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

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Thy neighbor?—It is he whom thou
Hast power to aid and bless,
Whose aching heart or burning brow
Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor?—'Tis the fainting poor
Whose eye with want is dim,
Whom hunger sends from door to door!
Go thou, and succor him.

Thy neighbor?—'Tis that weary man,
Whose years are at their brim,
Bent low with sickness, cares, and pain!
Go thou, and comfort him.

Thy neighbor?—'Tis the heart bereft
Of every earthly gem;
Widow and orphan, helpless left!
Go thou, and shelter them.

Thy neighbor?—Yonder toiling slave,
Fettered in thought and limb,
Whose hopes are all beyond the grave!
Go thou, and ransom him.

Where'er thou meet'st a human form
Less favored than thine own,
Remember 'tis thy neighbor worn,
Thy brother, or thy son.

Oh, pass not, pass not heedless by;
Perhaps thou canst redeem
The breaking heart from misery!
Go, share thy lot with him.

—Selected.

INSEIN, BURMAH.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: No longer can I refrain from writing to you about the grand experience I am having in telling the good news of Jesus and his love.

As you all know, we were sent to Burmah and told to get the language, and become acclimated the first year. The Burmans are Buddhists, and as yet I have not talked with them very much. They belong to the Mongolian race, and are a very proud people,—will not work if they can get any one else to do it—this fact or condition has caused thousands of natives to come across the bay to take up the servile work, for which they are better paid here than in India proper.

The poor native is down-trodden by both the Europeans and Burmans. God has kept me most tender and merciful towards these poor souls, who know very little good, and consider it their privilege to steal, lie, and cheat. Upon seeing how these

precious ones were neglected, I resolved to work for them while studying the Burmese language, and accordingly began praying for guidance from God.

The native every where around us, being delighted to learn English, often implores some one to teach him; for if he knows English he can secure better pay for his labors. The applications for "scholar-ship" in my beginning class were over-whelmingly large in numbers, and I could only promise a few; even this being a monstrous undertaking when you consider that I knew not a word of their language and they nothing of mine. I had picked up a few words in Hindi while in Calcutta, our first month out, and most of the natives can speak this dialect besides their own tongue. There are several hundred dialects in India. This deploring condition did not discourage us, because we both had strong desires. You wonder how we managed, don't you?

Well, we began by touching objects around us, and they would name it in their language and I would repeat the English name, thus we both learned. I have had this class two months, and two young men are progressing wonderfully well. One can read the English primer and by the time you receive this will have gone nearly through the second book. He prints and spells each word and tells the meaning in three languages. The two young men above mentioned, are also members of my Sabbath-school, which I hold at my home every Sabbath, while the rest of the people go to Rangoon to our nice, new meeting hall, and have Sabbath-school with the Burmese and English Sabbath keepers. Of course for this work I have a good interpreter who is a help in more than one way. Not a member of the class ever heard of God and Jesus before.

We have had such good times together, and their faith is sweet and simple. It would rejoice your hearts to see their faces and hear their eager tones as we talk about the true God and our Saviour. My pupils very often, during the week, ask me to teach them to read God's word. We talk a great deal by signs. Soon they shall

be able to read the Bible and I pray God will glean from these efforts some workers. Many missionaries have practiced giving out pice (one pice is a half cent) to every native that came to Sunday-school; but feeling and knowing there is a blessing in giving, I have encouraged them to bring one pice each, and they take delight in it.

CAROLYN HARDING VOTAW.

(To be continued.)

THE SUNDAY ISSUE AT MANSFIELD.

A LIVELY discussion is now on between the citizens of Mansfield over the question of Sunday desecration. The Ministerial Association of the City have taken it upon themselves to see that the good people of Mansfield show more respect for Sunday in the future.

The thing most desired at present by these Reverend gentlemen is, that the running of the "merry-go-round," the open swimming pool, and the prospect of the roller coaster, which is now in process of construction at Luna Park, be closed to the public on Sunday.

A divided sentiment exists among the citizens over this question. When this matter was laid before the mayor by a committee of clergymen asking for his approval and co-operation in their work, he stated that there was no City ordinance bearing upon the matter. One of the ministers said they were aware that there was no City ordinance but there was a statute bearing upon the subject.

The mayor, who is a broad minded, level headed man, put the question to the committee as to whether they thought it would be better for the morals of the working men and children of Mansfield to go to Cedar Point, Put-in-bay, Toledo, or Sandusky on Sunday, where the saloons and drinking places are all running full blast, or to allow them to go to the park here on Sunday where they could get nothing but well water. The mayor seemed to think that it was no worse to ride on a merry-go-round than on the street car on Sunday, or hire a horse and buggy, or automobile and go dashing through the streets and parks.

