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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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SUNNY-DAY SERMONS.

The sun's text is: "Begin the day
With shining purpose, anyway."
The rain's: "Let tears fall only where
They'll make the world more bright
and fair."
The wind says: "Let your voice be
sweet,
And only pleasant things repeat."
The flowers whisper, hid apart:
"Show to the world a perfect heart."
The while the sky from up above
Shines down the sermon: "Heaven
is love." —Selected.

AWAKE TO ACTION.

The winter months are upon us. This is the most favorable time to get the light of the Third Angel's Message before the people. Now is the time to work. We as individuals and as churches need a thorough awakening to a sense of our privileges. Let there be a full and complete surrender of ourselves to God to do His will, and having surrendered all to Him, so that the mind of Christ may be in us, that it may bring union and harmony into our work, and we will be able to represent Christ to the world. Let there be consecration services held in all our churches, so that the power of God may be manifest to the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan, for he has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Lord wants us to get the victory over all our besetments,

"Love as brethren." "Be courteous." Do not give way to doubts and evil surmisings, which are the suggestions of Satan to discourage souls. Get right with God. Get ready for His coming. Reflect the image of Christ. Think not strange of the fiery trials that come upon you, for they are only designed to burn away the dross. Will you stand the test? Have you reflected the image of Christ under the test? If you have not, thank God that they come, for the dross must be consumed. Then we shall be able to manifest the love of Christ to the world and be shining lights in the midst of the moral darkness that envelopes the world.

The history of this world is drawing rapidly to a close. Those who sleep now will soon deny their Lord, and to deny the Lord means eternal loss. A great crisis is upon us *now*. The world is preparing for the last great conflict. Only those who are rooted and grounded in the faith will stand.

R. R. KENNEDY.

F. D. OFFERINGS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, '99.

Alliance church	\$ 78
Akron	2 00
Bellville	2 24
Bloomington church	2 00
Bowling Green church	3 36
Corsica	5 25
Conneaut	2 10
Clyde	1 02
Camden	1 00
Columbus	13 93
Delaware	1 80
Dayton	7 68

East Liverpool church	75
Findlay	1 93
Geneva	4 12
Hicksville	2 07
Hamler	1 85
Kirtland	1 50
LaGrange	1 00
Laura	2 96
Leesburg	50
Mt. Vernon	5 32
Nashville	1 20
North Fairfield	3 25
Springfield	1 45
Toledo	4 46
Troy	25
Wheelersburg	35
Wengerlawn	1 00
Washington C. H.	2 41
Youngstown	15
Camp Meeting collection	77 81
Individuals	3 00
Total,	\$160 49

TITHES RECEIVED IN SEPT.

Bowling Green Church	2 50
Cincinnati	30 90
Chagrin Falls	13 51
Conneaut	13 58
Camden	9 33
Columbus	59 11
Coshocton	6 05
Cleveland	two
months	363 42
Dayton Church	75 01
Findlay	4 10
Fairfield	28 26
Laura	5 00
Marion	16 00
Mt. Vernon	55 61
Newark	57 31
Pleasant Hill	9 28
Troy	10 41
Springfield	22 84
VanWert	6 10
Wengerlawn	6 55
Scattered Sabbath Keepers	47 11
Total	\$841 98
A. A. LAUDER, Treas.	

Asleep in Jesus.

OBITUARY.

Died at Fullertown, Oct. 8, Harold O'Neil, aged four years, 1 month and 12 days.

He was a very loving child and greatly loved by all who knew him. Words of comfort spoken to the assembled congregation by the writer.

J. W. COLLIE.

HOUSER—Died at New York, Sept. 7, 1899, Eliza Ann Houser, aged 59 years, 6 months. She was an earnest, consistent Christian, and died in the faith. Although a great sufferer in her last illness, she bore it patiently; and while she longed to rest, yet she was mindful of those who were unsaved. Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. Sherrick (Lutheran).—*Review and Herald*.

J. W. COLLIE.

The above was the mother of Sister Estella Houser, former editor of the VISITOR. We extend to the bereaved ones our most heartfelt sympathy.

THE MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

In the Sept. number of the *Missionary Magazine* the object of the reading circle is set forth, and as all have not access to this valuable paper, we quote the following:

"The object of this is apparent to all, namely: to impart information to our people concerning the needs, conditions, and progress of our work in foreign fields. While this was being planned, members of the General Conference Committee, the publishing house at Battle Creek, Michigan, and other leading brethren, were arranging for another line of work to be taken up by our churches tending toward the qualification of our young people that they

might engage in the Lord's service. They proposed to create a library of some of our best denominational books and conduct studies in the same. The Review and Herald Publishing Company volunteered to publish this library for seventy-five cents per annum, there to be at least four issues each year. It is to embrace such books as "Steps to Christ," "Daniel and Revelation," etc. Outlines of study will be prepared and the work so arranged that those with limited education will readily carry it. The books will be so cheap that all will be able to procure them. As soon as the leading brethren learned what had been planned by the Foreign Mission Board they said, "It takes both plans to make a unit. Let both be merged into one. Let the name be 'The Missionary Reading Circle.' Let the *Berean Library* be the basis for studying our denominational literature; let the *Missionary Magazine* be the basis for the study of the needs and opportunities for work in other fields." Therefore, instead of having two reading circles it is designed to have but one. We trust every family will join the circle and take part in the study.

