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

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HE REMEMBERETH.

O, blessed word, "remembereth!" So often we forget;

We know our dear ones weaknesses we would be kind and yet

Some quick, sharp word of chiding harsh breaks from us unawares,

Unheeded, till "as we forgive" confronts us in our prayers.

But He remembers, always, all the earthly, fretting care.

Burdens that press on nerve and brain until they scarce can bear

Our weary striving day by day. He sees us weak and frail.

Yet never for one moment do His love and pity fail.

And when sometimes the brain no more, so worn with toiling days,

Can range in words our heart's desires, our thoughts of grateful praise,

When we can only call His name, as grieved children cry,

Then quick as mother-love responds to helpless infancy,

Which never yet has learned to doubt, or feared that love to trust,

He hears our heart's unuttered prayer, remembering we are dust.



"We should preach God's glory day by day, not by words only, often not by words at all, but by our conduct. If you wish your neighbors to see what God is like, let them see what He can make you like. Nothing is so infectious as example."

"Duty comes to us as something hard, and we shrink from it. No one is a large man if he does not feel that his duty is larger than himself."

HIS WONDERFUL LOVE.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous."

Let us think of the great sacrifice Christ has made in our behalf. For us He endured insult and mockery. He was tempted in all points like as we are, that He might be able to succor those that are tempted. There is joy for the believer in the promises of God. Let us make these promises the foundation of our faith. If we receive Christ as a personal Saviour His power will keep us from falling. Here is the word of the Lord in our behalf. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin; because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

God wants us to be a help and strength to one another. He wants us to speak words of hope and courage. He is light. Open the windows of the soul toward heaven, and let the sunlight of God enter. The threshold of God is flooded with his

glory, glory which is for every one who will receive the light.

Temptations and trials may come, but that is not an evidence that you are not a child of God. He wants you to pray. Take hold of Him for strength and comfort. When we are in trial, when we are opposed and in difficulty, when reports are made in regard to us, as they were in regard to Christ, when it was said, "He hath a devil," we should stand where we shall not retaliate, but reveal Christ.

When Christ was leaving His disciples, He said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

Now there is a promise. Do you believe it? I do. I believe in a soon-coming Saviour. Let us prepare ourselves for His coming. Let us take fast hold on the power that God gives us, and in His strength keep His commandments.

God will help every one who will take hold to co-operate with Him. How shall we do it? Shall we sit here in the great congregation that generally assembles in Battle Creek, expecting the Lord to pour His grace and light upon us. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." He calls upon you to bring to the foundation stone gold and silver and precious stones. What is more precious in the sight of God and the whole heavenly host than His church on this earth? What can be more precious?

There is a great work to be done. How shall we reveal Christ? I know of no better way to reveal Him than to go forth as missionaries to our world. I know of no better way than to take hold of the medical missionary work in connection with the ministry. Wherever you go there begin

to work. Take an interest in those around you who need help and light. You may stand and preach to those here who know the truth, you may preach sermon after sermon to them, but they do not appreciate it. Why? —Because they are inactive. Every one who is able to go out and work should bring to the foundation stone, not hay, wood, or stubble, but gold, silver, and precious stones.

We ought to be at work in the dark corners of the earth. We have tried this in Australia. The Lord has revealed Himself, and we have built meeting-house after meeting-house, as we have gone to places where the people have never heard anything about the truth. I have frequently stood in the open air to speak to companies gathered to hear me. I have seen women with children in their arms standing for an hour to listen to me. There were men and women all around me. I have asked them, "How many of you have an intelligent faith in Jesus Christ? How many are Christians? Those who are, hold up your hands." Not a hand would be raised. Did they not need Christ? Did they not need a knowledge of the truth? Did they not need to learn lessons of temperance? Indeed they did.

God wants us to stand where we can warn the people. He desires us to take up the temperance question. By wrong habits of eating and drinking men are destroying what power they have for thought and intelligence. We do not need to take an ax and break into their saloons. We have a stronger weapon than this—the word of the living God. That will cleave its way through the hellish shadow which Satan seeks to cast athwart their pathway. God is mighty and powerful. He will speak to their hearts. We have seen him doing this. We have seen souls brought to the truth.

