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GENERAL ARTICLES

SAY SOMETHING GOOD

PICK out the folks you like the least
and watch 'em for a while;
They never waste a kindly word, they
never waste a smile;
They criticise their fellow-men at every
chance they get,
They never found a human just to
suit their fancy yet.
From them I guess you'd learn some
things if they were pointed out—
Some things that every one of us
should know a lot about.
When some one "knocks" a brother,
pass around the loving cup—
Say something good about him if you
have to make it up.
It's safe to say that every man God
made holds trace of good
That he would fain exhibit to his fel-
lows if he could;
The kindly deeds in many a soul are
hibernating there,
Awaiting the encouragement of other
souls that dare
To show the best that's in them; and
a universal move
Would start the whole world running
in a hopeful, helpful groove.
Say something sweet to paralyze the
"knocker" on the spot—
Speak kindly of his victim if you
know the man or not.
The eyes that peek and peer to find
the worst a brother holds,
The tongue that speaks in bitterness,
that frets and fumes and scolds;
The hands that bruise the fallen, though
their strength was made to raise
The weaklings who have stumbled at
the parting of the ways—
All these should be forgiven, for "they
know not what they do;"
Their hinderance makes the greater
work for wiser ones like you.
So, when they scourge the wretched one
who's drained sin's bitter cup,
Say something good about him if you
have to make it up.

—Selected.

AN IMPORTANT ACTION

INASMUCH as the General Con-
ference at its last session put

itself on record in a definite way
on the "Tithing Question," I be-
lieve it is the duty of the local
conferences to endorse this ac-
tion of the General Conference,
and indicate their approval by
putting into practice the counsel
given. In order that the readers
of THE WELCOME VISITOR may
have this matter for study and
reference, I herewith copy
from the *Review and Herald* of
June 1, 1905, page 23, the follow-
ing:—

Whereas, The Word of God declares
that the Third Angel's Message is to
be proclaimed to the world in this
generation; and—

Whereas, the same Word teaches
that this work is to be supported by
tithes and offerings; and—

Whereas, The Lord charges with
robbery those who neglect to thus
honor the Lord by rendering to him
his own and by withholding suitable
tokens of thanksgiving; therefore the
General Conference in its thirty-sixth
session recommends:—

(a) That local conference officers
take special pains to see that such ex-
ecutive officers only are chosen as will
faithfully impress upon all conference
employees, not only the duty to be
conscientious themselves in rendering
to the Lord his own, but to be faith-
ful also in giving instruction along
these lines to all within their spheres
of influence.

(b) That the officers of all church-
es make themselves ensamples to
their flocks in the payment of tithes
and offerings, in order that they may
consistently exhort others to faithfulness
in this respect.

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(f) *Whereas*, There is a tendency to
divert the tithe from its specific ob-
ject,—

We Recommend, That all our con-
ferences sacredly guard the tithe, that
this fund be not used for building
purposes, the maintenance of church
schools, or for church expenses, but

that it be devoted entirely to the sup-
port of evangelistic work and Bible
teachers.

(*Review and Herald*, June 8, page 5)

(g) Considering the importance of
the question of the tithe as related to
the prosperity of the Third Angel's
Message, we advise that in the election
of conference and church officers, and
in the choice of gospel workers,
whether ministers or Bible readers,
care be taken to place such responsi-
bilities upon those who are not only
theoretically sound in the faith, but
who are ensamples to the flock in all
matters that pertain unto life and
godliness, including faithfulness in
rendering to the Lord his own by the
payment of an honest tithe.

Personally, I am in full sym-
pathy with this action of the Gen-
eral Conference, and believe it to
be a step in the right direction.
May I not hope to have the
heartly support and co-operation
of all conference laborers and lo-
cal church officers in an effort to
carry out, in a consistent way,
the instruction here given?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

THE purpose of this article is
to suggest some thoughts which
I consider essential to the up-
building of the church, and natu-
rally enough, will have special
reference to the work of the min-
istry and local church elders.

