

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"Love to God is the very foundation of religion. To engage in his service merely from hope of reward or fear of punishment, would avail nothing. Open apostasy would not be more offensive to God than hypocrisy and mere formal worship."

MINISTERS AND PEOPLE.

PROBABLY no other book has come from our presses having as direct and explicit instruction for our people as Vol. 7 of "Testimonies for the Church." Beginning with paragraph 3 on page 18 of this book, the following instruction is given:—

Learn to Give.

"It weakens those who know the truth for our ministers to expend on them the time and talent that should be given to the unconverted. In many of our churches in the cities the minister preaches Sabbath after Sabbath, and Sabbath after Sabbath the church-members come to the house of God with no words to tell of blessings received because of blessings imparted. They have not worked during the week to carry out the instruction given them on the Sabbath. So long as church members make no effort to give to others the help given them, great spiritual feebleness must result.

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on him, not on the ministers. Let them learn to work as Christ worked. Let them join his army of workers, and do faithful service for him.

"There are times when it is fitting for our ministers to give on the Sabbath, in our churches, short discourses, full of the life and love of Christ. But the church members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath.

Relate Experiences.

"Let us remember that we are pilgrims and strangers on this earth, seeking a better country, even a heavenly. Let us work with such earnestness, such devotion, that sinners will be drawn to Christ. Those who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with him in the great, grand work of soul saving. Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sab-

bath relate their experiences. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor. When God's people see the great need of working as Christ worked for the conversion of sinners, the testimonies borne by them in the Sabbath service will be filled with power. With joy they will tell of the precious experiences they have gained in working for others.

Ministers' Work.

"Our ministers are not to spend their time laboring for those who have already accepted the truth. With Christ's love burning in their hearts, they are to go forth to win sinners to the Saviour. Beside all waters they are to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organized into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields.

"Just as soon as a church is organized let the minister set the members at work. They will need to be taught how to labor successfully. Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received. While the new converts should be taught to ask counsel from those more experienced in the work, they should also be taught not to put the minister in the place of God. Ministers are but human beings, men compassed with infirmities. Christ is the one to whom we are to look for guidance. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . full of grace and truth. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. John 1: 14, 16.

"The power of the gospel is to come upon the companies raised up, fitting them for service. Some of the new converts will be so filled with the power of God that they will at once enter the work. They will labor so diligently that they will have neither time nor disposition to weaken the hands of their brethren by unkind criticism. Their one desire will be to carry the truth to regions beyond.

"The Lord has presented before me the work that must be done in our cities. The believers in these cities can

work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to labor quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven. If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt. . . .

"Why do not believers feel a deeper, more earnest concern for those who are out of Christ? Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love.

United Efforts.

"The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by one who can not err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of others. Let them reveal Christlike forbearance and patience, speaking no hasty words, using the talent of speech to build one another up in the most holy faith. Let them labor in Christlike love for those outside the fold, forgetting self in their endeavor to help others. As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; for the Saviour says, If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven." Matt. 18: 19.

My dear brethren and sisters, the Lord speaks to us by his servant in the foregoing words. The instruction is so plain that it can not be mistaken. Very much more of like import is given in the next twenty pages following what has just been read. Every one of our people should procure this volume of the Testimonies, study it carefully and in the fear of the Lord obey its teachings.

WILLIAM COVERT.

FROM THE WORKERS.

THE COMING OF THE LORD.

(ZEPH. 1:14-18.)

THE coming of the Saviour is drawing near at hand.

We soon shall hear his trumpet sounding through the land.

He tells of signs and wonders the world may know, and then

He's coming. Yes, he's coming back again.

CHORUS.

(Matthew 24:34.)

This generation shall not pass till all things be fulfilled,

This is the blessed promise that Christ to us hath willed;

The twenty-fourth of Matthew says all things are at hand.

His coming's near, we soon shall hear his trumpet through the land.

(Mark 13:24, 25.)

The rising sun was darkened, the moon withheld her light,

The stars did fall from heaven, an awe-inspiring sight;

The earth shall reel and tremble, and fear possess all men,

For he's coming. Yes, he's coming back again.

(2 Peter 3:4; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.)

The church and world united, religion growing cold.

