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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"Come, for all things are now ready."

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

GOD is now calling for young men and young women to labor in his vineyard. And will we as young people in Ohio remain satisfied to continue in a careless, half-hearted service for the One who died for us? Do we truly believe the time is near when our glorious Redeemer shall return to earth, and we shall meet him face to face? Can we not see the signs of the times fulfilling in the earth?

Truly we see the nations preparing for the last great battle, the hearts and deeds of wicked men waxing worse and worse, the great fires and floods bringing destruction and sorrow by land and sea; also that the strikes and troubles between the rich and poor have not ceased.

But that which should stir the hearts of all our youth is the great onward march of God's people toward the mission fields. Old and young are leaving native land and kindred ties, and consecrating all upon the altar for God.

Many of the older soldiers have had to lay down the armor in the field and fall under the sting of death. They are dying every year at their post of duty, and now God calls the young to brave and valiant service to fill the places of those who are falling by the way.

We are praying that God will send an army of young people to camp-meeting this year. Let every young man and young woman come that can possibly do so. Come with a missionary spirit, determined to help some one to come to the foot of the cross.

You will all want to hear Brother and Sister Farnsworth from Australia, and Brother Anderson from Africa, and other earnest men of God whom we expect at our camp-meeting. We are praying for the young people, and we long to see them arise and do a glorious work for God in this closing Message.

To all our young people in Ohio I would say, let us lay aside our love of the world and its many snares, and place our hands in the hands of Christ, and let him use us for warning a world lost in sin and doomed to destruction. Yours in the love of Christ,
B. L. HOUSE.

OHIO CAMP-MEETING RATES.

EXCURSION rates from all points in Ohio are granted to those attending the Ohio camp-meeting, on the following conditions:—

1. Each person desiring the excursion fare must purchase a first-class ticket (limited or unlimited) to the place of meeting, for which he will pay the regular fare of not less than seventy-five cents; and upon request, the ticket agent will issue a printed certificate of purchase of the standard form.

2. If through tickets cannot be procured from the starting point, tickets should be purchased to the nearest point where such through tickets can be obtained, and there purchase through to the place of meeting, and a certificate from the ticket agent at the point where each purchase is made should be requested.

3. Tickets for the return will be sold by the ticket agent at the place of meeting at one-third the first-class limited fare, only to those holding certificates signed by the ticket agent at point where through ticket to place of meeting was purchased, countersigned by signature written in ink by the secretary or clerk of the association, certifying that not less than one hundred persons holding standard certificates are present, and that the holder has been in regular attendance at the meeting, and vided by the special agent of the lines of the railway association.

4. It is required that a certificate be procured, indicating that full fare of not less than seventy-five cents has been paid for the going journey. It likewise determines the route *via* which the ticket for return journey should be issued.

5. Tickets for the return journey will be furnished *only* on certificates procured not more than *three days* before the meeting assembles (except that

when meetings are held at distant points to which the authorized transit limit is more than three days, the authorized transit limit will govern); nor more than *two days* after the first day of the meeting, and will be available for continuous passage only, no stopover privileges being allowed on tickets sold at less than regular unlimited fares. Certificates will not be honored unless presented within *three days* after the adjournment of the meeting. It is understood that Sunday will not be reckoned as one of the three days either before the opening date, or after the closing date of the meeting.

6. A fee of twenty-five cents will be collected by the conference secretary upon presentation of each certificate to him, to pay the special agent for visting the same.

7. Tickets are not transferable.

Very Important Notice.

1. No refund of fare can be expected because of failure to obtain certificates, or to have them properly vided by special agent on date or dates arranged for him to be at the camp-ground.

2. The date set for the visting of certificates by the special agent of the railways is Aug. 18, 1904.

3. If you arrive at the meeting before the special agent is there and leave before he arrives, or if you arrive after he has left, you cannot have your certificate vided, and will have to pay full fare for return trip.

4. Elder D. E. Lindsey is the Conference Secretary and will receive the certificates and fee of twenty-five cents. Present them as soon as possible after arrival at the meeting. The Secretary will be located in his tent, the same to be indicated by his name.

Now, dear brethren of the Ohio Conference, I entreat you by all that is desirable in the Third Angel's Message, and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you immediately lay plans to attend this very important meeting. Let us make this the banner meeting of the Ohio Conference in numbers present, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and in the conversion of souls.

D. E. LINDSEY, Conf. Sec.

EDUCATIONAL.

LIFE'S MIRROR.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true,
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best shall come back to you.

Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

For life is the mirror of king and slave.
'Tis just what you are and do:
Have faith and a score of hearts you have
And the best will come back to you

MADLINE S. BRIDGES.

