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"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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WE'LL LIVE IN TENTS.

God bids his people on the earth,
Before he comes and calls us hence,
To live unknit to home and hearth,
Like far-bound travelers—in tents.

It is his will that we should pass
Like strangers, separate and aside
From all the vain and worldly mass
That crowd the Babylons of pride.

O brother, whatsoever chain
Binds us to fleshly lust and strife,
Here let us rend it in God's name,
And live, henceforth, the pilgrime life.

We'll live in tents until our feet
Shall reach the land by sin untrod,
The gate of pearl, the golden street,
Whose Builder, and whose maker, God.

—H. G. S.

ARE YOU COMING TO THE FEAST?

"GATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zephaniah 2:1-3.

With teeming wickedness on every hand and a growing disregard for authority, to continue in the work which God has committed to our hands, to witness the final triumph and share in the promised reward, will demand a spirit of true devotion and consecration on our part. We have reached the sifting time in the history of the Message. A time when, because of the abounding iniquity, the love of many will wax cold. Just how we pass through this trying period will depend upon the heed we give to the instruction given and the use we make of the means of grace provided for this very purpose. Our compassionate Saviour forseeing the perils that would surround his followers at this time, has given them special warning: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36.

The very atmosphere seems charged with unbelief; the perils of the last days are thickening around us, and the enemy of all righteousness is marshaling his forces for the last great conflict. Brethren and sisters are we cutting loose from the interest that binds us to this world? Are we seeking every advantage to gain spiritual strength that we may not fall in the closing struggle to reach the kingdom? Are we going to come up to our annual feast of good things that God has in store for his people at this gathering? or are we going to deprive ourselves of the benefits of such a meeting and let the world come in between us and our God?

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all other necessary things shall be added," is the Lord's promise to every one of us.

Dear brethren and sisters, in the Lord's own language I extend once more the invitation to be present at the camp-meeting soon to convene at Mansfield, and share with us in the blessing of the same. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

STREET WORK.

"BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him. He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth." Is. 42:1-4.

The voice of Christ was not heard in the street, in noisy contention with

those who were opposed to his doctrine. Neither was his voice heard in the street in prayer to his Father, to be heard of men. His voice was not heard in joyful mirth. His voice was not raised to exalt himself, and to gain applause and flattery of men. When engaged in teaching, he withdrew his disciples away from the noise and confusion of the busy city to some retired place more in harmony with the lessons of humility, piety, and virtue, which he would impress upon their minds. He shunned human praise, and preferred solitude and peaceful retirement to the noise and confusion of mortal life. His voice was often heard in earnest prevailing intercession to his Father; yet for these exercises he chose the lonely mountain, and frequently spent whole nights in prayer for strength to sustain him under the temptations he should meet, and to accomplish the important work he came to do for the salvation of man. His petitions were earnest and mingled with strong cries and tears. And notwithstanding the labor of the soul during the night, he ceased not his labor through the day. In the morning he would quietly resume his work of mercy and disinterested benevolence. The life of Christ was in marked contrast to that of the Jews, and for this very reason they wished to destroy him.

The chief priests, and scribes, and elders loved to pray in the most public places; not only in the crowded synagogues, but in the corners of the streets, that they might be seen of men, and be praised for their devotion and piety. Their acts of charity were done in the most public manner, and for the purpose of calling the attention of the people to themselves. Their voices were indeed heard in the streets, not only in exalting themselves, but in contention with those who differed with them in doctrine.—*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. II, pp. 30, 31.

I cannot see that much is accomplished by open air-meetings. These may be held at times, and on special occasions will be the best means of reaching the people; but to make this a regular manner of labor will not at present secure the desired results. The laborer cannot make full proof of

his ministry. A chance speech or discourse may set minds on a train of thought which will, through other influences that may be brought to bear upon them, result in their conversion; but these cases are rare. There is so great dearth of both men and means at this time that our brethren are not justified in doing this kind of work.—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 339, 340.

This instruction is for Seventh-day Adventists. They are called to a special work, at a special time. Let us heed the instruction given and throw our influence and strength in the channel that will bring to the cause we profess to love the best results.

H. H. B.

REMITTING AND RETAINING SINS.

