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"OCCUPY TILL I COME."

Luke 19:13.

"Occupy," this word means to keep for use, to employ, to use.

Over many of the beautiful and important truths taught by our Saviour is thrown the veil of parable, requiring much effort to bring to the surface the jewels of truth hidden away in their measureless depths.

The sweetest to us are those fruits we obtain by careful search, and gather one by one as we discover them hidden beneath the covering nature weaves over them.

Thus, he who searches these parables is rewarded by new and striking views of God's dealings with poor sinful fallen man, to deliver him from sin and shame, and exalt him to a place with himself in power and glory.

This parable holds an important lesson, and especially so for the children of God in this generation, for now as then, some will follow the counsels of God, while others will trust to their own reasonings. "There is a way that seemeth to be right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death".

The nobleman who represents Christ could not take his servants with him, they must remain to hold the territory and his goods until his return. There were to remain among his avowed foes, who openly declared they would never submit to his authority. A perilous position in which to place them, but one which afforded an opportunity to test their loyalty to

him, and their ability to occupy positions of honor in the prospective kingdom. So, calling his servants together, he divided his treasure among them with the instruction, "Occupy till I come".

From the dawn of creation man has been called to bear responsibilities. At the first his loyalty and ability was tested to prove his right to the tree of life and to dominion.

The unalterable fiat follows to the end, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city".

The exalted place occupied by the Lord Jesus is the result of faithful service and unwavering loyalty to his Father, for he said: "I have kept my Father's commandments and always do those things that are pleasing in his sight." And in heaven is sung: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing".

Faithfulness always brings its reward, and each responsibility, faithfully discharged, is a stepping stone to a higher and more important station.

The nobleman is soon to return. Dear reader, if you are his servant, this parable means much to you. There are blessings and honors for the faithful servant.

Remember the condition: "Occupy till I come".
J. B. Scott.

THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION AT MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Wednesday, July 10.

MARY COOK.

10:00 A. M. Address of Welcome—Allen Moon. Responses: G. B. Thompson, Frederick Griggs. Organization, selections of committees, etc.

3:30 P. M. Paper, "Our Mission to the World"—A. G. Daniells. Discussion led by G. A. Irwin and H. H. Burkholder.

7:30 P. M. Address, "Providence in Modern Missions"—W. A. Spicer.

Thursday, July 11.

6:00 A. M. Talk, "Jesus"—C. C. Lewis.

8:00 A. M. Devotional exercises, led by J. E. Schultz.

9:15 A. M. Paper, "The Training of State and Local Leaders of Young People's Work: the Possibilities of Our Young People when Organized for Service"—M. E. Kern. Discussion,

led by Luther Warren and Miss Mary Cook.

10:45 A. M. "Our Young People and Bible Study"—B. G. Wilkinson. Discussion led by Meade MacQuire and S. M. Butler.

2:30 P. M. Paper, "Facilities for Finishing the Work"—M. N. Campbell. Discussion led by O. J. Graf.

4:00 P. M. Reports of committees.

7:30 P. M. "Our Young People and Prayer"—Luther Warren.

After our long, tiresome journeys we were all glad to assemble in a large tent out on the pretty campus of Mt. Vernon College. The hills and dales, lawns and groves surrounding the school give one a sense of restfulness that all appreciate as we come aside into the quiet of this spot for earnest and prayerful consideration of the greatest work in the world today, that of our young people in giving the Third Angel's Message.

Elder Moon was not present at the first meeting and the address of Welcome was read by Elder Burkholder, President of the Ohio Conference. The spirit of his cordial greeting has been manifested in every way by those in the work here.

In his response Elder Moon emphasized the fact that the one object of the work in the three departments, the Young People's work, the Primary and Sabbath-school work, is to "harness the energy of our youth for the spreading of the gospel." Professor Griggs illustrated the need of the army of our youth today by the steam engine. Though perfect in all its appointments, it needs the steam to set it in motion. It must have, too, the guidance of man's intelligence. So with our youth; though every talent, every qualification is theirs, they need the vitalizing power of God's spirit to rouse them to action. No less do they need the mind of Jesus to guide them aright.