This issue is being thoroughly agitated through the City papers. *The News*, the leading daily of the City, is decidedly against the movement and stands for Christian liberty on all questions of religious belief.

May the Lord grant that our annual camp-meeting, which is soon to be held at this place, may be the means of giving the light God would be pleased to confer upon the people of Mansfield and community.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Clyde.

SABBATH, July 1, we spent with the church at Clyde. This was at one time, perhaps, the largest Seventh-day Adventist church in the State. But though the unceasing efforts of Satan to hinder the cause of the Master and destroy souls, this church has surely had its share of trouble and discouragement. A spirit of fanaticism, the like of which is seldom ever seen, has existed here for years. Conditions became such that a little over a year ago the church by vote disbanded. Following this a new organization was effected with gratifying results. With a present membership of forty-eight, the greater part of which are sound on all points of the faith, the work is steadily advancing. Order and quiet having been restored, we see manifested, by the true believers, a real burden to see the reproach of the past removed, and confidence again restored in the church, called of God, to give the last Message of saving truth.

Faithfulness in the payment of tithes and offerings is an encouraging feature of the work since the re-organization. The house of worship, a large substantial frame structure, has been newly papered and varnished on the inside, and is, in the near future, to receive a much needed coat of paint on the outside. We are always glad to see the people of God keeping their place of worship clean and neat, and in making it attractive.

The present cool-headed officers are united in their work, and have decided on a course of action which we believe will soon free them from the troublesome element that has made such a determined effort to get control.

At the close of the forenoon service the writer administered the ordinance of baptism to three candidates, two adults and one bright little girl. These united with the church, and in the afternoon services joined in the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house.

The Holy Spirit's presence in all the meetings of the day made it an occasion of refreshing to the church, and we believe that brighter days are in store for the faithful at this place, if they will do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with their Ghd.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Columbiana.

WE commenced our meetings at this place June 6, but on account of storm, and cold, and other reasons, our attendance was very small, but soon commenced to increase, although we have not had a large number present at any time. We are glad to report that a few (besides the transient) are coming to every meeting, and are deeply interested in the truths presented.

We are now presenting the testing truths, but the attendance is on the increase. We would ask the dear brethren to remember us at the throne of grace.

C. C. WEBSTER,
F. E. GIBSON.

La Grange.

JUNE 17, and 18, I spent in company with Elder H. H. Burkholder in La Grange. Previous arrangement had been made for baptism and accordingly we found every thing in readiness for the service. Although the weather had been very threatening, yet Sabbath morning was all that could be desired, and we found that several persons had come from a distance to be with us at the meeting.

We found that through the efforts of the church school and the church elder, Brother C. A. Merriam, a fine company of young people had been thoroughly instructed in the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and were ready to follow their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. These were all members of the church school, and it showed the good work that may be done by such schools, when all are united in the one great effort of saving our youth and children. We could not but wish that every church was awake and doing its duty in this respect. Why, I ask, should we as a denomination, be losing two-thirds of our youth every year? Why should this number that we have lost, exceed the number brought in from the world by the combined efforts of our workers? This question will have to be answered by us in the great day of reckoning.

Elder Burkholder spoke Sabbath forenoon on the Importance of Baptism, and after a short meeting in the afternoon for the examination of the

candidates, we all repaired to the river. There, as we stood on its beautiful sloping banks, it was our privilege to witness one of the most impressive scenes of our lives. Elder Burkholder performed the service, and buried eleven dear souls in a watery grave that they might arise to walk in newness of life. Four more will be baptized later.

Sabbath evening it was my privilege to speak to the youth and adults of this church, endeavoring to show the necessity of unitedly working for the Master.

As I looked into the hopeful faces of these new recruits for the army of Jesus, I could but think, what a power can such a company be for good. What a work now opens before them. What rejoicing there must be in heaven as the angels witness these new reserves marching on the field to fill the fastly thinning ranks. Truly may we see as a response to the call for workers, a troop of active, zealous, consecrated young people come marching on the field. Already may we see the banners of Jesus arising, and an army for him advancing. Let us catch the spirit of inspiration, and throwing our whole souls into the work for this generation, ADVANCE.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

THE Sabbath-school at Hamler held a convention as outlined in the VISITOR. The services opened by singing "Toiling On," after which Brother C. H. Punches offered prayer. The congregation then read Psalm 34, in concert. After a recitation by Miss Mable Rayle, the Superintendent led in the consideration of the first subject. After a brief discussion the children sang a song which was much enjoyed by those present.