That mistakes have been made,
and harm has come to the cause
of God as a result of hurrying
people into the church, no one
will stop to question. While it is
true we cannot read the hearts
of men, and while exercising the
greatest care, some may get into
the church who will be of no
practical value, but rather a det-
riment, yet this will not militate
against what I have to say on

this subject.

First.—Never ask anyone to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church who does not understand the cardinal points of our faith. To do so is an injustice to both the individual and the church.

Seventh-day Adventists are called by a definite message at a definite period of time, and have a definite work to perform.

When John the Baptist appeared on the stage of action in direct fulfillment to prophecy, and men were affected by what he said and did, and came out to be baptized by him in the river Jordan, he demanded evidence first as to their fitness to receive this sacred rite. Said he, "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3:7, 8.

How much strength will a man add to the church who does not care enough about the word of God to study the Bible; who does not have confidence enough in the work he professes to love to support it by the payment of tithes and offerings; who does not have interest sufficient in the gift of prophecy to study the Testimonies to the Church?

I consider it an injustice to ask anyone to solemnly promise to put into practice, to defend and support articles of faith on which he has not been fully instructed, and which he has not fully accepted.

Second.—It is also an injustice to ask a church to vote into their fellowship one who they are not sure is sound in the faith.

I would advise ministers and church elders to exercise the greatest care in this matter. Let every application for church membership be submitted first of all to the church officers. If after careful investigation they are satisfied that the applicant is worthy, then the church should be informed of the fact, and a date made so that as many of the members as possible may be

present at the time action is to be taken. Before the vote is called, however, let the applicant be closely questioned on every point of faith, in the presence of the whole church. This concluded, and if satisfactory to both the applicant and the members present, the vote may be called.

Under no ordinary circumstance should a church be requested to receive an applicant on the recommendation alone of a minister or church elder. Let us give heed to Paul's admonition, "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

NOTICE TO CANVASSERS

At the recent Bookmen's Convention held at Berrien Springs, Mich., it was voted to reduce the size of the prospectuses of our large books, leaving out quite a number of the pages that are seldom used in presenting the different books. This will necessitate having new printed descriptions for the books.

We are sure this change will meet the mind of all our faithful workers in the field.

The brethren who have charge of this revision desire to meet as soon as possible, so we are asking our canvassers to send in any suggestions they might have to offer in the way of strong selling points on the books. If there are pages which you would especially desire to have in the new prospectus, mark them and send them in to me and I will forward the same to the ones in charge of this work.

Please take immediate action, as we hope to have the changes made within a few weeks.

CARL E. WEAKS.

Academia, O.

CAMP MEETING

AFTER visiting several different cities, and looking over grounds for camp meeting purposes, the most favorable open-

ing seems to be at Troy, the county seat of Miami county. The probabilities now are that our next annual camp meeting will be held at this place. Full particulars will be given next week.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"LIFE AND HEALTH"

THE publishers inform us that on the 12th of the present month, the June number of *Life and Health* was entirely exhausted, and that the July number, "The Hot Weather Guide," was then ready to mail. This issue of *Life and Health* will be especially beneficial to the general public on account of its being largely devoted to the study of foods. Doctor Rossiter has given, in the July number, detailed instruction to mothers in his article on "The Feeding of Infants." This one article is worth more than the price of the journal for one year. Let the mothers secure this number of *Life and Health* and profit by the instruction contained therein.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Massillon.

ON Friday evening, June 15, I had the privilege of meeting with the company of believers at Massillon. The time was spent in a study of the subject of Christian baptism.

On Sabbath morning at nine o'clock we met again at Myer's Lake, a few miles out of the city, where we were greeted by brethren and sisters from Canton and Orrville, who came to share the Sabbath blessings with us. While sitting in the shade of a majestic oak and watching the restless waves on the beautiful lake near by, we were forcibly reminded of the days when Jesus taught the people on the shores of Galilee. Here we spent an hour studying God's definite message for to-day. At the close of this study we buried by bapti-

ism six persons who desired to go forward in this sacred ordinance. This proved to be an impressive service, and was enjoyed by all who were present.

