

The Welcome Visitor.

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

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CONSECRATION.

The ways of God I do not understand.
And why should I? I cannot comprehend
My own footprints, nor realize my state.
How then measure the One who did create
And give me chance to choose eternal life.
Savior, my Prince, make this one theme more rife:
That I may seek to know the "rest" in Thee.
New views of consecration let me see,
Till I am lost—lost in thy love etern,
And zeal like Thine, constant, within me burn.
Let not a halting spirit clog my soul,
Nor one that seeks a smooth road to the goal.
One Model only 'fore my eyes hold forth:
My Savior in all his eternal worth—
His consecration, labor, prayer, and woe;
His life of death, His pain, anguish, sorrow,
And all that compassed him without, within;
(Within the Godhead bloomed, without was sin);
And let me live the life on earth He lived,
And then with Him be glorified and saved.

ALBERT CAREY.

WORK FOR ALL.

We are now at the close of the week of prayer. All those who sought the Lord earnestly have received a blessing. This is only the beginning of a good work in our hearts that must be wrought out in our lives. Let no one sink back into a spirit of slothfulness and neglect. We

have studied the needs of the mission fields, and found that laborers and means are needed to carry forward the work. Some can go and carry the gospel message of truth to foreign lands. Others cannot go because of home duties, yet the Lord has left an avenue open whereby they also may have a part in this great work. In a recent communication from Elder I. H. Evans, president of the Foreign Mission Board, it was stated that \$45,000 would be needed to pay our workers for 1899. Now the Lord says that the gold and silver belongs to Him, and that if He was hungry He would not ask us. There are millions of dollars that could be turned into the treasury of the Lord, but He does not choose to have it that way, but extends the privilege to His beloved saints to have a part in the great work and thus share in the reward with those who have made a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice. Shall we step in and secure the prize? Those who arise to action will grow in grace and favor with God, and will be getting that preparation that will be necessary for translation. Every Seventh Day Adventist family should read the Missionary Magazine and thus keep in touch with the mission work, so that a constant stream of liberality may flow into the treasury. Our Foreign Mission Board tells that if an average of ten cents per week were paid by all our members, there would be sufficient means to pay all our mis-

sionaries that are now in the field, and that 300 more could be added besides. Let all our churches give this matter a careful consideration, for this plan has been recommended by the Foreign Mission Board and been endorsed by the General Conference at the October council, after a careful study of the needs of the field. Every dollar invested in this line will be credited on the books of heaven where thieves do not break through and steal.

R. R. KENNEDY.

NOTICE.

The Sanitarium Treatment Rooms, conducted under the auspices of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, beg to announce to the brethren in Ohio that they have been in successful operation for the past eight months.

We give a full line of sanitarium treatment, including office treatment for nasal and pharyngeal catarrh. Address,

SANITARIUM,

230 Euclid Av., Cleveland, O.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

We would request of churches and societies throughout the State, who may have sick among them, to avail themselves of the opportunity of arranging for a course of treatment for these at the Medical Treatment Rooms of the Helping Hand Mission, at limited cost to church or society.

A certain sum might be raised and set aside for such cases. Enough should be raised to pay, not only for the small cost of treatment, but, of course, for room and board as well.

Certainly none will make the mistake of "unloading" such cases upon the mission without providing means. This would serve to defeat the very object of the organization of such rooms, where treatment could be provided for those of limited means to recover health at actual cost.

All should correspond before coming and have all arrangements made.

A. W. HERR, M. D.

TITHES RECEIVED IN DEC.

Bowling Green church	2 00
Cleveland	1 90 54
Cincinnati	26 55
Columbus	104 63
Camden	45 19
Dayton	56 41
Dunkirk	5 72
Findlay	13 11
Gilboa	2 00
Green Spring	10 00
LaGrange	12 93
Marion	20 78
Mt. Vernon	58 18
Newark	33 55
North Bloomfield	38 75
Pemberville	57 00
Portage River	14 95
Springfield	28 84
Yellow Springs	5 50
Wengerlawn	10 17
Scattered Sabbath Keepers	67 71
Total	\$ 804 51

WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE YOUTH.

"The Lord is at the door."

"Those who are satisfied with low attainments fail of being workers together with God."

"Every youth should seek to make all he possibly can of himself, that he may grow in grace, and in favor with God and man."

"The youth now have the privilege of improving all the treasures that have been acquired by past generations. The Lord expects these hereditary trusts to be gathered up as golden

treasures, and imparted to others"

"God calls for young men who are cultivated, sanctified, refined, ennobled, through the truth, which has not merely been assented to, but brought into the innermost recesses of the soul, sanctifying the entire man."

"Will young men humble their hearts before God, and give themselves to His service? Will they not accept the holy trust, and become light bearers to a world ready to be consumed by the wrath of an offended God?"

"The use of intoxicating drink, which dethrones reason, and of tobacco, which clouds the brain and poisons the life current, is increasing. Are our young men prepared to lift their voices in defence of temperance, and show its bearing upon Christianity?"