"WHOSE soever sins ye remit," said Christ, "they are remitted; . . . and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." Christ here gives no liberty for any man to pass judgment upon others. In the Sermon on the Mount he forbid this. It is the prerogative of God. But on the church, in its organized capacity, he places a responsibility for the individual members. Toward those who fall into sin, the church has a duty, to warn, to instruct, and, if possible, to restore. "Reprove, rebuke, exhort," the Lord says, "with all long-suffering and doctrine." 2Tim. 4:2. Deal faithfully with wrong-doing. Warn every soul that is in danger. Leave none to deceive themselves. Call sin by its right name. Declare what God has said in regard to lying, Sabbath-breaking, stealing, idolatry, and every other evil. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:21. If they persist in sin; the judgment you have declared from God's Word, is pronounced upon them in heaven. In choosing to sin, they disown Christ; the Church must show that she does not sanction their deeds, or she herself dishonors her Lord. She must say about sin what God says about it. She must deal with it as God directs, and her action is ratified in heaven. He who despises the authority of the church, despises the authority of Christ himself.

But there is a brighter side to the picture. "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted." Let this thought be kept uppermost. In labor for the erring, let every eye be directed to Christ. Let the shepherds have a tender care for the flock of the Lord's pasture. Let them speak to the erring of the forgiving mercy of the Saviour. Let them encourage the sinner to repent, and believe in him who can pardon. Let them declare, on the author-

ity of God's Word, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. All who repent have the assurance, "He will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19.

Let the repentance of the sinner be accepted by the church with grateful heart. Let the repenting one be led out from the darkness of unbelief, into the light of faith and righteousness. Let his trembling hand be placed in the loving hand of Jesus. Such a remission is ratified in heaven.

Only in this sense has the church power to absolve the sinner. Remission of sins can be obtained only through the merits of Christ. To no man, to no body of men, is given power to free the soul from guilt. Christ charged his disciples to preach the remission of sins in his name among all nations; but they themselves were not empowered to remove one stain of sin. The name of Jesus is the only "name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Six Points.

AT the close of several weeks of earnest labor at this place by Brethren Francis M. Fairchild and Robert B. Thurber the meetings closed Sabbath, July 22. As a result of this effort we now have a church of nine members with encouraging prospects of additions soon. It was the writer's privilege to be present at the closing meeting and assist in the organization of the church. After the usual examination it was found that those wishing to go into the organization had been previously instructed on all points of our faith and were in hearty sympathy with them. Brethren were present from Bowling Green and Toledo, whose words of courage and confidence in the closing gospel Message added to the interest of this occasion.

The battle at this place was a hotly contested one. Through different opposing elements the enemy made a strong stand against the Lord's cause, but the victory finally turned on the Lord's side.

Now if this little band of workers will continue steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the love of the Truth, they will witness still greater victories on their journey to the heavenly Canaan. May the Lord keep them all faithful to the end.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Ashville.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: Since reading the good reports of the other workers engaged in the canvassing work, I have decided to send in a small report,

First I can say that I have been sharing the blessings of success with the rest of you; and second, that I am of good courage in the Lord. I have met with some blessed experiences, and have proved that the Lord is ever ready to help us in the time of need. Sometimes Satan has tried to make all look dark, but there is still, and ever will be, a bright light burning that we can look to for guidance.

I find many persons in this community that have never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. I have had several people ask me to what church I belonged, and what were the leading points in our doctrine. I never fail to answer a question like that. A few days ago an old man ask me what church I belonged to, and I told him, then he asked me what we taught and what we believed. I mentioned the leading points of our Faith. When I had finished telling him he looked at me rather straight and said, "That is the way I like to hear a young man talk, and not be ashamed to tell what he believes." This man was a Lutheran. He gladly gave me his order, and asked me back to see him, as he would like to talk again on this subject.

I also find many souls that are steeped in sin till they are blind to all Bible truth. I have had many to tell me that they didn't believe in the Bible or any hereafter; but I have taken orders from the same persons when they would listen long enough for me to show them how the prophecies are being fulfilled around us on every hand. At times my heart aches to see the way Satan has the people in his grasp. I have even met with ministers and Sunday-school superintendents that were smoking and chewing; and I met one minister who had been drinking.

I mean to press on, and to encourage others to help give this Message to the world in this generation. I am looking forward to the time when I can go back to the College and take up the school work again. Praying that the Lord will strengthen you all in your work, I remain your brother in the work,

FRANK POTTS.

Remember the camp-meeting at
Mansfield, O., Aug. 10-21, 1905.

"BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Medina.

DEAR VISITOR: We will now give you a complete report of our work at this place. We began the meetings June 7, and held the last one July 23, forty-six nights in all. One night it rained so hard we failed to hold service, and the night of July 4, we did not put out an appointment.