They say, "Since the creation, all things are as of old;"

They do not heed the warning that Christ has given them,

That he's coming. Yes, he's coming back again.

(James 5:1-7.)

The trusts are a fulfillment of his prophetic will,

The rich man growing richer, the poor man, poorer still:

Until their cries have entered the ears of Christ; but then,

He's coming. Yes, he's coming back again.

(Titus 2:12, 13.)

Oh brother, are you waiting and watching for the time

When Christ shall come in glory and majesty sublime?

Then put away your doubting, your unbelief and sin,

For he's coming. Yes, he's coming back again.

HENRY DE FLUETER.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

AS I have been attending the district meetings at different places in the State, I have been wonderfully encouraged to see the movings of the Holy Spirit among God's people. The Lord is surely reviving his people. This means much to me. It means that the Lord is preparing his people for the last great conflict just before us. Are we ready for the issue? Have we warned our neighbors sufficiently, so that the blood of souls shall not be found on our skirts?

"Where is Abel, thy brother?" "And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, what

hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." There are probably many of us who have never really understood that we are our brother's keeper; and we will be surprised when we will be called to give an account for our neighbors who have died without hope just because we have never told them of the wonderful truth we hold, or given them some of our good literature, or sold them some of our good books which would have shown them the way to salvation. Thus we have betrayed our solemn trust, the same as all other protestant churches.

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O arm of the Lord; art thou not it that hath cut Rahab and wounded the dragon?" Well, I thank the Lord that we are seeing a waking up among us. I find by going to the neighbors of our people that they are only too glad to buy our books everywhere. Let us truly awaken.

A number have decided to go out as regular canvassers; and the "Object Lesson" work begins to move with renewed strength. Some churches are very nearly done, others not so near. But it seems to me that those that have not sold their quota as yet, should get them at once, pay for them, and then sell them as providence leads the way.

G. P. GAEDE.

Bellefontaine.

DISTRICT number six met in convention at Bellefontaine, February 27 to March 1. The heavy rainfall at the beginning made it rather unfavorable for much of an attendance, for many had to drive some distance, and the roads were almost impassable. But the spirit of interest aroused at previous meetings in the churches prevailed, and a goodly number were present in spite of hindering circumstances, and this effort brought with it the spirit of success for the meeting.

Every branch of the work was freely and profitably considered. The Sabbath-school work formed a prominent place in discussion. Brother H. H. Burkholder; brother C. B. Smith, of Bellefontaine; brother G. W. Spies, of Lima; G. P. Gaede and the writer spoke at liberty upon the important features.

The canvassing work was given two sessions in which an inspiration for renewed efforts in this work was realized. Brother G. P. Gaede and G. W. Spies gave helpful instruction. The Medical Missionary work was made a very attractive feature of the convention. Sister Ella McIntyre presented a most interesting talk on the Gospel of Health, and demonstrated before the audience many valuable methods of treatment,

from which even visitors from the city received benefit. Truly this is a great factor in the gospel message.

Sunday afternoon, in our evangelistic service, we enjoyed a most copious shower of spiritual blessing. The converting power of God was manifest in an unusual degree, and victories were gained, which we trust never will be forgotten. Youth and children, fathers and mothers alike, shared in the blessings of the hour.

In all, we can but say that the meeting was a watering place in the desert of our lives, at which all who were present drank; even the strangers among us rejoiced in the refreshings. Elder Burkholder gave instruction to the church, and presented appeals to the public. The meeting closed with a Bible view of the present outlook for the soon coming end of the controversy. Courage is the word we bring.

C. A. WATKINS.

District Meeting Number Seven.

THE general meeting for this district was held at Dayton, from March 6-8, and will be long remembered by those present as a most blessed occasion. The attendance from abroad was very good, there being about twenty-five in all. The laborers present were Elders Burkholder, Smith, Watkins, Miller; B. L. House, N. S. Miller, Dr. Merritt, Bessie Russell, Hortense Howell, F. H. Henderson, G. P. Gaede, and the writer. Every branch of the work received consideration and without exception the time allotted for each subject seemed too short.

The last meeting was held Sunday night and was a blessed occasion. Four young people signified their desire to consecrate their lives to God. A general desire seemed to be manifested by all present to have a closer walk with God. All who attended expressed themselves as greatly benefitted and returned to their homes much encouraged.