NOTES FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

IT is with deep pleasure I write a few words in regard to the work of our Summer School at Mount Vernon Academy. In Dr. Ruth M. Miller's classes, taking the example of our heavenly Father whose first words instilled hope (Gen. 3:15) in those in despair, we were instructed to go into the sick room with words of comfort, 2 Cor. 1:14, and joy, Neh. 8:10, and blessing, Psalm 1. We did actual work in nursing, receiving needed instruction in each case. For class recitation we almost covered Dr. Kellogg's "Home Hand Book," took some work in chemistry and drills in physical culture, remedying here and there a defect, we were reminded how the "good soldiers of Jesus Christ are trained by dying daily to defects of character, till we attain to the stature of the fullness of Christ."

In Prof. Welch's class we traced the principles of good and evil in the history of pedagogy, noting here the triumph of the altruistic, and there the egoistic, and through it all were traced the footsteps of Jehovah who led his servants by the way which tended to develop staunch characters. We also studied the inevitable swing of the pendulum from one extreme to the other, and found it to be the work of Satan; the need of spontaneity and to be masters of all our faculties; comprehensive outlines in Christian education in which wisdom, knowledge, and science were placed in proper connection with the plan of redemption. I have stated only a few of the deep, soul-stirring thoughts brought out by our instructor during our only too short study of six weeks. If you would drink of the "wells of salvation" "come and see" the Christ. Come to Mount Vernon Academy where the Spirit of God hovers as a warm, protecting cloud.

Prof. Lawrence gave us lessons in Bible Study of present truth, bringing out in an impressive manner those grand truths that are food to our hun-

gry souls,—the words of Jehovah to his remnant church to which one never tires of listening. We studied God's love in dealing with sin, his unchangeable law, his care for his people, salvation in figure and fact, warnings of danger to come, the great day of God's wrath, etc. As we pondered day by day on the wondrous words of him who is perfect in wisdom and knowledge, our hearts burned within us, our feet were placed on higher ground, and we were endued with power from on high to go forth and labor in his vineyard. Surely these thoughts broadened our minds and taught us particularly two things—our dependence upon God and the need of carrying the Message to near and distant fields.

Speaking generally I will say that I have noted only a few of the thoughts brought out in our Summer School work. Only those who attended can realize the pure, harmonious thoughts brought out by our God fearing teachers, as only those who cling close to the Rock of Ages can tell us truly the character of Christ.

RACHEL R. HESS.

THE PARENT AND THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

THE question often arises, what relation do the parents sustain to the Sabbath-school? or is there any responsibility resting upon parents with regard to the Sabbath-school work?

I would first say that parents must become interested in what they would have their children interested. Then if we as parents find excuses to remain away from the Sabbath-school, will not our children be influenced in that direction? The youth with their keen perception will soon observe whether our greater interests are absorbed in things of an earthly nature.

Is it not possible for us to co-operate with the children and youth in the preparation of the Sabbath-school lessons, studying with them at home, thus showing the importance of home study? For my part I have learned more scripture in studying Sabbath-school lessons than in any other way.

The instruction we have received reads as follows: "While it is essential that wise, patient efforts should be made by the teacher, the work must not be left altogether to the Sabbath-school and church worker, but it must find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibility in the fear of God, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account."

"Home missionary work has been strangely neglected. Those who have had the greatest reason for earnest, Christ-like solicitude for the salvation of their children, have been indifferent to their responsibilities, and have lightly regarded the wants of their households. The responsibility which God has given to men and women as parents, many have shifted from themselves to the Sabbath-school worker and to the church influence. But each instrumentality has its work, and parents who neglect their part will be weighed in the balances and found wanting."

Paul in writing to Timothy says: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15.

It being important that children should be versed in the Scriptures in that day and age of the world, how much more necessary that they have a good understanding of them in these perilous times just previous to the coming of Christ, and the day when each individual must stand alone for himself—a time when the enemy has renewed his energy in seeking to destroy souls, and is represented as a roaring lion going about seeking whom he may devour.

We read again, in speaking of the truth of God's commandments: "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates; that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children."

In view of the evidence we have before us, can we question the responsibility resting upon us as parents? Then if we be Christ's, let us heed the admonition, "Feed my lambs."

MRS. F. M. BIDWELL.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION AT AKRON.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: The Akron Sabbath-school held a Sabbath-school Convention, on July 16, which was very well attended. A good interest was manifested throughout the meeting. The program was interspersed with appropriate music, which was highly appreciated. The exercises were under the direction of Sister Ella M. Talmage.

The following subjects were presented for consideration: the Object of the Convention and of the Sabbath-school; How to Secure Order and Reverence in the Sabbath-school;

the Duties of the Superintendent; Duties of the Secretary; Teachers and their Work; the Salvation of Our Youth and Children; Responsibilities of Parents; Co-operation of Parents and Teachers; the Home Department.