After partaking of a light luncheon prepared for the occasion, we returned to the regular place of meeting in the city, where we spent a portion of the afternoon in organizing a church of eleven members.

At 7:30 P. M. we assembled again at the commodious home of Sister Russell, where we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and elected the necessary church officers.

All enjoyed these meetings very much, but perhaps none more than Brother and Sister Campbell, who have been working in this city for more than a year. There is no greater joy that can come to us in this present life than the joy of seeing those for whom we have earnestly prayed and labored to bring into the saving message, taking their stand to go with us to the kingdom.

With a sincere desire for the future welfare of the work at this place, and an earnest prayer for divine guidance and heavenly protection for each member of this newly organized company, we left them to continue the battle against the powers of darkness.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Columbus.

LAST Sabbath the Columbus church again witnessed a pleasant occasion in the baptism of four dear souls. This makes a total of eighteen members added to the church this spring. A goodly number of others are keeping the Sabbath, whom we hope to see prepared for this step before long.

We are finding many honest souls in our house-to-house ministry. While the bulk of the world cares little for God or his truth, yet the honest in heart are to be searched out; so we labor

on from day to day, cheered by the thought that the Master will soon come to reap the harvest.

We are all of good courage; and pressing the battle with all energy. The dear Saviour is with us, and supplies our needs. We all rejoice to be co-workers with him. Pray for us.

W. H. GRANGER,
H. A. WEAVER,
FRED TROUT,
RENA TRISSEL.

Cincinnati.

OUR new church tent is pitched in Cheviot, a suburb of Cincinnati. We are very pleasantly located, and our company, consisting of Miss Augusta Blosser and Miss Audrey Murphey, canvassers; Miss Callie Gray, Bible worker; C. A. Pedicord and family, and J. P. Gæde, are of good courage. The canvassing sisters are meeting with good success, and are earnest, devoted workers.

Our new tent is 24 by 48 feet, and looks well, pitched. Our little camp is a good advertisement for our meetings, as many people are traveling to and fro past the tents.

We began meetings June 15 with a small attendance. On Sunday eve we had an attendance of seventy-five, and last night (Monday) better attendance of outside people, though not so many of our own people. We have excellent singing.

We ask the prayers of God's people that souls may respond to the Message.

J. P. GAEDE,
C. A. PEDICORD.

Clyde.

IN view of the many anxious inquiries from dear friends in different parts of the Conference concerning my family, I wish to say that for almost a year our invalid son Paul has been a great sufferer with contractions of his muscles, occasioning much care and attention, and adding much to

our home cares—so much so that we gave up our country home and moved back to our home in Clyde, where we could have all modern conveniences to care for him.

My pastorate at Cleveland has been much interfered with, as we could not move there. After serving the dear people there, who have ever been patient and kind, and suffered the inconvenience of an irregular service, the official brethren, in counsel with myself, felt that if a pastor could be secured who could give his undivided time to Cleveland, it would be better for the work there.

A petition was sent to the Executive Committee with my knowledge and consent, asking for the change, if it could be made in a satisfactory way to the church.

I am not so closely confined but what I could spend a good share of the time in the work. I would really enjoy an old-fashioned course of lectures. We are now having the school vacation, and my son Edward is at home, and for some days Paul has rested well most of the time.

I wish to give expression to our great appreciation of all the words of sympathy that have come to us.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and I am not so tied at home but what I could answer a call to a funeral or to hold a few days' meeting.

With Christian greeting, your brother,

D. E. LINDSEY.

BROTHER CLARENCE REDFIELD writes concerning their location for tent effort this season as follows: "After one week of hard conflict with all the preachers of this county, we have finally been able to get a location. We have traveled these hills and tried every suitable place, and would think we had everything arranged, when a preacher would appear, and all was over."