W. H. GRANGER.

Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We miss your timely visits, so please come along. We are always anxious to know what is being done in the home field.

This winter we have been working a section of the city where mostly railroad people live. They seem much devoted to their own churches. While they see and assent to the truth, they are slow to move. But we have courage, knowing this is the seed sowing time, and if faithful, God will care for the results. Pray for us, dear brethren.

NELLIE M. STEVENS.
31 Butler St.

Glouster.

WE have been located at this place since March 3, and find it the hardest field to work we have yet entered. The mines are not being worked well, and those who have money do not want books. The Lord only can impress upon their hearts the words we speak to them. Their indifference sometimes makes us weary of laboring for them, and yet we rejoice that we have a part in the Lord's work, and that we can tell them of a soon coming Saviour.

There is much poverty and degradation here. Men, women, and children smoke and chew tobacco. Some can almost carry their entire household goods. Men and women often can not read, so we show them the "Gospel Primer" and tell them how they can learn to read. Pray for the work here.

MARY HUBBELL,

March 22, 1903. IDA ILES.

Lebanon and Meigs.

IT having been some time since our last report, we are thankful for the privilege of again saying to our brethren and friends that God's providential hand has been over us.

We visited the interested ones at Lebanon last week, and held four meetings with them. Some were physically unable to attend, but of good cheer, endeavoring to practice the admonition given in 1 Cor. 15:58. The people in general are calling for a tent there this spring.

Leaving Lebanon we came to McConnellsville en route to Meigs, where brother Fairchild and I had a new experience, which is not new to those acquainted with Morgan County mud.

Our only way to make the journey was to secure a saddle horse, and ride seven miles, carrying our heavy grips. While this mode of travel served to break the monotony of traveling by train, we both prefer the more rapid transit. Our time is unlimited to remain here, depending largely on the interest manifested and the condition of the roads.

At our first meeting the house was well filled. We have reason to believe that the Lord has "diamonds in the rough" among these hills of Morgan County. Dear brethren, we feel like saying to you through the VISITOR, as we cannot meet personally, let us put forth a determined effort to press the battle, by going forward with a quickened step, till victory crowns the efforts of God's servants, and we triumph through Christ.

J. O. MILLER,

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

"THE WELCOME VISITOR is like so many letters to me; I feel that I cannot get along without it."

HEALTHFUL COOKERY.

LESSON I.

Sunday Breakfast.

- Browned Rice with Poached Eggs
- Savory Potato
- Fresh Apples
- Nut Sausage
- Tomato Toast
- Stewed Raisins
- Bread and Butter

THIS meal presents good combinations, though some using fruit might have to avoid potato and egg. "We should avoid eating vegetables and fruit at the same meal. If the stomach is feeble there will be distress, and the brain will be confused."—"Healthful Living," p. 83, par. 376.

The food elements are well balanced, the nitrogenous, tissue forming egg and sausage balancing the starchy, heat and force producing rice and potato.

Though a simple meal, yet the variety of foods is too great for a single individual, and thus is provided a choice of dishes. "It would be better to eat only three or four kinds of food at one meal than to load the stomach with many varieties. Three or four dishes are plenty for one meal. At the next you can have a change."—*Id.*, p. 82, pars. 370, 371.

In the browned rice, toast (zwieback) and sausage, the starch is dextrinized and thus partially digested.

It is well that fresh fruit appear upon the table at every meal. "The more we depend upon the fresh fruit just as it is plucked from the tree, the greater will be the blessing."—"Testimony," vol. 7, p. 126.

Butter, milk, and eggs, though not the best food, may be used to supply fat and nitrogen when nut foods, etc., cannot be had. "Milk, eggs, and butter should not be classed with flesh-meat. In some cases the use of eggs is beneficial. . . . There are poor families whose diet consists largely of bread and milk. The time will soon come when there will be no safety in using eggs, milk, cream, or butter."—"Testimony," vol. 7, p. 135.

RECIPES.

Nut Sausage.

1 qt. water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of nut butter, 1 qt. zwieback crumbs, salt, sage and onion. Stir all together, and bake in large spoonfuls in an oiled pan. Serve with nut meal gravy.