We trust that every Seventh-Day-Adventist family in Ohio are ready to become members of the "Reading Circle" at once. The organization is a very simple one. To become members you promise to read at least the *Missionary Magazine* and send written answers to the questions it contains each month.

We wish to hear from each family by the last of this month, as we do not want you to miss any of the studies.

If you are not a subscriber of the *Missionary Magazine* and *Berean Library* send your order to E. A. Merriam, Mt.

Vernon, Ohio. The subscription for the *Magazine* is 25c a year, for the *Berean Library* 75c. All other communications send to my address, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

CLARA V. RADABAUGH.

THE INTEREST SPREADING.

It is indeed pleasurable to note the interest that is being taken in the Christian Volunteer work even outside of our own state. Letters of approval and inquiry have come even from the far Southwest. All this shows that a demand is in the hearts of the young, and of those who are specially interested in them, for that which the Spirit of the Lord has been saying all these years should be.

It was a great pleasure to see the large company of youth at the academy take the initiatory steps to the forming of a band, Sabbath, Oct. 7, and we shall hope to hear much of encouragement from them. Our heart's longing is to see every youth in Ohio thus giving him or her self to the service of the Master and uniting their energies for the furtherance of his cause. Let those interested unite in prayer with us and for us that wisdom and prudence may attend every step, and that all may be done to the glory of God.

ALBERT CAREY.

FRAGMENTS

"God is glorified, not by our groans but by our thanksgiving."

"It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it."

"He who has felt the deepest grief is best able to enjoy supreme happiness."

"Do not wait for extraordinary opportunities for good actions, but make use of common situations."

"Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves."

Mt. Vernon Academy.**MANUAL DEPARTMENTS.**

From time to time inquiry is made respecting the opening up of the lines of work considered at the late camp-meeting, and for which pledges amounting to something more than five hundred dollars were made. These inquiries come from various parts of the conference and are made by those who have more than a passing interest in the subject and who long to see the school prosper in every right way to the fullest possible extent.

To all such questions we have been obliged to give the one answer that while the school is very desirous of starting these lines of manual labor, the cause for delay is the fact that these pledges, with very few exceptions, are still unpaid.

If those who made these pledges could pay them in full or in part at an early date, it would enable us to begin this work in the near future and thus to strengthen the school in a very important particular, and at a time when great good would result, both to it and to its students. So we hope the brethren will give earnest attention to this important subject at the earliest time consistent with their circumstances. And if there are any who have not made pledges but who are interested in this important enterprise of helping young people to help themselves in the acquirement of a Christian education and who feel it would be a privilege to help forward this undertaking, donations will be thankfully received from such and will be promptly and fully applied in getting this work started. Letters are being received almost daily from young people who express themselves as desiring to attend the

academy to gain a preparation for the work of the Master, but who cannot come because of a lack of means; and it is to provide ways and opportunities for these youth to largely work their way through school by manual labor, that we are now asking for and accepting donations.

If you are interested in this great work, let us hear from you personally, with a donation if possible, but if not then send us as cordial and hearty a letter as your interest would dictate, that our courage may be strengthened and our hearts cheered by the knowledge of the fact that our brethren are with us in sympathy and interest; and do not forget to remember the school, with its teachers and students and all its varied interests, at the Throne of Grace, pleading with the dear Saviour to abide here constantly and to preside over the work in every department.

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Academy Missionary Society met on Saturday evening, the first week of school, and organized for active work. The attendance thus far has been very good at all the meetings, showing a healthy interest in missionary work.

A program is prepared each week, in which different members of the society take part. Different mission fields are studied, carefully prepared papers on missionary work are read, and a variety of interesting subjects presented. In one program the subject of religious liberty was considered. Another might be called a health and temperance program. At times some particular mission field is made a special subject of study for the evening. Such work must surely be of value in educating missionaries.

But the society does not confine its efforts to preparation for work; we try to do something *now*. At present we are taking clubs of papers, as follows: 30 *Signs*, 10 *Sentinels*, 8 *Reviews*, 20 *Life Boats*, 20 *Missionary Magazines*, and 10 *Helping Hands*.

Our plan is to do careful, systematic work with these papers. A paper is sent to some interested person, and a letter written, calling attention to the paper. After several copies are sent, another letter is written, and an effort made to learn with what interest the paper is received. Further work will, of course, depend upon the interest awakened.

The work of the society is supported by money received on pledges made by its members. On one evening nearly \$25 was pledged or paid.

