let the patrons of the VISITOR know how the work is going at this place. You no doubt remember this to be the place where a large effort was put forth last winter by the Lutheran minister of this place to destroy the influence of the work which had been done in the fall before. So we thought best to put up our tent again and answer the objections that were made against our positions on the Sabbath question and let the people know, if possible, that we are not heretics, antichrists, rebels or anarchists as they said we were.

Accordingly Brother Bidwell and I were sent here. But the Lutheran minister seemed to understand that the positions taken against us would not bear investigation, and he preached the stay-away doctrine and sent letters through the mail to a great many, telling them not to attend the meetings. A great many falsehoods have been circulated to prejudice the people against us and keep them away from the tent. Lutheranism has been the ruling element in this vicinity for a number of years, and any one who dared to oppose it was put on the black list at once. Hence you can see the majority would be afraid to have it known that they were attending the meetings up at the tent.

However, there are some few who dare to follow their own conscience and stand up for their rights against all the bitter opposition that is brought to bear against them. By this you understand that our attendance has been very small, but we have had some excellent meetings in which the Lord has drawn very near to us and made known his protecting care. One evening I was announcing the second hymn, which was No. 141 in "Christ in Song" (please read it), when some boys who seemed to be angry because we were here threw stones at the tent thinking to scare us, but the way they ran proved that they were scared more than we were.

We are not able at this time to say just what the outcome of the meeting will be, but those who have taken their stand have been greatly strengthened and quite a few others are interested and acknowledge the Message to be true.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the brethren at Rows that they may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy, and that others may have the courage to obey their convictions.

M. C. KIRKENDALL,
W. E. BIDWELL.

Cygnel.

WELCOME VISITOR: A few months have passed since my last report from this place appeared in your columns. During this lapse of time, I have continued my efforts to advance the cause of the Master in the canvassing field. The Lord has added his blessing to these efforts and has given a good degree of success in the work. But success in this line is attained only by persevering effort, by much hard work, by enduring hardships, by patiently bearing trials. To the humble co-worker with Christ, it is a comfort and strength to know that God will, and *does*, bless the self-sacrificing efforts that he puts forth, and to remember the promise that he has made, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

I could relate many precious experiences that I have had while laboring in this field. While delivering some books not long ago, one lady asked, "What denomination do these books represent?" "The Adventist," I answered promptly. I continued, "Perhaps you may know they believe that the whole Bible was given for our instruction and guidance. They think the prophecies are for us to understand as well as the other portions of the Word." "Well," she said, "it does seem that the prophecies are nearly all fulfilled." "I think so," I said, and then mentioned some that are now in process of fulfilment. She then asked several questions on other points, which I answered briefly. This is only one case in many that I have found in evidence of the good that is done by the canvassing work. Where our books are bought and read, the people are enlightened in regard to the teaching of the Word. The books exert a molding influence upon their religious belief.

I have formed many pleasant acquaintances in this field, and many homes are open and invitations standing for my return. I am now at Dowling in company with Elders Fairchild and Gaede. I am canvassing in connection with the tent meeting which they are holding. J. O. YOUNG.

Sidney.

WE are well and of good courage in the work. We are having a good interest and great liberty in presenting the truth. G. P. GAEDE.

SPECIAL.

LOVE FOR THE ERRING.

THE admonition of the True Witness to the Sardis church is: "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember, therefore, how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent." The sin specially charged against this church is that they have not strengthened the things that remain, that are ready to die. Does this warning apply to us? Let us individually examine our hearts in the light of God's word, and let our first work be to set our hearts in order by the help of Christ.

What Shall the Answer Be?

God has done his part in the work for the salvation of men, and now he calls for the co-operation of the church. There are the blood of Christ, the word of truth, the Holy Spirit on the one hand, and there are the perishing souls on the other. Every follower of Christ has a part to act to bring men to accept the blessings heaven has provided. Let us closely examine ourselves, and see if we have done this work. Let us question our motives, and every action of our lives. Are there not many unpleasant pictures hanging in memory's halls? Often have you needed the forgiveness of Jesus. You have been constantly dependent upon his compassion and love. Yet have you not failed to manifest toward others the spirit which Christ has exercised toward you? Have you felt a burden for the one whom you saw venturing into forbidden paths? Have you kindly admonished him? Have you wept for him, and prayed with him and for him? Have you shown by words of tenderness and kindly acts that you love him, and desire to save him? As you have associated with those who were faltering and staggering under the load of their own infirmities of disposition and faulty habits, have you left them to fight the battles alone, when you might have given them help? Have you not passed these tempted ones by on the other side, while the world has stood ready to give them sympathy, and to allure them into Satan's nets? Have you not, like Cain, been ready to say, "Am I my brother's keeper?" How must the great Head of the church regard the work of your life? How does he to whom every soul is precious, as

the purchase of his blood, look upon your indifference to those who stray from the right path? Are you not afraid that he will leave you just as you leave them? Be sure that he who is the true Watchman of the Lord's house has marked every neglect.