Nut Meal Gravy.

1 qt. water, 2 oz. nut meal, heat to boiling, and thicken with equal parts of gluten and flour. Salt to taste.

Savory Potato.

Slice potatoes in a pan, add salt, sage, and grated onion, also water. Cover closely and slowly bake until tender.

LESSON II.

Sunday Dinner.

- Vegetable Oyster Soup with Nut Sticks
- Mashed Potato
- Nut Salmon with Lemon
- Bread
- Dates
- Barley Fruit Pudding
- Baked Beans
- Rolls
- Milk
- Canned Pears
- Orange Sauce

THOSE wishing a vegetable meal including soup or potato, or both, should avoid fruit. (See Lesson I.)

Beans and Nut Salmon are both nitrogenous, or muscle-building, and a moderate portion of either will balance the starchy potatoes. Wheat contains these elements in just the right proportion (1 part of nitrogen to about 6 parts of starch); so bread, rolls, etc., made from nearly or quite the entire kernel are considered perfect foods.

Soups containing starch and therefore requiring the action of saliva should always be eaten, not drunk. This is accomplished by eating sticks, crackers or zwieback with the soup. The free use of soups and liquid foods is, however, to be discouraged.

Rolls made $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter and baked nearly or quite to the center are for those who can masticate them far superior to soft light bread. They contain no yeast germs, have the starch partly dextrinized, and by their dryness call forth much more saliva.

RECIPES.

Vegetable Oyster Soup.

Scrape and drop into cold water 1 bunch of vegetable oysters; slice and cook in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts. boiling water. Heat 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ qts. milk and add to it 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ can of sugar corn and a small onion if liked. Simmer for 20 min., then strain into the soup kettle (reserving the corn for other purposes) and add water from the cooked oysters. Pass oysters through fine colander, add to them the yolk of one egg, 2 tablespoons (25 per cent.) gluten, or light browned flour, two tablespoons white flour, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and mix. Bring soup to a boil and drop in pieces of the oyster mixture the size of an egg. Simmer a few minutes until the oysters are cooked and rise to the top.

A more simple soup is made by adding milk to the cooked oysters and salting to taste.

Graham Rolls.

With 2 cups white flour, 2 cups graham, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cooking oil (Wesson or kornut), 1 teaspoon salt, and about 1 cup water to make a very stiff dough, kneed well, form $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rolls and sticks the size of a lead pencil, and bake.

Nut Salmon.

1 cup nut butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup strained tomato, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, 2 tablespoons corn-starch, salt. Beat well together, pour into an oiled tin can and steam 3 hours.

F. O. RAYMOND.

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SUNSET CALENDAR.

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Sabbath begins Apr. 10 at 6:34 P. M.

Sabbath begins Apr. 17 at 6:41 P. M.

Sabbath begins Apr. 24 at 6:48 P. M.

A BLUE pencil mark here means your subscription has expired. Your paper will stop with this number unless ordered otherwise.

BRETHREN J. O. MILLER, M. C. Kirkendall, W. W. Miller, and B. L. House, have been at Academia during the past week.

THE treasurer's report of total funds received for the month of March, as found in another column, is of special interest this week.

ALL who would like to see a report of the Medical Missionary Conference to be held in April, should send twenty-five cents at once for a year's subscription to the *Medical Missionary*, in which the report will be published.

WE are glad to present in this issue the first two of the promised lessons on Healthful Cookery. The sisters will especially appreciate these helpful suggestions and practical recipes from the pen of an experienced cook.

DR. RUTH MERRITT has organized a class of ladies here for the study of practical nursing in the home. A good interest attends the work of the class, and there is a desire on the part of friends in the city to start another class there.

WANTED at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, May 1, one hundred young men and one hundred young women. Only those who are able-bodied, capable, willing, and who desire to devote their lives to consecrated service of God and humanity, should apply. Address Training-school Department of Battle Creek Sanitarium.