"If the young men of to-day will give themselves to God, He will make them heaven's chosen depositaries of truth, and will empower them to present before the people truth in contrast with error and superstition. May the Lord roll the burden on strong young men, who have His word abiding in them."

LA GRANGE CHURCH SCHOOL.

Though our school is small at present, there is a good spirit among the pupils. Not long ago, one suggested to the teacher, that we have about Jesus *all day* on Christmas.

It seems to us best not to have vacation during the holidays, but it is designed that the children have a part in the week of prayer. With the help of the Lord, this season can be the means of making a deep impression on the hearts of children. It seems very probable that God has been preparing

some hearts during the last three months for this very time. "Gather the children." We would not want them to be *taken by surprise* by the events soon to transpire in our world.

Don't forget to pray for us.

MABEL JAFFRAYS.

THE WORLD'S HARVEST "SIGNS."

Don't think it is too late to circulate. Now is the best time. The date being in December makes it current at least until January. The truths it contains will always be timely. One canvasser, who with his party has sold 3820 copies, says, "It will sell for months yet." Words of praise for the paper are abundant. Everybody likes it and receives it with thanks. "It is a timely issue." "Best paper ever issued." "Papers all gone; send more." "I find no trouble to sell the papers at the price—ten cents." etc., etc., are a few of the many such expressions we hear.

The supply of the paper will not be exhausted. The presses are still running on it, and will continue to run as long as there is a demand. Order now and set these timely truths before the people.
Dec. 7, 1899.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

DISAGREEMENT.

A man is no worse because he disagrees with me. His agreeing with me makes him no better. It is his relation to right and good and truth which affects his character, not his relation to me. Moreover, a man is not less my friend if he disagrees with me. His disagreement with me may be the best proof of his friendship; his expressed agreement with me in all things may be a matter of policy. "I have learned that a friend who is worth the having
Is a friend that will hurt you now
and then;
That will turn to ice at your sickly
craving
For sympathy uttered by word or
pen;
Will tear you with brave, rough
hands away
From the altars you build to your
gods of clay,
And break them down ere you kneel
again."
—Selected.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The first meeting of the District Conference for District Number 3 convened at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Friday, Nov. 17 at 11:30.

Elder A. J. Breed the Superintendent of the district, outlined some of the work that would naturally come before the delegates, and spoke of the importance of the gathering, and its far reaching results.

With reference to what actions might be taken in the meetings of the conference, Elder G. A. Irwin, the president of the general conference said it was designed that these district conferences would take up the work in detail relative to the district, which could not possibly be done by the general conference, and furthermore said that the exchange of laborers and other work would have as much force as if done at the general conference.

Elder A. J. Breed was elected chairman, and Elder J. W. Collie, Sec; Elder R. R. Kennedy of Ohio, Elder N. W. Kauble of Ills., Elder F. D. Starr of Ontario, Elder R. S. Donnell of Indiana, and Elder J. D. Gowell of Mich., were appointed as a committee on plans and resolutions. Meeting adjourned to Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11:30.

A. J. BREED, Chm.

Approved. J. W. COLLIE, Sec'y.

SECOND MEETING.

At the second meeting the committee on plans and resolutions, through its Secretary, Elder F. D. Starr, presented the following:—

1st—Resolved that we form a district conference, composed of the six conferences of district No. 3, Mich., Wis., Ill's., Ind., Ohio, and Ontario, and that this conference meet bi-annually, alternating with the sessions of the General Conference or so much oftener as may be necessary.

That this conference have authority to recommend exchange of laborers between the different conferences of this district, and to make such changes, and introduce such plans as may seem to promote the interest of the work in the district. Carried.

2nd—Whereas, a recent testimony says that "where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred," therefore we recommend that the conferences of this district take immediate steps in the selection and training of suitable persons for this important line of work. Approved.

FOURTH MEETING.

The fourth meeting of the conference was held Tuesday, Nov. 21. Committee on plans presented resolution No. 3.

Whereas, The Lord has spoken in plain terms concerning the Bible work, telling us that it is heaven born, and, whereas, through the earnest efforts of faithful consecrated Bible worker, many have been brought into the truth in the past, we therefore recommend that the several conferences comprising this district, which are not already doing so, take such steps as will best build up and strengthen this line of work in the district, by selecting a limited number of individuals who give promise of making good workers, and encourage them in obtaining an education and training that will best fit them for the Bible work.

Resolution 4.—Whereas, the movement now on foot tending to restrict religious liberty, is rapidly spreading, and, whereas, we are not ignorant concerning the final outcome of such a movement, and whereas, the Lord has told us that the work that might have been done during a time of peace, will, because neglected, have to be done under the most forbidding circumstances, and whereas, the Lord still further tells us that if our people continue in the listless attitude in which they have been in regard to this work, God cannot pour upon them His spirit; and that if the leading men in our conferences do not accept the message sent them by the Lord, and fall in line for action, the Churches will suffer great loss, we therefore recommend that the admonition of the Lord be heeded, and that aggressive work in this line be taken up among the Churches; and in order that we may be able to re-

deem the time and become speedily educated on this subject, we would further recommend that the religious Liberty Association be invited by this conference to prepare as early as possible, a series of lessons which shall contain the simple principles of Religious liberty, and furnish them to ministers, Bible workers and elders of Churches as aids to them in this work.