In the afternoon, Elder Daniells stirred our hearts to deeper resolve as he put before us the needs of the great "field beyond" and plead for men and women to preach the message, the Third Angel's Message, clean cut, plain and definite.

He asked this question: "Are we justified in abandoning **everything** to this one undertaking?" Until a young man or woman has forever settled this in mind and heart, no successful work can be done.

Young people of Wisconsin, have you settled this question? It meant **everything** to our Saviour to redeem us. We are "saved to serve". It will mean **everything** to us, to serve acceptably and to gain salvation.

Elder Daniells spoke at some length and with intense earnestness of the importance of teaching the Sanctuary truths. This, he declared, should be one of the very first subjects presented in our tent meetings.

"Our Youth", he stated, "have the most definite mission of any in all the world". "Their energy can be directed straight at one work and held there." "Our men of years cannot go out to endure the privations incident to the work in foreign fields. That work must be done by a younger class of people. They can do it and we must encourage them to do it."

In the evening Elder Warren spoke on the subject for July 11, as Elder Spicer had not yet arrived. As he impressed upon us the importance of much prayer, of earnest prayer, and of working while we pray, we all recognized God's call to a more solemn work. We were admonished to "pray more and talk less." As he cited the wonderful providences of God in caring for our people in the recent Kingston disaster, in train wrecks, in perils by land and by sea, he called upon us, in the words of the Spirit of Prophecy, to "**Hurry, hurry, hurry.**"

Have we time for anything that does directly concern the work of this message? Elder Warren, when a mere boy, asked Elder James White, "Is it right to play croquet?" His only answer was, "Time is short, Time is short."

My brother, my sister, let these words burn themselves into your very soul and let them forever answer every temptation that may come to spend time and energy except in the giving of this message.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Our paper sellers are getting along very well with their work.

Elder W. W. Stebbins reports the baptism of two at Janesville.

Sister Flora Randall enjoyed a few day's visit at her home last week.

The brethren at Chippewa Falls report good meetings with an increasing attendance.

Are you going to Camp-meeting this year? Begin laying your plans now.

Sister John Armitage reports the attendance at the Fort Atkinson tent meetings increasing.

Brother Louis Drews reports the work as progressing nicely at Manitowoc. They are all of good courage.

Elder N. P. Nielsen is now located at Volga, S. D. instead of Lake Preston. He reports the work making good progress.

Sister Sarah Ketchum, of Irma, expects to go to Tunnel City to visit her daughter. She will continue doing all she can for the Master while there.

Not wishing to surprise our delinquents, we take this opportunity to tell them that we will make them a present of a blue mark in the near future.

Sister Bertha Cass of Wausau, has come to Oshkosh and will connect with the work here. She has been attending the summer school at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Elder J. S. Shrock held quarterly services at the Oshkosh church last Sabbath. He remained in the city for several days giving Bible readings wherever the opportunity presented.

Sister Anna M. Jensen writes us that she is canvassing Rhinelander for our periodicals and has taken quite a number of orders. "The printed page shall fall as the autumn leaves".

Sister Lizzie M. Keat has gone to Eau Claire to canvass for the "Seer of Patmos" and some of our small books. We ask all to remember Sister Keat in prayer that she may be able to accomplish much for the dear Lord.

Mrs. William Daly, 401 Linden Avenue, Fond du Lac, would like German and English papers for free distribution. Sister Daly keeps the Wisconsin Central depot at Fond du Lac supplied and so can always find use for our papers.

MADISON SANITARIUM NEWS ITEMS.

Brother John Steinel of Milwaukee spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the Sanitarium. He brought Brother F. W. Wichman to this place for treatment. We are sorry to see Brother Wichman so poorly.

Elder H. R. Johnson and Brother A. J. Olsen stopped at the Sanitarium Tuesday as they were passing through the city.