THE Cleveland brethren are erecting a new church building, costing \$7,500, and having a seating capacity of six hundred. It is their desire to dedicate the building about the first of June, and invite all in the State who feel an interest to do so, to aid them to dedicate it free of debt. Address all communications and remittances to A. Dingwall, treasurer of board of trustees, 346 Case Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

WE were invited to meet with the Columbus church in quarterly meeting Sabbath, and did so, enjoying the service with these brethren very much. The Lord did not leave us alone, nor turn us away empty, but fulfilled his promise by his presence and blessing. While we were made sad to hear of the death of brother C. C. Chrisman, and of an accident to brother Walters, confining him to his home, we were glad to note a spirit of progress and courage, to hear a favorable report of the church school, and to find the chapel presenting a very neat appearance through the judicious use of paint and paper.

THE April number of the *Life Boat* is the fifth annual prisoner's number, and is to be placed in the hands of about 100,000 prisoners. It is an unusually good number in every way, and will surely shed its beacon light upon many a struggling soul. Among the contributors to this issue are J. H. Kellogg, M. D., Elder A. T. Jones, and Elder S. N. Haskell. Maud Ballington Booth, a specialist in prison work, has contributed an excellent article entitled "A Message of Hope." A photograph of Mrs. Booth is reproduced for this issue. The usual list of personal experiences of the saved, together with timely, helpful editorials of Dr. Paulson, make the April *Life Boat* such as should have a wide circulation.

A WORD FROM THE SOUTH.

IT was the editor's privilege to entertain for a few days last week brother S. M. Jacobs, a representative of the Southern work. While here he spoke to the students in the chapel Wednesday morning, March 25, and to the students and church in the evening. The simple narration of his experience in taking up the work at Oakwood Industrial School, Huntsville, Ala., and the many obstacles met and overcome in building it up to successful operation proved of unusual interest to all present. This school was established seven years ago for the special purpose of training colored students to work among their own people, to uplift in every way, and to give them the truth for this time. Brother Jacobs has been superintendent from the first until a year ago, when, on account of the failing health of his faithful wife, he felt it necessary to leave it to other hands.

During the past year a series of reverses has overtaken the work there that brings the institution into very close circumstances financially, and the Southern Union Conference having asked brother Jacobs to visit his home State, Iowa, to solicit aid for the school,

we were favored with this visit.

In the course of his talk, the fact was mentioned that ten dollars pays the necessary expense of clothing and books for a worthy poor student in that school for a whole year, their work on the farm providing for board and tuition. Others able to pay cash are received at a reasonable rate. But the idea that a gospel worker might be put in training for the small sum of ten dollars per year, was caught by a number of both brethren and sisters, and at the close of the talk a donation of nearly sixty dollars spoke of the deep interest in what had been presented. Many of the students of the Academy took a lively interest in swelling the donation, some contributing specially to pay for fruit trees now being set on the Oakwood farm.

Should any of our brethren throughout Ohio desire to add to the support of our Southern training-school for colored people they may be assured their gifts will be greatly appreciated, and that the money will count for as much there as in any missionary enterprise we know of. Address all communications to Oakwood Industrial School, Huntsville, Ala., in care of C. B. Hughes, *Supt.*

OBITUARY.

CHRISMAN.—Died at Columbus, Ohio, March 6, 1903, of consumption, brother Charles C. Chrisman. He was born July 24, 1851, thus being 51 years and 7 months old. Brother Chrisman gave his heart to God while yet a young man, joining the Methodist church. About twenty-six years ago he accepted the truth of the third angel's message under the labors of Elder J. H. Waggoner at Newark, O., of which church he was a charter member. Six years ago he became a victim of tuberculosis. During the time of his suffering, his faith and trust in God seemed complete. Many times he was heard to say, "If I only knew the Lord would come to-morrow, it would be the greatest joy of my life." He fell peacefully asleep in Jesus with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection, which is a great comfort to his family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Newark, O., by Rev. H. Newton Miller of the Disciple church. CHARLES E. WELCH.

NEWMAN.—Rachel A. Newman, wife of Nimrod Newman, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, Dec. 26, 1845. In the spring of 1865 she came to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she has since resided. On Nov. 17, 1888, she was united in marriage to Nimrod Newman, being the second wife of her husband, and the sister of his former wife. As a result of brother Newman's first marriage, five children were born— one son and four daughters.

