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

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### FORGIVENESS.

A red rose drooping to the ground,  
With delicate beauty flushed,  
By a careless foot at eventide,  
Was trampled on and crushed.  
Christ-like, the injured flower returned  
No thorn-prick for the blow,  
But gave instead, a sweet perfume,  
To him who laid it low.  
—Selected.

### THE IMPENDING CONFLICT.

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. *The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us.* Events which for more than forty years we have, upon the authority of the prophetic word, declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. Already the question of an amendment to the Constitution restricting liberty of conscience, has been urged upon the legislators of the nation. The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of National importance."—Testimony 33. Page 239.

"Any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession to the papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warded against liberty of conscience."

"If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization.—Ib. 239, 240.

"We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us."—Ib. 241.

"We have been looking for many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and now that the movement is right upon us, we ask, will our people do their duty in the matter?"—Ib. 244.

"God employs various agencies in preparing his people to stand in the great crisis before us. The Sentinel has been, in God's order, one of the voices sounding the alarm, that the people might hear, and realize their danger, and do the work required of them at the present time. When light is presented, it is their duty not only to receive it but to pass it along, adding their influence in its favor, that its full force may be felt in the church and the world. *The Sentinel is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend, thus putting to the best use the light that God has given them.*"

"Had our brethren used the Sentinel as it was their privilege to do, and had all been united in recommending it in every conference and in every church as God would have them do; had the attention of our people been called to this work, which was so essential to be done for this time; had they appreciated the light which God permitted to shine upon them in warnings, in counsels, and in the delineation of events that are taking place, we should not now, as a people, be so far behind in making preparation for the work. . . . The rebuke of God is upon us because of our neglect of solemn responsibilities.—Ib. 246.

"If our people continue in the listless attitude in which they have been, God cannot pour upon them his Spirit. They are not awake to the situation, and do not realize the threatened danger. They should feel now, as never before, their need of vigilance and concerted action.—Ib. 242.

"Let every worker for God comprehend the situation, and place the Sentinel before our churches, explaining its contents, and urging home the facts and warnings it contains. *May the Lord help all to redeem the time.*"—Ib. 248.

### DISTRICT MEETING.

Conference District No. 4, embracing Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Wayne, Seneca and Wyandot counties, will hold a general meeting Oct. 12-16 at Norwalk.

The object of this meeting is to plan for the winter's campaign. Sabbath School, Christian Volunteer, Canvassing and Missionary work a specialty. We hope to see a goodly representation from every church and organized company in the district.

We would suggest to all who attend to bring bedding, etc., and, as far as possible, come prepared to help share in the burdens as well as the blessings.

Any one knowing of a good opening for a series of meetings this winter would confer a favor by reporting the same at this meeting, either in person or by letter, giving full particulars.

We expect Elder R. R. Kennedy, R. I. Francis and several others to join us in our work at this time.

Come, brethren, let us make this meeting all that it should be and just what the cause of God de-



mands of us at the present time by giving it our presence and our prayers. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### WANTED,

At the "Lighthouse Medical Mission," Toledo, O., *very much, at this time*, fruits—fresh, canned and dried, of all sorts; flour, corn meal, beans, peas, etc. All things "good" to give hungry men to eat and to shield them from the coming cold night and day. Will the brethren kindly remember our need as they gather according as the Lord has prospered them? Could not some help us also pay the rent as it comes due monthly? All supplies ship prepaid to 120 S. St. Clair St., Toledo, O., and all money or remittances otherwise payable either to George A. Stevens, same address, or to the undersigned, 2421 Hollywood Av., Toledo, O.

ELDER M. S. BABCOCK.

### TO CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEERS.

This issue of the WELCOME VISITOR is sent to each Volunteer, whose name and address has been handed in, to tell them that the VISITOR is to be the organ of the State organization, and that all information of a general nature will be sent out through it. It is therefore hoped that each one who receives this will send in their order for the paper by return mail, if they are not already a subscriber. See first page for terms and address.

ALBERT CARY.

### VOLUNTEER LEAFLETS.

We now have ready a supply of leaflets which will be sent to those interested in the work of the Christian Volunteers. This leaflet contains a brief plan of the work, speaks of the method of correspondence which is to be carried on with isolated and lonely ones, and sets forth the dangers in the way which must be avoided. Address the secretary for as many as you need, at Geneva, Ohio.

JANET HASKELL.

"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

### HOW MUCH CAN YOU GIVE?

The Volunteer secretary is in great need of a typewriter with which to conduct the needed amount of correspondence, which is growing in amount daily. Believing it will be esteemed a privilege by the organization to purchase their own machine and appliances, and have sole possession of the same, it has been decided to give each one an opportunity to contribute to this end. If each volunteer would contribute \$1 it would nicely provide the required amount. Some can give much more than this while others not so much. Let each do what he or she can. I beg every youth to read carefully Testimonies Vol. 1, pages 177-178. Send all donations as soon as possible to the treasurer, Sister Haskell, along with your answers to the questions mentioned in previous article. This is a very urgent matter in our Volunteer work, and I trust will receive immediate attention by all interested young people.