In the consideration of the remaining subjects, those who presented them enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord, and the discussions were both encouraging and helpful, if put into execution.

The children took part with songs and recitations, which added to the enjoyment of all present. At the close of the meeting a collection was taken up.

Many of the brethren live several miles in the country, and as the weather was very inclement, all took their dinners to the church. At noon these were spread on tables in the Kindergarten room, and while these temporal blessings were partaken of, afforded opportunity for friendly interchange of experiences in the Christian life.

We pray that the Lord will greatly bless our efforts to the good of all.

MRS. LOUISA PUNCHES, Sec.

Cincinnati.

WE began our tent meetings at College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, June 2. We had many rainy evenings and much prejudice to contend with. Our attendance was very small the first week, about twenty-five being an average. The Second week we advertised the Sabbath question, and our congregations increased. We were pleased to see a still larger attendance during the third week; our average attendance during the third and fourth weeks being about sixty. Our Sunday evening attendance was from 125 to 150. This is considered a large church attendance for College Hill.

While we did not accomplish what we had hoped, we have the privilege of seeing four adults take their stand for the truth. There are other interested ones whom we hope to see with us soon. The work will be followed up with cottage meetings.

Elder Kirkendall returns to Academia to recuperate by manual labor before the school year begins, and Brethren Redfield and Pedicord will pitch again at Mount Healthy, beginning about July 7.

M. C. KIRKENDALL,
C. A. PEDICORD.

Children of Isreal of old, "all that the Lord hath said we will do." How quickly the Message would go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people as a witness, and then the end would come.

O, let each one who profess to possess Christianity, arise and shine and "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." There is victory ahead of us, and we may have a part in it if we will only "behold the Lamb of God" and clasp hold of his hand and follow him. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and as for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds, that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." O, I long for that glad day when sin and sorrow will be wiped away, and Jesus shall reign.

F. E. GIBSON.

GLEANINGS FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Queries No. 3.

1. WHAT is the chief requisite for success in establishing a church school?

A spirit of union and good fellowship. Disunion cherished in the hearts of a few will communicate itself to others and undo the influence for good that would be exerted by the school.

2. Should we never establish schools until every member is in perfect harmony with the undertaking?

If we waited for this, few, if any schools would be established. However there should be a practical union.

3. When a church believes it should have a school, what are the duties of the elder?

a. He should call a meeting in which the matters of importance should be considered and a vote taken for the school.

b. He should write to the president of the conference, or to the educational secretary, and ask for help and counsel in organization.

4. When the help from the conference arrives, what shall be done?

Another meeting must be called; an earnest season of prayer for wisdom should be held, and a school board elected.

5. In selecting the members of the board, what traits of character should be made a test?

Piety, financial ability, good common sense, and experience and interest in school affairs.

6. When the board has been elected what help should they receive from the church?

The church should give the board its hearty support, and aid by their prayers and suggestions.

7. Is criticism a privilege of the church?

School, teacher, or board should never be criticized publicly, and NEVER before their children.

8. Should there be nothing good to say for the school, which is rarely the case, what can be done to keep from criticizing?

Say nothing, pray earnestly, but do nothing to discourage.

RUTH C. SWEET.

"EVERY evil and wasteful habit draws upon our strength and resources without making any proper return. On the other hand, every task faithfully done, every responsibility manfully borne in the path of duty, steadies us like well-bestowed ballast. There are loads that help as well as loads that hinder. The first we should cheerfully take up and the latter resolutely cast off."

Columbiana.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: I believe that this camp-meeting will prove to be the best ever held in the State. We should pray for that end. I believe that it will be the best, for the time has come when God's people will take an advance step, and go forward with the work which the Lord has entrusted to them.

What little light do the people of the world behold, and how little do they understand the things of God. How thankful we ought to be for the light the Lord has given us, and for the desire to do God's will, and to carry on his work proclaiming the last warning Message to the dying world.

Surely we are living in a time of sin and wickedness; misery and distress among the people of the world. In a time when people are hungering for the Truth and seeking after it. In a time when we go to a place and pitch our tent, but do not see the interest taken in the meetings by the majority of the people, like we used to a few years ago. The people of the world are becoming more and more like they were back in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. They are waxing worse and worse all the time, just as the Bible has said. If there ever was a time when we as a people ought to arise and shine, it is now. We should say as the

Frazesburg.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: We began our meetings in this place June 29, with a good attendance. We were delayed very much in our meetings on account of waiting for a new fly for our tent, but we trust that God will help us to get the Message before the people of this place before camp-meeting.