Those who became acquainted with Willie Smith while at the Sanitarium will be glad to know that, in a recent letter from his mother, she states that Willie is enjoying good health, is growing fleshy, and is canvassing for one of our books and meeting with success.

Dr. C. P. Farnsworth operated on three individuals last Thursday. At this writing they are doing nicely.

Elder McReynolds and Warren Stilson brought the latter's father to the Sanitarium Tuesday evening. Brother Stilson was in quite a critical condition but at this time we have bright hopes for his recovery.

Brother Lyman Fox, whom the **Reporter** readers will remember as being in such a critical condition during the holidays and who underwent an operation, writes that he is real well and working hard. His photograph testifies to his good health.

Brother Rupert Babcock has returned to the Sanitarium because of the closing up of the Superior treatment rooms.

A few tents have been pitched on the Sanitarium lawn to accommodate the over-flow of patients.

Sister Louise Perrine of Ripon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin, who is a patient at the Sanitarium.

Miss Margie Murry of Cazenovia has come to enter upon the work of the Nurses' Training class. We are glad to welcome these dear young people to this work and wish them success as they prepare themselves for service of the Heavenly Medical Missionary.

Miss Rose Abbott of Plainfield is spending a little time with the Sanitarium family. She is the guest of her sister Alzadia Abbott.

Sister Alan Galbraith of Big Springs is spending a few days at the Sanitarium visiting her husband. Dr. C. P. Farnsworth thought best not to operate on his limb at this time.

Sister Mildred Wood, one of our former nurses, brought a patient to the Sanitarium Friday. We were pleased to greet Mildred again. She is engaged in treatment room work at Winona, Minn., and is doing an excellent work. Brother and Sister Muckije and wife of India are associated with her. Our people will remember Sister Muckije as Miss Grace Kellogg who went from Ripon to India as a self-supporting missionary. She has returned to regain her health.

Brethren John Armitage and Frank Halder-son, two of our faithful canvassers, will spend Sabbath and Sunday for a few weeks with us at the Sanitarium while canvassing in this vicinity.

The new arrivals at the Sanitarium this week were Mrs. W. J. Baker and daughter, Helen, Janesville; Mr. E. E. Odell, Wonewoc; Brother Alan Galbraith, Big Springs; Mr. W. Best, Madison; Mrs. E. A. Metoxen, Kaukauna; Mr. C. B. Stilson, Bethel; Mrs. Rose Lee, Twin Bluffs; Brother F. W. Wichman, Milwaukee; Mrs. Retta Johnson, Evansville; Mrs. Jennie Tearse, Winona, Minn.; Mrs. Eva Frenchen, Evansville; Mrs. Roberts, Madison.

July 13, 1907.

H. D. D.

FROM OUR WORKERS.

Valley, July 7.

I arrived at Kendall, June 21. After studying the field we decided to hold a few meetings. These were commenced the 25th and closed the 29th with an increasing interest and attendance each evening.

I returned to Valley June 29 where I met Brother Petersen July 2. We visited as many as possible, and then laid plans for the Dell quarterly meeting. Four of our company at Valley attended the meeting at Dell. Many of the members of the Starr church also attended.

The Spirit of the Lord came very near, and blessed in our meetings. We had Sabbath-school and preaching service in the morning. Preaching in the afternoon was followed by the quarterly services.

All are of good courage and are anxious to press the battle to the gates. **M. H. Serns.**

Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

The pleasures of the Fourth of July took the place in the minds of quite a number that were becoming interested in the truths of the Bible. It took a few evenings to get our audience back. We held right on in good courage and sought God for help. We are now in the midst of the testing truths of the message. What appears to be a two or three days storm is upon us which is affecting the attendance. The weather has been wet much of the time so far, but the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet, (Nah. 1:3), and so we will take courage from what seems to be against the work. We can report some interest and a fair attendance.