ALBERT CARY.

### QUESTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

In order that the Secretary may get at her work in a more understanding way, and be able to allot some work to each Volunteer, it is earnestly requested that each one respond at once to the following list of questions.

1. Are you isolated or located among other young people of our faith?
2. If among others, are they Volunteers? Could you form a band in your church?
3. Do you know of needy cases who could be helped by correspondence, that is, among the youth? If so, please give names and addresses, sending them to the Secretary at Geneva, Ohio, accompanying each with a brief description of the case.
4. With how many such individuals could you correspond?
5. How much money do you enclose for a typewriter for our Secretary, and running expenses of the work which she must do?

Write the Secretary a letter

about anything pertaining to the work that you think will be of encouragement to her.

ALBERT CARY

### SUGGESTIVE PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEER MEETINGS.

#### 1. BIBLE READING.

"What constitutes a true missionary?" or "Why should I be a Christian?" or some such practical subject, prepared by the leader of the band, or some member who may be appointed for that work.

#### 2. MISSION FIELD STUDY.

A large map should be used. A number may be asked to take part in this study, each taking up a different phase of the subject, as, the climate of the field studied, opportunities for missionary work, work already done, disadvantages, etc., expenses necessary for one missionary for a year.

#### 3. MISSION STUDY.

Where have Seventh Day Adventists mission stations? Who has charge of each? Make a close study of each station thus occupied.

#### 4. SELECT READINGS.

"The Rise and Progress of Seventh Day Adventists," by J. N. Loughborough, is a good book to be used in our bands. The need of our young people to become better acquainted with the points of our faith is great. We need more of the zeal and earnestness which possessed those who lead out in the Advent movement. A study of the privations through which these pioneers passed will be helpful to each Christian Volunteer. It might be well for the one who conducts this reading to prepare questions to be asked at its close.

#### 5. MISSIONARY MEETING.

As winter is coming upon us, there will be much which our bands, and even those isolated, may do to help the poor. Let one meeting be given to the devising of plans for such work. It would be well for the leader and secretary to have something definite in mind to present at the meeting.

In order that our band meetings



become more interesting each week and the most good accomplished, the officers must study to keep busy each member of the band. Care must be taken to give those who are backward something which they are able to do, thus making them stronger and more fitted to do effectual work. Let there be much prayer at every step taken, that there may be no mistakes made, and that God may bless in all that is undertaken.

We trust that each leader and secretary will use their individuality in the work, studying to not have a sameness, or formal programs, but those which will prove helpful and interesting.

JANET HASKELL.

**Our Sabbath Schools.**

**S. S. CONVENTION.**

A Sabbath School convention will be held in Norwalk, Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15, 1899. A cordial invitation is extended by the Norwalk church to all in this part of the state, who are interested in Sabbath School work. The state secretary and several of our ministers expect to be with us. Programs are being gotten out and will be sent to those interested. Come prepared both to give and receive pointers and information in regard to Sabbath School work. The latch string is out. Come, and all will be made welcome.

CHARLES A. BEEBE,

Superintendent,

**REPORT OF OHIO SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.**

As a resolution had been adopted by the Conference that the Sabbath School Association do its business at the regular session of the Conference, therefore, the twenty-second annual session of the Ohio Sabbath School Association was held upon the camp ground at Randolph Park, Cuyahoga Falls, O., August 10, 1899, at 9 a. m., presided over by Elder R. R. Kennedy, president of the Conference. After singing, prayer was offered. Elder Carey was then called to the

chair. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

The financial report was presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of the year	\$ 72 97
Tithes received from schools	162 50
Donations received from schools for Foreign Missions	795 70
Donations received from schools for Orphan Home	312 66
Miscellaneous donations	35 68
<b>Total received</b>	<b>\$1,379 51</b>

EXPENDITURES.

Sent I. S. S. A. tithe	\$ 16 24
Donations for Foreign Missions sent I. S. S. A.	795 70
Sent Orphan Home, Battle Creek, Mich	308 77
On account with I. S. S. A.	6 80
Paid to Tract and Missionary Society	69 43
Incidental expenses	93 08
<b>Total paid out</b>	<b>\$1,290 02</b>
Balance	89 49

The accounts of the association were examined by the Conference auditor and found to be correct.

The committee on resolutions for the Conference, being authorized to act for the Sabbath School Association, reported as follows:

Whereas, the holding of Sabbath School conventions, in our own state and also in other states, has proven of great spiritual benefit to the Sabbath School work, and the work in general; therefore,

Resolved, that this work be encouraged, and systematic effort be made along this line, and that so far as possible, the State Sabbath School officers be permitted to attend and assist in such conventions.

Whereas, an uncertainty as to who should have charge of the work for the youth and children on the camp ground, and who should labor for them at the camp meeting season, has brought much confusion and necessarily caused the laborers in that branch of the work to act without preparation or forethought; therefore,

Resolved, that appointments be made of a leader of the youth's

meetings and a leader of the children's meetings (they having the privilege of selecting their own assistants) one year in advance.