We were somewhat hindered when we first came here, because the town was in the midst of a temperance campaign; but the Lord turned it to our good, and we were invited to speak on the question, and we had the tent full to hear us preach on this stirring topic, and it gave us favor with the people.

We are preaching to a younger generation that has arisen since Elders St. John, Oscar Guilford, William Cottrell, Watson Cottrell, and J. R. Puritan labored here in 1876, twenty-nine years ago. The Lord is blessing us as we visit the homes of this town, and place the printed page before them. Pray for us that God may give us souls for our hire. Yours in Christ,

FRED M. FAIRCHILD,
B. L. HOUSE.

"FAITHFULNESS or neglect in what are apparently the smallest duties, may open the door for life's richest blessings or its greatest calamities."

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

MISS DAISIE MITCHELL of Academia is visiting friends in Columbus.

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

BROTHER FRED HENDERSON writes of the work in Zanesville: "Two more are keeping the Sabbath since I last reported through your columns. Six are now obeying from my personal work.

IT is desired that all C. O. L. custodians remit all money on hand immediately, that it may be paid to the College before Camp-meeting.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

THAT there may be no mistake about Representation at the next annual Conference, I will call attention to Article IV of our present Constitution:

"a. All ordained ministers, with all others in the employ of the Conference, and one delegate from each local church, with one delegate for each fifteen members of the churches severally, shall constitute the representation in the Conference sessions.

"b. The delegates representing the local churches shall be elected, and the church shall certify the same, sending the names of the delegates to the Recording Secretary of the Conference."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE forty-fourth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Mansfield, Richland Co., Augus 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.*

COLLEGE NOTES.

OVER a thousand College Calendars have already been distributed. Have you received one?

AN excellent crop of rye is now being harvested on the College land, and the seeding of timothy and clover is fine.

IF interested in a thorough Christian training for service in the Third Angel's Message, you are invited to consider the advantages offered at Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

PREPARATIONS are now being made to entertain the Baptist people, who use the College dormitories during their annual Assembly at Lake Hiawatha Park. Their meeting this year will be held from July 25 to August 4.

THE work of the Summer School will soon be in the past. While the numbers have been few, the work is proving intensely interesting and practical. It is altogether probable that the Summer School idea will continue as a feature of Mount Vernon College.

THE outlook for the school is very encouraging. Inquiries for information, and requests for Calendars are coming from many states and places beyond the borders of Ohio, and we have reason to believe that room will be at a premium early in the year. We would suggest the advisability of all those expecting to attend in the fall, to make definite arrangements for rooms soon.

MUSIC and Art have been given a place in the College plan that they may fulfill their divinely appointed purpose. Faithful, conscientious instructors, who love God and his work for fallen man, are in charge of these departments; thus the work, while in

no sense cheapened, will be adapted to definite preparation for service. Give your sons and your daughters a share in these accomplishments.

BEING desirous of closing up all Academy business as early as possible, in order to transfer all accounts necessary to the College books, we are sending final statements to all our patrons still owing the Academy, asking them to settle the accounts at once, if possible, and suggesting that, if need be, the money be borrowed elsewhere, and sent to the school. We are sure that the loyalty of the friends of this institution will prompt them to do this wherever possible. Let us hear from all without delay, and thus hasten the Lord's work in the earth.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending June 30, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—Great Controversy: 53 hours; value of orders, \$49; helps, \$2; total, \$51.

Raleigh French, Madison Co.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$61.

C. E. Weaks, Athens Co.—Bible Readings: 21 hours; value of orders, \$49.25; helps, \$1.75; total, \$51.

Kittie M. Halstead, East Liverpool. Desire of Ages and Daniel and Revelation; value of orders, \$5.75.

Robert Frost, Athens Co.—Bible Readings and Coming King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$39.50; helps, \$3.25; total, \$42.75; cash sales, \$1.

William Campbell*, Massillon.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$29; deliveries, \$26.

L. R. Williams†, Shelby Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$33.50; helps, \$4.35; total, \$37.75; deliveries, \$2.50.

Bradley W. Rayle, Madison Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$132.50.

Frank Potts, Madison Co.—Coming King: 4 hours; value of deliveries, \$20.

Samuel C. Groff, Athens Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$18.50; helps, \$2; total, \$20.50.

John I. Hughey, Champaign Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$40; helps, \$1.75; total, \$41.75.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 46 hours; value of orders, \$61.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$65.25.

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

*For two weeks.

†Gor week ending June 23.