Brother A. J. Olsen called to see us for which we are thankful. Sister Phoebe Armitage is selling the Signs in the city, keeping herself fully identified with the company of workers and advertising the subjects to be presented. This works well in connection with tent work and is a good help. Pray for us.

C. W. Olds,
W. W. Stebbins,
J. T. Miller,
Olive Olds.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., July 5, 1907.

We began the tent meeting here Friday evening, June 28. As yet we have had no large audiences, presumably on account of much attention being given to the Fourth. As we have advertised quite freely we hope to have larger numbers out to the meetings from now on.

Those who have attended so far manifested quite an interest, some buying books and tracts. Bible studies are being given the interested ones in their homes.

Last evening we were visited by a very heavy electrical storm with considerable wind and rain. It was so severe we felt it necessary to let down the large tent. However, the Lord preserved us from damage of any kind for which we are deeply grateful. Brethren pray for the work here, that we may have wisdom to so conduct the work as to win souls.

Yours for the Master,

Byron Post,
S. Swinson,
Rufus Wangerin.

FROM THE FIELD.

La Farge, July 10.

The Starr church met in quarterly meeting at Dell, Sabbath July 6. Elder F. F. Petersen and Brother M. H. Serns were present, also Brother George Klement from Ft. Atkinson, Wis. There were a large number of our own members present, including some who had not had the privilege of attending quarterly meet-

ing for years. Two sermons were enjoyed during the day, one a stirring talk on the nearness of the Second Coming of Christ, and the other along practical lines by Elder Petersen.

Four new members were taken into the church, three by letter from the La Crosse church, and one by profession of faith. Others are awaiting baptism and will unite with the church later.

The ordinances were celebrated and all returned home feeling refreshed and strengthened for the various and trying duties of life. A few from our church expect to attend Camp-meeting.

Gertrude Norris, Church Clerk.

OBITUARIES.

Olin—Sister Narcisa Olin fell asleep at Orange, Wis., June 18, 1907, aged 71 years, 5 months and one day.

She was married to Matthew Olin, October 4, 1858, who, loyal to the old flag, served his country during the Civil War. Returning home at its close, they have lived together until separated by the hand of death.

Their union resulted in the birth of eight children, of whom four children with the sorrowing husband survive her.

Sister Olin was born at Perry, Maine. She was a faithful member of the Orange church, having embraced the truth years ago. She was beloved by all, and her death will be lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Words of comfort to the mourning ones were spoken by the writer.

J. B. Scott.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Week ended July 5, 1907.

AGENT AND TERRITORY	BOOK	HRS.	ORDERS	VAL.	HELPS	TOT
Frank Halderson, Dane Co.	G. C.	29	10	27.00	2.25	29.25
Edwin Crawford, Wood Co.	C. K.	32	3	3.00	.75	3.75
Albert Carlson, Wood Co.	G. C.	21	1	3.40	.40	3.90
Harry Dahl, Adams C. K. & G. C.		25	8	15.50	2.25	17.75
Jno. Armitage, Dane & Jeff. G. C.		22	3	7.50	.50	8.00
Louis Halswick, LaFayette H. H.		21	1	2.50	.50	3.00
E. R. Brigham, Iowa Co. H. H.		24	10	27.00	2.20	29.20
Flora Randall, Oshkosh		18			8.95	8.95
Mrs. Jno. Armitage, Ft. Atkinson		16			4.00	4.00
Total.....		208	36	86.00	21.80	107.80

WANTED.

A woman to take charge of a home. Three in family. Can have Sabbath-keeper's privileges. Address Mrs. Lizzie Diedrick, 275 Washington Street, Janesville, Wis.

PAPERS WANTED.

Wanted for missionary work: Signs, Watchman, Life-Boat, Hausfreund, and Danish, Jewish, and Hungarian papers by R. C. Wirth, Highland Springs, Virginia.

Wanted—At once, a good farm hand to make twenty-five acres of hay. Am alone and must have help. Apply to Mrs. M. Boettcher, Moon, Wisconsin.