At the close of the afternoon session the question box was opened. Some of the questions called forth a lively exchange of opinion. It is to be hoped that much good may result from the meeting. We commend a similar experience to other schools:

HENRY CHALMERS, *Asst. Supt.*

Levering.

WELCOME VISITOR: Our Sabbath-school is progressing nicely and has grown considerably in numbers during the past six months. We have met many times when there were only enough present to make one class. Now we have three good sized classes and will be obliged to make the fourth class soon. But the most encouraging feature is the interest the children are taking in the work. They can hardly wait from one Sabbath to another to go and take the money that they have earned through the week for the Sabbath-school donation. Their donations are larger than the donations from the senior classes. I must tell you how some of them get their money for donations. Two little girls worked in the cornfield for five cents a day and gave all they earned. Another little girl promised the Lord if he would help her to get the head-marks she would give him all the money she earned that way. (She received one cent for each head-mark from her teacher in the day school. We will say here the Lord helped her and she earned twenty-five cents which she gave to the Lord cheerfully.) Nearly all the money that is given by the children is earned by them, and they enjoy it very much. The parents think this plan the best as it teaches the children to make sacrifices more than if the money were given them each Sabbath by their parents.

We have organized a missionary society and the children all have joined with us, and as their names are called in roll-call they respond with a verse of scripture as readily as the older ones. The spirituality and courage of the members have increased and we feel like taking hold and pushing this Message to its close.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CEMER.

"GOD never demands of any one that which it is beyond his power to accomplish in and through an individual."

FROM THE WORKERS.

LIFE'S MISSION.

WE often think, as the days come and go,
That we would our past renew;
But the present day is the time to sow
The seed, for the good, or the right.

For the tide of life, on its restless way,
Has a mission for all, if they will
But do the things that, day by day,
Are given for each to fulfil.

So let us now no moment to lose,
Be up, and doing with might,
For the time has come for us to choose
The side for the wrong, or the right.

VIOLET HAWKESWORTH.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK AT THE LIFE BOAT MISSION, CHICAGO.

WE thought our people in the Lake Union Conference, which has the past few years so generously assisted the work at the Life Boat Mission, would be glad to know some of the recent moves in the work.

When I returned from California to Chicago, after an absence of three years, I was very pleased to discern substantial progress in almost every feature of the Life Boat Mission work, notably that a very much larger number of the converts were being brought into the whole truth, had been baptized, and were conscientiously keeping the Sabbath. It was a very great encouragement to me. I saw that the work was growing and developing.

So, after counseling with other brethren, we decided to organize a company of Sabbath-keepers at the Mission. This was done Sabbath, July 9, and consisted of twenty-two members. The writer was chosen as leader of the company, with Brethren Van Dorn and Widgery as assistants. Brother D. K. Abrams was selected to be secretary and treasurer.

Sabbath services and Sabbath-school are regularly held, and a baptistery has been built in the Mission. The Sabbath after the company was organized it was my privilege to baptize four candidates, three of them being sisters.

It is our plan to have Sabbath-keeping converts who are baptized hold their membership in our regular churches in Chicago, and accordingly we have arranged with the church elders so that they will examine the candidates with us before baptism.

Monday evening, July 18, I began a series of Bible studies to continue five nights in the week, at the Mission, taking up the government of God, and the law of God, the change of the law, the prophecies, and other doctrinal features of our Message. The regular Mission service begins at 7:45,

and these studies begin each evening at 6:45, and continue up until the time of the opening of the regular evangelistic meeting.

At present we are having studies with a number of interesting cases. The Life Boat Mission not only reaches those who are in the bondage of vice and intemperance, but is more and more attracting the attention of all classes, and one cannot help being impressed with the fact that at a Mission meeting there are representatives from all classes of society.

We hope our brethren and sisters will pray for us, and we most cordially invite you, whenever you are in Chicago, to visit the Life Boat Mission.

W. S. SADLER.

Sidney.

OUR meeting closes here Sunday night, July 31. We realize that the Lord has greatly blessed in giving the truth here. About sixty dollars worth of literature has been placed in the homes of the people. While some have decided to obey, others are brought to the deciding point, and others are deeply impressed with the importance of these things. Ten have commenced the observance of the Sabbath of the Lord. Another, a dear brother, rejoiced in the light of truth for a little season, and then fell asleep in Jesus. In Graceland Cemetery he rests from life's trials, awaiting the voice that shall call the dead in Christ to share the final victory with those "that look for him," to whom he shall "appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

There is still more to do in building up in the faith the dear ones that have embraced the truth. But we are "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

A. C. SHANNON,
G. P. GAEDE.

Shelby and Mansfield.

WELCOME VISITOR: We are glad to report that we found one faithful soul observing the Sabbath in Shelby, Ohio, Sister Lavina Howe. We met with her on Sabbath, and enjoyed the presence of the Lord in reviewing the lesson and singing songs of praise to our God. The collection amounted to fifty cents, which we inclose to apply on the Southern Training School at Huntsville, Ala.