This resolution brought out quite an interesting discussion, after which it was adopted.

Resolution 5.—Whereas, the Lord has said that He wants our youth to "act a part in well organized plans for helping other youth," and that there should be among them "companies organized in every Church to do this work," therefore resolved, that we give this work our hearty indorsement and encourage a systematic effort in its behalf throughout the district.

Elders Carey and Haskell, who have been identified with the organization in Ohio, spoke in its favor, reading from testimonies showing the necessity for such a movement. Pending the discussion, the meeting adjourned.

FIFTH MEETING.

The consideration of resolution 5 was resumed. Elder Saunders of Michigan, expressed his fear that such an organization would tend to separate the young people from those older in experience; but remarks brought out by Elders Mitchell, Collie and Haskell, showed that it was not designed to make an organization separate from the Church, or to have it merely as a social gathering; but rather an organization *in* the Church for the spiritual benefit of the young people. Resolution adopted.

SIXTH MEETING.

This meeting was called at 5 o'clock.

Resolution 7.—Whereas, the spirit of prophecy has pointed out the fact that the Churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing the light of truth to others, and whereas, there is a great work to be done in spreading the message of this

time, before the Saviour shall come in the clouds of heaven, therefore resolved, that we recommend our Churches, companies and isolated members throughout the district to join the Missionary Reading Circle, and follow carefully lessons on the message and the field as an aid in preparing them for the missionary work in which they are engaged. We also recommend that conference and Tract Society officers, ministers and workers, make a special effort to encourage the reading circle work throughout the conferences, and we further recommend as of primary importance, the consecutive reading and study of the Scriptures by all our members everywhere. Adopted by conference.

It having been made apparent that the time had come for a more formal organization of the conference, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of six, whose duty it would be to frame a constitution, and present it to the conference for approval. J. D. Gowell, N. W. Kauble, F. D. Starr, E. J. Van Horn, R. S. Donnell and J. N. Anderson were appointed as said committee.

SEVENTH MEETING.

The seventh meeting of the session was held Thursday at 11:30. Committee on constitution submitted the following:

Article 1. Name of Organization.

This conference shall be known as the district conference of general conference district No. 3, including Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario. The object of this conference shall be to further the cause of the third angel's message and to transact such business as may come under its supervision.

Article 2. Officers.

The officers of this conference shall be a president and secretary. The general conference superintendent of district No. 3 shall by virtue of his office, be president of this conference. The secretary be chosen at each session.

Article 3. Meetings.

The sessions of this conference shall be held biennially or more often if necessary, alternating with the sessions of the general conference.

Article 4. Membership.

The various state conferences in the district shall be entitled to as many delegates in the district conference as there are members on their respective executive committees, the selection to be made by said conferences. Also that each association and institution in the district be entitled to one representative in the deliberations of the conference.

Article 5. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any session of the conference.

The constitution was adopted to go into effect at the close of this session.

Resolution 8.—Whereas, we recognize the importance of Church schools, and whereas, hasty moves in the manner of their organization and management can only result in defeat of their purpose, therefore we recommend that great care be exercised in the organization of such schools and the selection of proper instructors; and whereas, there is danger of disbursing the tithe fund through improper channels, we recommend that funds for our primary schools be provided by tuitions, subscriptions and donations, leaving the tithe to be used for purposes designed by the testimonies and conference provisions. Adopted.

The ninth meeting of the conference held Friday at 11:30. Committee on plans reported.

Resolution 9.—Whereas, the sale of our publications has been and will be an important factor in getting the truth before the people, we would recommend that our ministers and Bible workers take advantage of this privilege by selling and distributing as many books, tracts and papers as they can in connection with their work, and further that they encourage others to do the same.

Concluded in next issue.

BRIEFS.

Happy New Year.

The sisters of the Mt. Vernon church gave a Christmas dinner to about thirty of the poor children of the city.

Miss Lulie Pieper of the Academy has been enjoying a visit with her mother, who came to spend the week of prayer and enjoy its blessings with her.

Mrs. Thos. Thornton of Washington C. H. has been spending a few days with her son and daughter at the Academy. She returned to her home Tuesday.

Elder L. C. Sheaf left Sunday for his works in the South. He expects to remain away some time, and will probably visit the workers in Mississippi and Alabama.

Brother W. W. Miller's address is now 66 Michigan street, Cleveland, O. He writes that he is of good courage. May the Lord bless him in his new field.

The church school here closed last week until the cold weather is over. The work will be resumed the first of April which will be a better time for the little ones to attend.

Miss Clara Radabaugh returned this week to her work at Mt. Vernon. She has been spending the holidays at her home and was in attendance at the marriage of her sister.

The week of prayer was a season to be enjoyed by all. The Lord came very near with his converting and forgiving power, and all felt better able to take up their duties again.

Married, at Crawfis College, Ohio, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1899, Mr. H. G. Doll and Miss Ollie Radabaugh. The VISITOR unites with their friends in wishing them a life of happy usefulness.