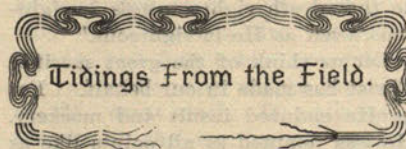
In Australia, I met a man considered free from everything like intemperance, except for one habit. He used tobacco. He came to hear us at the tent, and one night after he went home, as he afterward told us, he wrestled against the habit of tobacco-using, and obtained the victory. Some of his relatives had told him that they would give him fifty pounds if he would throw away his tobacco. He would not do it. "But," he said, "when you present the principles of temperance before us as

you have done, I cannot resist them. You present before us the self-denial of One who gave His life for us. I do not know Him now, but I desire to know Him. I have never offered a prayer in my house. I have cast away my tobacco, but that is as far as I have gone."

We prayed with him, and after we left him, we wrote to him and later visited him again. He finally reached the point where he gave himself to God, and he is becoming the very pillar of the church in the place where he lives. He is working with all his soul to bring his relatives to a knowledge of the truth.

The Lord wants plants made in the dark places of the earth. There are many, many souls in our world who are hungry for the truth. Let us seek to understand how to reach the people. There is no better way to do this than to be compassionate and sympathetic. If you know of those who are sick and in need of assistance, help them, try to relieve them in their distress. As you do this work, the power of the Lord will speak through it to the soul.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



Since writing last I have held interesting meetings with several churches, ordaining officers and celebrating the ordinances.

Yesterday I went to Genoa to preach the funeral of a Mr. Wood, the father of our sister, Mary Jane Spencer. He was 82 years of age. Early in life he united with the U. B. church, afterwards joining the Disciples. For some years he believed the truths of the Third Angel's Message, but did not formally unite with the church. I am at present holding meetings in a back country, where most of the people are Catholics or Lutherans. They are intensely interested. It may be of interest to all to know of our dear Elder Guilford's condition. I have visited him frequently of late and most of the time he does not know his friends. He is seriously ill and I fear his work is done. Let all remember him in prayer.

Last week I was called to the Sani-

tarium hospital to care for a Mr. Hunter, an uncle of Mrs. Lindsay. He died from Bright's disease. Mr. Hunter had been a spiritualist most of his life, but later had become a Mental Scientist, but under Christian influences, especially with the nurses and physicians at the hospital, accepted Christ, and died professing faith in Him. Mr. Hunter was buried at Berlin Heights, Ohio. I was at Battle Creek over one night and attended the 5:30 meeting at the tabernacle in the morning, and heard Sister White speak of foreign fields and the large cities. Sister White is much enfeebled with age, but has the same earnest spirit that she had when I first knew her 24 years ago. Her voice filled the vast auditorium so that all could hear.

One by one the old leaders are falling and where shall young men and maidens be found to receive their mantles?

With greeting to all in the Lord,
D. E. LINDSAY.

It has indeed been a great privilege to me to attend the general conference. This being my first attendance at such a meeting.

It is a pleasure to me to see so many earnest workers carrying forward such a great work for the Lord.

The field of work, as has been represented, is much greater than I had known that it was, and I see more clearly what must be accomplished before the coming of the Lord.

I have learned that the Medical Missionary work is a part of the gospel and cannot be separated, and that when we live out the principles of health reform we are living out the gospel. This work and Bible work go together. We are not doing efficient work as Bible workers unless we do live out in our every day life these principles and teach them with the Bible. How I do praise the Lord for this light of the gospel. I realize the need of a greater preparation for His work that I may represent my dear Savior perfectly.

May great results be realized because of this good meeting is my prayer.
SADIE BAKER.



"More dear in the sight of God and His angels than any other conquest is the conquest of self which each, with the help of heaven, can secure for himself."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The fourth annual commencement of the Mt. Vernon Academy will be held in the Academy chapel, Monday evening, May 13, at eight o'clock. Elder R. A. Underwood of Pennsylvania will give the class address.

All were glad to welcome Prof. and Mrs. Loughhead back, after an absence of three weeks. But the pleasure of the home coming was greatly marred by the sorrow that had been cast over the school by the death of one of our members, who will be greatly missed.

Teachers and students are very busy preparing for examinations and the closing work of the school year.

The interest in the Friday evening meetings still increases. The joy and blessedness of these heavenly sittings together must be experienced in order to be appreciated. God is still with us, and is blessing in a marked degree.



OHIO REUNION.