We are glad to be able to report such a good interest in this part of our work. But we try to realize that we may have all these—organization, money, zeal, activity—and yet fail to accomplish the Master's will. But add to these the *love* that actuated Him, and our success is sure. May we not have the prayers of all our friends to this end?

F. W. FIELD.

A LETTER.

I esteem it a great privilege to drop a few lines to the "WELCOME VISITOR." No one knows how much the VISITOR is appreciated until they have been out of the state of Ohio and have had it come to them on its semi-monthly visits, laden with blessed news of the work being done by the brethren in Ohio.

Knowing how much I enjoy hearing of the work of others, I thought I would write a few lines of encouragement, stating how the Lord has blessed me

in the work here in this spiritually-dark city of Chicago.

How plain it is to us here, as we see the vice and crime that are carried on, to know that the prophecies are being fulfilled, and that we are living in the last days; and also to see how fast the Lord is doing his work. We are led to believe more strongly than ever before that He will cut this work short in righteousness.

I give here the experience of one of the night street-workers, which occurred this summer, as follows: "After coming out of a saloon the other evening, where I had been doing some work, a policeman hailed me and said: 'Hold on mister, I want to see you. I have seen you about here for some three years; you and your wife used to work here together. A few nights ago I "*pinched*" (arrested) a girl in a resort near here and started to the station with her. She pleaded me not to take her there, and her story touched my heart. So, instead of taking her to the station, I let her go back to where she was.'

"He suggested that I talk to her, but I told him I would get some of the sisters to do so, but he insisted that I go myself as he then knew right where she was.

"We went together and found her. The girl supposed that the policeman was going to take her to the station, but upon being assured that such was not the case, she told her story—one of the most excruciating that I have ever heard in all my experience.

"Her father is a banker, and her family suppose that she is dead. She left home a year and a half ago, but said she could not return as she was, for if her brothers knew what she had been she feared they would shoot her down like a dog.

"After presenting the simple

truth that Christ, in dying for us, took our place as sinners, and that we may, if we choose, take His place and receive His righteousness, I asked her, 'What are you going to do?' She answered, 'I don't know, I am all undone.' The policeman stood with tears in his eyes, as he listened to her story.

"When the question of getting clothes, &c., suitable for her return home, as well as other expenses which would have to be met, was mentioned, the policeman took out his pocketbook, counted out *one hundred dollars* and handing it over said: 'Take this and buy every thing that is needed.' So the following morning at ten o'clock, with *thirty dollars* in her pocket, a *trunk* and everything that she needed, the girl started for home."

Many a time have I spoken here of the corruptness of the police force of Chicago, but the heart of this policeman had been touched by the Spirit of God.

He had noticed us in our efforts to save the fallen, and afterwards remarked: "I want to 'hook up' with you in this work."

This shows that we need to be *faithful* in our work, for we know not who, or how many are watching us.

The spring class of nurses that have been here have all had a good experience in the work and will always remember the time spent at this place as a great blessing to them in after life.

I am not able to express my gratitude to God for His blessings to me, and for allowing me a part in the closing message. I would ask you all to remember the work and the workers in this city. I am your brother in Christ. C. H. WICAL,
1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

TO THE CANVASSERS.

Dear Canvassers:—The time has come for hard work. October and November are two of the best months in the year for the canvasser. It is just before the holidays when people are

buying books to present to their friends. Now we have a great variety of books, and you all know they are far superior to many of the so-called holiday books. So I hope you will put in full time, and by trusting in the Lord, asking Him to help and guide you all the time, and success will be sure. This is a most noble work, and I trust you all will go at it realizing that you have one of the best positions in the Ohio Conference. I wish you would not forget to report your deliveries promptly, and that the time will soon come when we can fill one page of the *VISITOR* each issue with our reports. May the Lord bless you all is my prayer.

R. I FRANCIS.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

For week ending Sept. 16, 1899.
Days. Orders. Amt.

F. H. Henderson	3	6	\$16.50
W. E. Bidwell	3	17	9.37
Mayme Wells	5	8	9.25
A. C. Allen	4	4	4.00
Mrs. M. E. C.			
Parker	3	10	20.75
Mrs. A. E. Berry	2	2	4.50
Mrs. Jennie Merchant	2	6	7.75
James Raymond	3½	19	19.75
Mrs. L. R. Campbell	2	6	5.20
Florence Hall	3½	15	9.00

Total..... \$106.07

For week ending Sept 30, 1899.
Days. Orders. Amt.

W. E. Bidwell	23	\$19.71	
Mrs. Jennie Merchant			
chant	2	7	5.25
James Raymond	21	26.25	
Mayme Wells	1	6	3.75
F. H. Henderson	2	3	8.00

Total..... \$62.96

Total for Sept..... 412.18

DELIVERIES.

W. E. Bidwell	\$11.46
Miss Mayme Wells	18.75

Total..... \$30.21