Win It Back.

Have not Christ and his love been shut out from your life until a mechanical form has taken the place of heart service? Where is the kindling of soul you once felt at the mention of the name of Jesus? In the freshness of your early dedication, how fervent was your love for souls! How earnestly you sought to represent to them the Saviour's love! The absence of that love has made you cold, critical, exacting. Seek to win it back, and then labor to bring souls to Christ. If you refuse to do this, others who have had less light and experience and fewer opportunities, will come up and take your place, and do that which you have neglected; for the work must be done to save the tempted, the tried, the perishing. Christ offers the service to his church; who will accept it?

God has not been unmindful of the good deeds, the self-denying acts of the church in the past. All are registered on high. But these are not enough. These will not save the church when she ceases to fulfil her mission. Unless the cruel neglect and indifference manifested in the past shall cease, the church, instead of going from strength to strength, will continue to degenerate into weakness and formality. Shall we let this be? Is the dull torpor, the mournful deterioration in love and spiritual zeal to be perpetuated? Is this the condition in which Christ is to find his church?

Decided Efforts Will Tell.

Brethren, your lamps will surely flicker and grow dim until they go out in darkness unless you make decided efforts to reform. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." The opportunity now presented may be short. If this season of grace and repentance passes unimproved, the warning is given, "I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place." These words are uttered by the lips of the long-suffering, forbearing One. They are a solemn warning to churches and individuals that the Watcher who never slumbers is measuring their course of action. It is only by reason of his marvelous patience that they are not cut down as cumberers of the ground. But his spirit will not always strive. His patience will wait but little longer.

Your faith must be something more than it has been, or you will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. At the last day, the final decision by the Judge of all the earth will turn upon our interest in, and practical labor for the needy, the oppressed, the tempted. You cannot always pass these by on the other side, and yourselves find entrance as redeemed sinners into the city of God. "Inasmuch," says Christ, "as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Not Too Late.

It is not yet too late to redeem the neglects of the past. Let there be a revival of the first love, the first ardor. Search out the ones you have driven away, and bind up by confession the wounds you have made. Come close to the great heart of pitying love and let the current of that divine compassion flow into your heart, and from you to the hearts of others. Let the tenderness and mercy that Jesus has revealed in his own precious life be an example to us of the manner in which we should treat our fellow beings, especially those who are our brethren in Christ. Many have fainted and become discouraged in the great struggle of life, whom one word of kindly cheer and courage would have strengthened to overcome. Never, never become heartless, cold, unsympathetic and censorious. Never lose an opportunity to say a word to encourage and inspire hope. We cannot tell how far-reaching may be our tender words of kindness, our Christ-like efforts to lighten some burden. The erring can be restored in no other way than in the spirit of meekness, gentleness, and tender love.

"Wouldst thou an erring soul redeem,
And lead a lost one back to God?
Wouldst thou a guardian angel seem
To one who long in guilt has trod?
Go kindly to him, take his hand,
With gentle words, within thine own.
And by his side a brother stand,
Till thou the demon sin dethrone.

"Scorn not the guilty then, but plead
With him in kindest, gentlest mood,
And back the lost one thou mayest lead
To God, humanity, and good.
Thou art thyself but man, and thou
Art weak, perchance to fall as he;
Then mercy to the fallen show,
That mercy may be shown to thee."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

EVERY young man is a sower of seed on the field of life. The bright days of youth are the seedtime. Every thought of your intellect, every emotion of your heart, every word of your tongue, every principle you adopt, every act you perform is a seed, whose good or evil fruit will prove bliss or bane of your after life.—*Wise.*

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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

PROF. and MRS. N. W. LAWRENCE are the happy possessors of a fine new boy, born July 15.

SISTER ALDERMAN has returned to Academia after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in northern Ohio.

MISS MAE KENNEDY has returned to her work at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, her mother's health having greatly improved.

BROTHER F. H. HENDERSON will canvass in Morgan County for the book "Christ's Object Lessons" until the camp-meeting.

WILL the Sabbath-school secretaries who have not sent their reports to the office please do so immediately in order that the State report may be compiled before the camp-meeting?

THE Summer School has closed, and while the attendance has been small, we are glad to announce that the results have been highly satisfactory to both teachers and scholars.