A reunion of the Ohio people in attendance at the General Conference was held in the college chapel at 7 p. m., April 20, 1901. The oldest minister present, Elder J. G. Wood, offered prayer. Elder J. N. Loughborough gave a brief history of the beginning of the work of the Third Angel's message in Ohio. The following is the substance of his remarks:

The present truth was first introduced into Ohio by Elder Joseph

Bates, in the year 1852. His work then was to find those who had been in the First Angel's Message, who still held fast their faith. Among the first to receive the truth during his visit was Geo. Smith of Norwalk, Brother and Sister Sweet and Brother Day of Milan, Brother Huber and family and mother of Pemberton, and son (Indians) of Green Springs, and Brother and Sister Calkins of Clarksfield.

The last of April, 1853, I held meetings for a week in Milan with the Sabbath keepers in that part of Ohio. The meetings were in the home of Brother Sweet.

In October, 1853, I went with my wife from Rochester, N. Y., to Milan, en route to Michigan. I only designed to spend one week in Milan, but the interest was such that I could not get away but spent the whole winter in Huron and Seneca counties, holding meetings in Milan, Clarksfield, Green Springs and some country school houses. More than 40 embraced the truth during these meetings. In May, 1854, Brother and Sister White came to Milan, and there was a general meeting for two days in a hired hall in Milan. Then I passed on with them to Michigan.

In the summer of 1858, in company with T. J. Butler, I held tent meetings at Bowling Green, East Townsend and Republic, closing up with a general meeting in the tent at Lovett's Grove on the farm of Brother Meeker. From this meeting I went with Brother and Sister White to the New England states.

Oct. 26 and 27, 1861, in a general meeting held by Elder M. E. Cornell at Green Springs the first steps were taken in organizing the Ohio Conference, by electing H. J. Kittle chairman, Joseph Clark, secretary, and Joseph Dudley, I. N. Van Gorder and H. F. Balner, executive committee. There was no constitution adopted. February 22, 1863, the constitution was recommended by the General Conference, was adopted by the Ohio Conference, and that date is given in the General Conference Bulletin as the time of the permanent organization of the Conference.

There were six ministers present who had acted as president of the Conference, all of whom spoke briefly of the work in Ohio during their supervision, and of the blessings of the Lord wherever they have labored. These were R. A. Underwood, who was president of the Ohio Conference for seven years, but who is now president of the Pennsylvania Conference; G. A. Irwin, who was president of Ohio for four years, and who was called from this position to have the general supervision of the Southern district and later to the office of president of the General Conference, which office he has filled for the past four years; I. D. Van Horn, who was president for three years; R. C. Porter, president for only a short time; R. R. Kennedy, president for three years, and A. G. Haughey, who is now president of the Conference.

Dr. O. G. Place gave something of the history of the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium while he was connected with it; while Prof. W. T. Bland, who was connected with the Mt. Vernon Academy during the first three years of its existence as a school, gave some interesting facts with reference to its early history.

G. G. Rupert, now of Kansas, and J. G. Wood also made some interesting remarks with reference to their connection with the work of the Message.

Prof. Harry Chalmers, formerly of Akron, but who is now residing in Battle Creek and engaged in teaching music, was present with his orchestra and honored the occasion with some fine music.

Those now engaged in the Bible work in Ohio took a census of the reunion, and reported that there were over two hundred and fifty present. Nine of these are now doc-

tors, fifteen are teachers, nineteen are medical missionaries, thirty Bible workers, thirty-four ministers, thirty-five canvassers, and forty-five have been students at the Mt. Vernon Academy.

It was also discovered that there had gone from Ohio workers to almost every state in the Union and to many of the foreign countries. Workers have gone from this state to England, Honolulu, India, Australia, Argentine, British Guiana, South Africa, Raratonga, Pitcairn Island, and many other places.

Elder Irwin stated that they had not disgraced the state by going.