A motion was carried to amend the last resolution so that it would read

Resolved, that the Executive committee of the Sabbath School Association in connection with the Conference committee, at the Spring meeting, select suitable leaders for the youth's, and children's meetings.

In order to facilitate matters and avoid confusion, it was mutually agreed that the Nominating committee for the conference nominate the Sabbath School officers. The following were elected: President, Elder Albert Carey; vice president, Elder C. P. Haskell; secretary and treasurer, Clara V. Radabaugh. Additional members of the Executive committee, Elder H. H. Burkholder and Bessie E. Russell.

CLARA V. RADABAUGH.

**Mt. Vernon Academy.**

**OUR SCHOOL.**

No doubt the many friends of Mt. Vernon Academy in Ohio are expecting a report from this school in the columns of the WELCOME VISITOR. We are glad to be able to say to all such that the prospering hand of the Lord is with us, for which we are very grateful, for we know that as long as this is true, lasting good will be the result.

The attendance is now better than at any time last year; the enrollment for the first month being about eighty. A large per cent of this number enjoy the privileges and benefits of the Academy home life, the general influence of which exerts a wholesome restraint which cannot fail to be beneficial to all who put themselves in harmony with it.

Another encouraging feature of the school this year is the large attendance of the students at the various religious gatherings. The Friday evening prayer and social meetings are seasons of refreshing to both teachers and students. At



the missionary meetings special phases of the third angel's message are considered, or particular mission fields are studied. For example, two weeks ago Brazil was the field studied; and letters were read from our workers there, setting forth the needs and the conditions of that country. The subject at the last meeting was "Religious Liberty," and one of the leading features of the program was a well written paper by one of the students on the formation of creeds. A stirring letter from Elder Moon was read showing that a great crisis is right upon us, and experiences just before us that will try the stoutest hearts. The society will endeavor to give to this phase of the message the attention which its importance demands. We notice in our missionary society, also, a broadening out in the work of sending out papers. Instead of taking two or three of our periodicals the society now takes clubs of the *Signs, Review, Sentinel, Life Boat, Missionary Magazine*, and *Helping Hand*, with which to do missionary work. This is a move in the right direction. All of our periodicals are missionary papers, and good ones too. Let all our missionary societies do likewise.

Other phases of school life and school work will be noticed in future issues of the VISITOR.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

### THE CANVASSING WORK.

The canvassing work should never languish. The agencies set in operation to do this work need always to be under the control of the Holy Spirit of God. There must be perfect harmony and unity of spirit among the workers who handle the books which are to flood the world with light. Wherever the canvassing work is presented among our people, let both the health books and the religious books be presented together as parts of a united work. The relation of the religious and the health books is presented to me as illustrated by the union of the warp and the woof to form a beautiful pat-

tern and a perfect piece of work.

In the past, by many, the health books have not been handled with proper interest. It has not been regarded as essential that they should go to the world. But what can be a better preparation for the coming of the Lord, and for the reception of other truths essential to prepare a people for his coming, than to arouse the people to see the evils of this age, and to stir them to reformation from self-indulgence and unhealthful living?

The indifference with which the health books have been treated by many is an offense to God. To separate the health work from the great body of the work, is not in his order. Present truth lies in the work of health reform just as verily as in other features of gospel work. Neither branch of the work, when separated from the other, can be a perfect whole.—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review*, June 20, 1899.

### BRIEFS.

Elder Sheaf spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Newark, O.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath and Sunday at home, returning Monday to Bainbridge.

The address of Elder J. W. Collie is changed from 941 S. Logan St., to 360 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, O.

Two persons were buried with their Lord in baptism Sunday morning, at this place, Elder Wakeham officiating.

Sister Radabaugh writes that she expects to be in Mt. Vernon before many weeks. We shall be glad to have her among us.

The church school at Dayton began a few weeks ago with twenty in attendance the first day. Brother Cottrell writes that the school has grown since then, and that others are expected soon.

Remember that the World's Harvest number of the *Signs* will be ready Nov. 1. The retail price is 10 cents per copy; 5 to 20 copies, 5 cents per copy; 25 copies and over,

4 cents per copy.\* It is to be a double number, with beautiful original cover design in colors. Send in your orders at once.

Are you a subscriber for the *Sentinel*? If not, read the article on the first page, and then send in your order at once to the "American Sentinel," 39 Bond St., New York, N. Y. You cannot afford to be without it, nor allow others to remain in ignorance of the truths which it is sounding forth.

### GEMS FROM

#### "DESIRE OF AGES."

All who consecrate soul, body and spirit to God, will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence. P. 827.

He weeded all vanity from life, and his own example taught that every moment of time is fraught with eternal results; that it is to be cherished as a treasure, and to be employed for holy purposes. P. 91.

There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. P. 250.

"Christ taught all look upon themselves as endowed with precious talents, which if rightly employed would secure for them eternal riches." P. 91.

He passed by no human being as worthless, but sought to apply the saving remedy to every soul. P. 91.