BROTHER I. D. RICHARDSON reports that quite a number of persons are expecting to enter the canvassing work after the camp-meeting. Some of the old canvassers are expecting to give heed to the call to service.

IT is announced that Elder A. T. Jones will write a series of important articles for the *Life Boat* on the "Present Truth." The first of these will be in the August number and will be devoted to the sanctuary question. Your unconverted friends and neighbors will read them and thank you for putting the paper into their hands, and it may be the means of winning some of them to Christ. Single copies, 2 cents; 35 cents a year. Send orders to Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

B. E. R.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS.

South Lebanon.

IN regard to our work here in South Lebanon, I can truly say that the Lord has been with us from the beginning. He has blessed us in many wonderful ways. We have a good class of people to deal with. We have started on the Sabbath question, and hope to see several take their stand for the word of God and keep his commandments.

We have a good attendance every evening, and on Saturday and Sunday evenings have large crowds, good attention and a good collection. Pray for us and our work, for we need the prayers of all God's people. The Lord has been our helper and we are depending on him. We have faith to believe he will do what he has promised to do. Your brother in the Lord's work, F. E. GIBSON.

Canton.

DEAR BRETHREN: Sabbath, July 2, was a joyous day for the Canton church. The quarterly meeting was conducted by Dr. B. J. Ferciot, and the sacred ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated in a most befitting manner.

The full membership was present. All bore testimony of the great love of God to them, and his keeping power. Their desire was more than ever before to press forward in the Lord's work of giving the last Message to a dying world. May our hearts be more united, and we labor on with patience till Jesus comes, and then with him have a home in the earth made new. Our courage is good in the Lord. Yours in the blessed hope,

MRS. LAURA COTTON.

Cleveland.

WELCOME VISITOR: From week to week I have read with interest the reports from the several laborers, and will add my mite. Our quarterly meeting was held with the Cleveland church Sabbath before last, and we had a most excellent meeting. Two united with the church. The names of three others are under consideration and we expect to have baptismal services next Sabbath. Yesterday, July 16, we held quarterly meeting with the church at Middlefield. It was a most refreshing season. Twenty-two were present for the ordinances and we had a goodly number of outside hearers. We hold our regular Sunday night service here to-night. This is an important and interesting field. With Christian greeting to all the readers of the VISITOR, and hoping to meet them at camp-meeting, I am,

ELDER D. E. LINDSEY.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending July 8, 1904.)

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$12; helps, \$1.50; total, \$12.50; value of deliveries, \$2.

Christy Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$2.50; total, \$27.50.

Grace Cline, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: value of deliveries, \$27.75.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: value of deliveries, \$26.25.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$24.95.

Coshocton.

THE quarterly meeting was held at this place Sabbath, July 2, and those present saw the largest attendance since the church was organized. After the celebration of the ordinance of humility, which seems better to fit us for the work God has for us to do, we partook of the Lord's supper.

We realized that his presence was with us, and are of good faith and courage, and are striving to gain a home in the earth made new. Pray for us.

RAY CORDER.

OBITUARY.

BUNT.—Brother Grant W. Bunt died at his home in Penfield, O., June 12, 1904, of consumption of the lungs. He was born in Penfield, O., Dec. 17, 1864. Dec. 25, 1885, he was married to Miss Jennie Roberts. She having died, he was again married Jan. 20, 1892, to Miss Allie Newton, who is still living. Brother Bunt left a wife, a father, a mother, and a brother to mourn his loss. He was first converted and united with the Methodist Church, July 11, 1897, he united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Lagrange, O., being baptized by Elder S. S. Shrock. Brother Bunt was acting as deacon of the church at the time of his death, having been ordained to the office about one year and a half ago by Elder M. C. Kirkendall. Brother Bunt possessed many noble qualities which were worthy of imitation. He was a meek and humble man, earnest and devoted to the cause he loved. He was possessed of a large, sympathetic, generous nature, of a general disposition, and he was loved by all who knew him. The funeral service was conducted from the Adventist church June 15, a large company being present to pay their last respects to our good brother. The text used was Job 19:21. CHARLES A. MERRIAM.

WALLS.—Died in Newport, Ky., June 19, 1904, Miss Leona Walls, aged 15 years, 6 months, and 2 days. Leona had been sick for some time when her aunt sent for us to come and visit her. We called almost every week and talked with her about the love of God. After a few visits she expressed a desire to be baptised and unite with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Cincinnati. Brother Morgan and I went over to see about baptism, but found her too weak to be baptised, at least we did not think it was wise to risk it. We prayed with and pointed her to the Lord, and she expressed her faith in him as being able to raise her up at the last day. We laid her to rest, June 22, believing that she would come forth in the first resurrection. W. W. MILLER.