Beside those who have already been mentioned, and most of the present corps of workers in the state, the following persons were in attendance who will be recognized as having formerly been connected with the work in the state, or as being in the work in some other part of the field: Elder J. W. Collie, formerly pastor of the Cleveland church; Geo. W. Wells, who has been connected with the ministerial work in Tennessee; Elder A. O. Burrill of Syracuse, N. Y.; Elder W. J. Stone, now of the Tennessee River Conference; Elder C. H. Keslake, who has been connected with the work in the East as a minister; Elder G. W. Anglebarger and wife of Denver, Colo.; Elder Wm. Woodford, Graysville, Tenn.; Elder L. A. Spring, Denver, Colo.; Elder S. S. Shrock and wife of Pottstown, Pa.; Miss Estella Houser, who has been acting as Corresponding Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board; I. D. Richardson, one of Ohio's old canvassers, but recently returned from India; Mrs. Carrie R. King of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. H. W. Cottrell, South Lancaster, Mass.; Mrs. G. A. Irwin; Prof. C. W. Irwin and wife; Verna N. Mason, Battle Creek; Miss Amy W. Welsh, Battle Creek Sanitarium; Mrs. Jessie Carey Alserge, Battle Creek Sanitarium; Elder H. M. Mitchell, Battle Creek, Mich.; Roy F. Cottrell, Sheridan, Ill.; Ethel W. H. Walters, Shannut, Me., formerly teacher at the Academy, and Miss Margaret Getchell, who is engaged in Bible work in Maine.

Besides these there were many others whom it would be impossible to name. It was a meeting long to be remembered by those in attendance. And as there are those of this com-

pany who go to all parts of the world we pray that heaven's blessing may rest upon them, as they labor for perishing souls, and that when that grand reunion day shall come they with us, and many more whom they shall have been instrumental in bringing into the precious light of the Third Angel's Message, may join glad hands around the throne of God and unite in singing our Redeemer's praise throughout eternity.



ASLEEP IN JESUS.

LAWWILL—Died, at Mt. Vernon Academy, April 23, 1901, of cerebral hemorrhage, William Lawwill, aged 20 years, 3 months and 13 days.

The deceased became connected with the Academy in 1899, and was a member of the school at the time of his death. During his first year at the Academy he made a public profession of Christ and was baptized; and during his stay with us he won his way into the affections of a large number of his fellow students. A short time before his death, several of the teachers and students bowed around his bedside and earnestly sought the Lord in his behalf. The evident presence of God's Spirit on that occasion was the assurance that prayer was heard; but it seemed not to be the Father's will to restore the sick one to health; and we bow in submission to His will.

Funeral services were held at the Academy, after which his remains were taken to Covington, Ky. There a second service was conducted by the writer, in which the consolation of God's word was offered to his relatives and a large circle of sympathizing friends. His mother, two brothers and four sisters deeply mourn their loss; but are not without hope in the resurrection of the dead through our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. H. WAKEHAM.



CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Elder H. H. Burkholder sold 45 "Object Lessons."

I am enjoying the work in Hamilton, and wish very much that we had a Bible worker here. I find so many people who seem so anxious to learn more of the truth, but I am too busy canvassing to give many readings I have one, however, on Sunday afternoons. I have found several of our

books here, so there there has been some canvassers before me. I have taken \$33 worth of orders.—Mrs. Belle Rix.

F. H. Henderson has sold \$84.25 worth of books.

H. C. Oberholtzer sold \$8.75 worth of books since his last report.

G. W. Spies has taken \$27.50 worth of orders.

Value of orders	\$27.50
Value of cash sales	12.89
Value of deliveries	15.85

W. E. BIDWELL.

In 4½ days I have made the following number of cash sales:

20 Best Stories	\$11.00
19 Object Lessons	23.85
7 Heralds of the Morning..	8.75
4 Happy Home	2.00
1 Christ Our Savior75
1 Steps to Christ50
1 Dan. and Rev.	3.00
1 Bible	2.25

This makes a total of 54 books sold, at a value of \$52.10.

JAMES PARKER.

Total value of sales reported this week is \$302.24.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There will be a Sabbath-school convention held at Green Springs, Sabbath and Sunday, May 18 and 19. All will be welcome to attend.

It was recommended at the General Conference that Jessie B. Sweet be invited to make the Tennessee River Conference her field of labor in the Bible work, under the pay of the Ohio Conference.

Miss Ida Walters and Miss Katharine Miller have been recommended to make New York city their field of labor.

Elder Wm. Woodford, formerly of this place, but who has been laboring in the South for some time, was present with the Mt. Vernon church Sabbath, April 27, and spoke from the text, "Ye are not your own." Elder Woodford is here visiting with his parents and friends before leaving for Australia to engage in ministerial labor.

Dr. O. G. Place and wife, who have but recently returned from India, are visiting with the former's parents. The doctor gave a talk at the student's missionary society last week relative to the work in India, and their experiences in it.