The weather has been extremely wet from start to finish; this was a great hindrance to the meetings. There was also much secret opposition, but in spite of these adverse conditions our attendance increased until we had from forty to eighty each night, and Sunday nights from 125 to 200. Several evenings when the weather was inclement and few were present, subjects were presented which aroused much bitterness in the hearts of some. These started false reports which kept some away who would otherwise have come, and for several nights there were only about fifteen or twenty-five present. The interest seemed to increase however, and towards the close we had fair sized audiences, and it was with regret we took the tent down to ship to Mansfield. While we were packing, about twenty different persons expressed their regret at our having to close. One man of influence said that many were beginning to learn that we had been misrepresented, and could we stay longer the tent would be filled from night to night.

While there, sixty-one sermons were given, seventy-four Bible readings held, four hundred and fifty calls made, eighty-one dollars and thirty cents, worth of books, tracts, and papers sold, not including what Sister Hague sold, or tracts and papers given away. About 544 were sold.

Our confence expense was heavy, sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents, mostly for freight; to balance this we received six dollars and eighty-four cents in donations.

Thirteen adults signed the covenant, and are asking for church organization. Four of these are members of other churches, some of the others know more or less of the Truth, but all unite in saying that they understand all points of the faith much better than they did. Those that were there at first have helped in every way they could to make the meetings a success. On the whole we both have enjoyed the summer's work and feel that it has been a profitable season, both in experience and results. Four have asked for baptism; the others have

been baptized in other churches.

We feel that the time will come in the near future when a hall should be rented and another series of meetings held at Medina.

W. E. BIDWELL,
G. P. GAEDE.

Ohio City.

IN June the curiosity of this enterprising little town was aroused by the erection of some tents, not for gain, but to show unto them "the way of God more perfectly." It was some time before they were willing to follow their curiosity with an interest. A few Bereans were found who searched the scriptures daily, to see "whether these things were so;" while many others were found who feel that we "do exceedingly trouble" their city, and lament that "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

We have been much encouraged by the faithful attendance of the Elgin church; not only have they been with us night after night, but Sabbath after Sabbath have they meet with us for Sabbath-school. We also highly appreciate the attendance of several from Van Wert church.

We are confident that where our people can, even by sacrifice, attend the different tent meetings good will result not only to them, but to those for whom the effort is being put forth. The light from the word of God has revealed the sad condition of the "wall" (Eze. 13:10), and there has been talk of needed repairs. A short time ago the Lutheran minister seized a trowel and made for the wall and neatly (?) "daubed it with untempered mortar." But it was evident that they could "do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." Many of his own members were not satisfied, and the attendance and interest is better on account of the opposition.

One dear soul, said to be one of their best members, declined to be held longer in darkness. Last Sabbath, he said, was his first Sabbath. His brethren at once delivered him over to they knew not what. But this too we are assured is for good. Others are in the valley of decision. We are thankful for the many blessings we enjoy here, and look confidently for the triumph of the truth.

Our attendance is still good, although we are presenting testing truths, and the interest increases. Sister Ruby Ballanger and Sister Gaede render valued help to the meetings in the song service.

A. C. SHANNON,
J. P. GAEDE.

Frazeysburg.

TO THE VISITOR READERS: Our labors at this place are necessarily quite brief on account of getting started so late and the camp-meeting time drawing so near. But we are of good courage, and we have had a good meeting and quite an encouraging attendance all the way through, but not what we could call a large attendance.

The Lord has richly blessed us, and knowing that our time was short, we have sought to sound forth the glad tidings and give God's warning Message in notes clear and plain.

A large company of brethren, and sisters, and friends from Trinway, Dresden, Pleasant Hill, and Coshoc-ton visited us one Sunday, and thus showed their interest in the spread of the truth in other towns. Their presence was much appreciated, and we trust that such experiences will tend to bind our hearts together in Christian love. As we see the day of God drawing nearer, and still nearer, these gatherings should be more frequent. Mal. 3:16; Heb. 10:25.

We have been using the "Signs of the Times Leaflet" which was recently issued and a large number of tracts. We have visited every home in this town of over eight hundred inhabitants several times, and placed choice literature in every home. God has richly blessed us in this experience. The seeds of truth have been planted and the people have had an opportunity to both hear and read the truth. We are anxious to clear our garments of the blood of souls, and leave the people without excuse.

We have found one dear old lady eighty years of age who has been keeping the Sabbath since the truth was preached here before, twenty-nine years ago. Having never accepted all of the Message, she is still a member of the Methodist church.

We cannot tell what the results will be in so short a time; but God's promise is sure that our labor is not in vain.

Our hearts rejoice in the precious truth, and we desire the prayers of our brethren and sisters over the State. We are praying that God will abundantly bless us all at the coming camp-meeting. Yours in Christ,

F. M. FAIRCHILD,
B. L. HOUSE.

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"YE are the light of the world."