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Sabbath begins June 29 at 7:35 P. M.

The blue pencil-mark here means that your subscription has expired. Please renew at once.

Camp meeting August 16 to 26.

BROTHER FRED WEBSTER has connected with the work at Mansfield.

Sabbath, June 16, six persons were baptized at Massillon by Elder Burkholder.

THE experience Brother Redfield mentions (bottom of third page) is but another indication of the times in which we are living, and should cause the brethren everywhere to pray earnestly for the Lord to open up the way for his servants to proclaim this last warning message.

BRETHREN C. T. REDFIELD and H. S. Miller have located their tent at Cumberland, Guernsey county, and started meetings the 16th instant.

THE churches of Cincinnati and Toledo have each purchased a large field tent to be used in their respective cities during the tent season by the Conference.

TUESDAY evening June 19, Elder Patterson and Brother W. C. Moffett began a series of meetings in Cleveland. Their tent is located at the corner of Norwood and Linwood streets.

THE address of the Southern Missionary Society and of the *Gospel Herald* is now North Station, Nashville Tenn. Correspondents with either of these should note the change of address.

IF the brethren who have not received the tract refuting the charges made by Elder A. T. Jones against the Spirit of Prophecy and the plan of organization of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination will send their names to the Ohio Conference Office, Academia, O., copies will be forwarded free of charge.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending June 15, 1906.)

Robert Ashton,* Clermont Co.—Desire of Ages: 35 hours; value of orders, \$15.50; helps, \$14; total, \$29.50.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Great Controversy: 20 hours; value of orders, \$23.75; helps, \$3.75; total, \$27.50;

Ira J. Gault, Ashland Co.—Great Controversy: 14 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$6.80; total, \$15.80; deliveries, \$28.55.

A. R. Hasemeier, Auglaize Co.—Great Controversy: 30 hours; value of orders, \$16.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$19.25.

Fred B. Numbers, Clermont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$36.25.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$7.50; total, \$27.

Miss Augusta Blosser, Cincinnati.—

Bible Readings: 4 hours; value of orders; \$13.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$14.

Miss Audrey Murphey, Cincinnati.—Heralds of the Morning: 6 hours; value of orders, \$3; helps, \$1; total, \$4.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 28 hours; value of orders, \$22.50; helps, \$.95; total, \$23.45; deliveries, \$1.50.

F. O. Barrows, Delaware Co.—Coming King: 2 hours; value of orders, \$5; deliveries, \$54.50.

Chr. F. Mahr, Cleveland.—Coming King: 15 hours; value of orders, \$12; helps, \$2.25; total, \$14.25; deliveries, \$33.25.

George Perrine, Clinton Co.—Coming King: 26 hours; value of orders, \$24.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$27.

L. R. Williams, Miami Co.—Coming King: 21 hours; value of orders, \$21; helps, \$1.25; total, \$22.25.

Arthur Cooper, Hardin Co.—Coming King: 32 hours; value of orders, \$20.

D. C. Van Eman, Hardin Co.—Coming King: 15 hours; value of orders, \$8.

F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$21.

* Two weeks.

OBITUARY

DONNELLY.—Newton B. Donnelly was born in Warren Co., New Jersey, March 17, 1852, and died at Academia, Ohio, June 11, 1906, aged 54 years, 2 months, and 24 days. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Gracy A. Dougan, and to this union were born six children—three sons and three daughters.

The wife, three daughters, and two sons are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father, one son having died a few years ago.

Brother Donnelly had known and believed the truth for several years, and although he had kept the Sabbath, he did not fully identify himself with the Adventist people until a short time before his death. It was evident to those who were associated with him that he was truly converted, and that his life was hid with Christ in God.

At the funeral occasion, John 11:25, 26 was used by the writer as a basis for instruction, and also to comfort those who are left to mourn. We laid him away to await the call of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

M. C. KIRKENDALL.