We also met with the little company of Sabbath keepers at Mansfield on July 16. Yours in the blessed hope,
F. E. WAGNER,
JOHN GIBBONS.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Aug. 5 at 7:10 P. M.

Remember the camp-meeting at
Marysville, O., Aug. 11-22, 1904.

THE CAMP-MEETING.

Are You Coming?

"LET us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised); and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhort one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. . . . But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; partly, whilst ye were made a gazing stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were soused. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Heb. 10:23-25, 32, 33, and 36-39.

This inspired instruction applies now with greater force than ever before. He who knew the end from the beginning, has carefully instructed his people all along. It is sad, however, to note the lack of faith at every step of the way. As indicated by the scriptures quoted, when the people of God should be all aglow with the hope of soon meeting the Lord in his glory, there will be need of admonishing them to faithfulness in holding fast the promise.

"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. Individually, you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number

one in the ranks of truth."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 38, 39.

In the days of ancient Israel, the Lord's people came together three times a year to worship God. This was God's plan for his people then; and as long as his people followed the plan, it was the means of unifying them. When they came together from all the country round about, coming from different surroundings and experiences, and mingling together, it proved a source of comfort and encouragement. To learn how God had wrought for each and to meet with the Lord in a special manner, was the Lord's provision for a recognized need of his people. If the children of Israel needed the benefits of these holy convocations in their day, do we not need them in these last days of skepticism and peril? May the Lord impress our hearts with a sense of duty and grant us a large attendance of his people at the coming camp-meeting.

The German Work.

Elder C. J. Hermann, the German representative of the Lake Union Conference, has promised to attend our camp-meeting at Marysville. We very much desire to see a full attendance of our German brethren and sisters. The time has surely come when something more definite should be done to bring the closing Message before this class of worthy people in our Conference. May we not hope to see this?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

I HAVE just received the circular of instructions concerning rates to the Ohio camp-meeting and time during which tickets may be bought on the certificate plan. Tickets will be sold on certificate plan Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only. Read instructions given on the first page of the VISITOR for full particulars. Certificates will be signed at my tent by Special Agent, Thursday, August 18.

Many churches at this date have failed to send me a list of delegates chosen. Send all mail to me from this date to Marysville, O., Union County.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Cleveland, O., July 29, 1904.

WANTED.

BEDDING enough is wanted to furnish four beds for our visiting brethren who will attend our camp-meeting at Marysville. Bring comforts, sheets, pillows, blankets, straw ticks, rugs, towels, and mirrors. All who can ac-

commodate us in this way please address me at once at Marysville, O., care Seventh-day Adventist Camp.

W. W. MILLER,

Chairman Reception Committee.

RAILROAD INFORMATION.

TRAINS leave Columbus for Marysville on Ohio Central lines at 6:45, 9:45 A. M., and 2:30, 4:15, 7:05 P. M. The Ohio Central does not run into the Union Depot at Columbus, therefore, those purchasing through tickets to Marysville should have included in their tickets a coupon for transfer at Columbus *without* additional charge. *Don't forget to ask for tickets on the certificate plan.*

Hack Service at Marysville.

Messrs. Reed and Butts will carry passengers from both depots to campground and return for 25 cents. No one need pay more.

There is a nice stone walk from the town to the grounds. I walked the distance in less than ten minutes. The grounds are being put in fine shape by the Fair Board. Let everybody come who possibly can to help proclaim the Message in this new field.

Train Service at Marysville.

There are fourteen trains daily, as follows:—

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. (Big Four.)

SOUTH.

No. 201* daily 6:36 A. M.
No. 203 daily 4:14 P. M.

NORTH.

No. 202* daily 11:37 A. M.
No. 204 daily 6:45 P. M.

Toledo & Ohio Central.

SOUTH BOUND TOLEDO DIVISION.

No. 2 daily 7:30 A. M.
No. 4* daily 11:52 A. M.
No. 6 daily 5:33 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND ST. MARYS DIVISION.

No. 16 daily 9:13 A. M.
No. 18* daily 4:37 P. M.

NORTH BOUND TOLEDO DIVISION.

No. 1 daily 10:31 A. M.
No. 3* daily 3:15 P. M.
No. 5 daily 7:49 P. M.

NORTH BOUND ST. MARYS DIVISION.

No. 15 daily 7:43 A. M.
No. 17 daily 5:12 P. M.

*Except Sunday.

We Need Your Help

To pitch the camp. Active work *must begin early on Monday morning, August 8.* Who will come prepared to assist us for love of the truth and the spread of the Third Angel's Message in this new field? We shall expect ALL of the Conference workers who are able to help to be there *without fail.*

R. R. KENNEDY.