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Camp-meeting, August 10-21,
Mansfield, Ohio.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

BROTHER KENNETH R. HAUGHEY spent Sabbath and Sunday with friends in Academia.

BROTHER JAMES E. SHULTZ and wife are entertaining a fine nine pound boy, who took up his residence with them July 26.

ELDER BURKHOLDER spent last Sabbath with the company at Zanesville. He reports a good work being done there by Brother F. H. Henderson, and thinks a church may soon be organized.

BROTHER FLOYD E. GIBSON occupied the pulpit of the Mount Vernon church Sabbath, July 29, and gave a timely discourse, taking for his text Eph. 5:14. He made an earnest plea that the people of God arouse, and live what they profess in a way that will cause those with whom they associate to realize the truthfulness of their profession. In this way every believer can preach sermons daily, that will be effective.

A CARD OF THANKS.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Through your columns we desire to extend our sincere thanks to the sisters of the Newark church who headed the movement, and all others who have joined with them, in contributing bedding and other necessary articles to the Ohio Conference for the entertainment of general laborers at the annual camp-meeting. You have supplied us well. May the Lord bless you all and prosper you in every good work.

H. H. BURKHOLDER,
In behalf of the Conf. Com.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE forty-fourth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Mansfield, Richland Co., August 10-21, 1905. The first meeting of the session will be held Friday, August 11, at 10 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time, on the Fair Ground at Mansfield, Richland Co. The first meeting will be held Monday, August 14, 1905, at 11:30 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon College on the Fair Grounds at Mansfield, Richland Co., Tuesday, August 15 at 10 A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. E. WELCH, *Sec.*

Do not forget we will have a good supply of books, tracts, etc., at the camp-meeting. Come prepared to take away a number of these to distribute among your neighbors and friends. The usual discount will be allowed. We will have a few soiled and slightly damaged books. First come, first served.

MUSIC AT CAMP-MEETING.

IT is our desire to make the music at our camp-meeting this year better than ever. We shall have a choir, but it is not the intention that the choir shall do all the singing. We are anxious that the congregational singing shall eclipse all other meetings. We therefore would urge, as far as possible, that every one expecting to attend the meetings provide themselves with "Hymns and Tunes" and "Christ in Song." A few instruments of music will also be a great help. Those who can assist in this manner should consider it a blessed privilege to bring them.

HENRY DE FLUTER.

LABORERS FROM ABROAD WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND OUR CAMP-MEETING.

WE are prepared to announce that Elder and Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth, late missionaries from Australia and England; Elder I. H. Evans of Washington, D. C.; Elder Allen Moon of

Indianapolis, Ind., President of the L. U. Conference; Elder F. C. Gilbert of South Lancaster, Mass., a converted Jew, whose ability as a public speaker is second to none; Elder J. B. Blosser, Field Secretary of the Lake Union Conference; Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Sec. of the L. U. Conference; Evangelist Luther Warren of Chicago; and Elder W. C. Colcord, Secretary of the Religious Liberty Bureau of Washington, D. C. will attend the camp-meeting.

The presence of these tried and faithful servants of God will greatly add to the interest of the meetings. Their words of counsel, instruction, and admonition will strengthen the faith, courage, and hope of all.

THE CAMPMEETING DAILY PROGRAM.

(Standard Time.)

Rising Bell.....	5:00 A. M.
Bell rings five minutes before every appointed hour and on the appointed hours.	
Youths' Meetings.....	5:30 A. M.
Devotional Services.....	5:30 A. M.
Breakfast.....	7:00 A. M.
District Meetings.....	8:00 A. M.
Children's Meetings.....	8:00 A. M.
General Meetings.....	10:00 A. M.
Conference Laborers'.....	11:30 A. M.
Dinner.....	12:30 P. M.
Preaching.....	3:00 P. M.
Children's Meetings.....	5:30 P. M.
Youths' Meetings.....	5:30 P. M.
Preaching.....	7:30 P. M.
Warning bell for silence..	9:00 P. M.
Silence bells.....	9:25 P. M.
	9:30 P. M.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath-school.....	9:00 A. M.
Preaching.....	10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Preaching.....	10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M., 7:30 P. M.
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CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending July 21, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—Great Controversy: 28 hours; value of orders, \$6.75; helps, \$1; total, \$7.75.

Raleigh French, Franklin Co.—Bible Readings: 14 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$5.50; total, \$23.50.

Frank Potts, Pickaway Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$49; helps, \$1.25; total, \$50.25.

John I. Hughey, Champaign Co.—Coming King: 43 hours; value of orders, \$33; helps, \$.50; total, \$33.50.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$4.25; deliveries, \$22.