Sister Newman's health began to fail some years in the past, but severe illness manifested itself two weeks ago, and continued till she fell asleep in Jesus at 7 o'clock on March 11, 1903, at the age of 57 years, 2 months, 15 days. Her courage was good and she trusted in her Redeemer to the last, repeating the words: "But he that shall endure unto the end shall be saved." (Matt. 24: 13.) In her death the children have lost a loving mother, the husband a companion who was ever ready to minister to his needs. J. O. MILLER.

Supplement

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"YE are not your own, for ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6:11, 20. Although the carnal mind ignores this truth, yet it is inseparably connected with the plan of salvation. To be led by the Spirit is to acknowledge this in every thought, word, and action. This makes easy and natural the acceptance of the truth in the following verses: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Hag. 2:8. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Ps. 50:10. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24:1.

The Christian life is in harmony with these words. In order that the truth might never be forgotten the Lord enjoined the following upon the Hebrews: "The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine." Lev. 25:23. Men have been as prone to ignore this as to forget God. "Their inward thought is, that their houses will continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names." Ps. 49:11. This is in direct line of hero worship and idolatry, and rapid progress is being made in this direction. The cities are noted for immense structures in memory of family names; and the fairest portions of the country abound with fine estates to perpetuate the glory of man.

The Christian life must be in as direct contrast to all this as was the life of Abraham when met by Melchizedek. "Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth." Gen. 14:19. These words of Melchizedek reminding Abram that he belonged to the most high God, who was possessor of all things, could only be answered in one way. In verse twenty we have that reply: "And he gave him tithes of all." The claims of God were recognized by his actions with an eloquence that words could not express. "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29. Now "if ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the

works of Abraham." John 8:39. He gave the tenth because this was one of God's appointed ways of acknowledging him to be "possessor of heaven and earth."

As giving does not impoverish God, nor withholding enrich him, so the mere fact of our paying tithes could not enrich the treasury of God, nor would our withholding the same deplete his treasury. "In tithes and offerings, ye have robbed me," not merely of dollars and cents, but of that worship and allegiance that is mine as "King of kings and Lord of lords." By your neglect you deny that "ye are not your own," and that "ye are bought with a price."

"Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. . . . I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit" (Isa. 57:15): "for ye are the temple of the living God." 2 Cor. 6:16.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. "And all nations shall call you blessed." Verse 12. "And will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters." 2 Cor. 6:18.

A. C. SHANNON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE time of the final test on the great Sabbath truth is rapidly approaching. Our people who are employed in the government departments in Washington are beginning to realize that the cords are tightening. One brother, who for many years has not only been free to keep the Sabbath but to work on Sunday, was suddenly informed that he would be promoted if he would work on the Sabbath. If he refused he must accept an inferior position with no Sunday work. The brother was true to principle and bravely suffered the consequences. Another brother in the treasury department had his salary reduced one-third because he refused to work on the Sabbath.

The case of brother M. W. Lewis, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., has at-

tracted wide attention in the papers. Employed in the postoffice department, he was allowed regular Sunday work in addition to a free Sabbath previous to June, 1902, when he left for California. On returning Jan. 1, 1903, and seeking re-instatement in his old position, he was informed that he would not be allowed to work on Sunday and must work on the Sabbath. He would have been shut out entirely had not Hon. E. J. Burkett, congressman from Nebraska, made an earnest effort to secure a place for him with Sunday work and Sabbath free. The case was under advisement for some time before postmaster general and the first assistant and was finally decided that brother Lewis should have his old position with no Sunday work and that he might be called on at any time to work on the Sabbath. On his refusal to do so he would be called up for breach of discipline and be subject to immediate dismissal. If this should occur he will appeal direct to the president.

The Nebraska congressman, Mr. Burkett, certainly deserves credit for the earnest efforts made by him for liberty of conscience and equal rights. On account of these cases the Sabbath question has evidently been discussed more than once by the president and his cabinet. The great crisis must come very soon. Oh that all may realize this and work with an intense earnestness while the shadows are lengthening and the sun of liberty is setting forever.

J. S. WASHBURN.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS.

Wilmington.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: Since my last report, brother W. W. Miller and I have held a week's meeting at Co-shocton, and found the company of believers at that place prospering and of good courage. But it has been about a month and a half now since we met with them. Since then we have been laboring most of the time at Wilmington in Clinton County. We received some rich blessings from the Lord while there.

I have spent some of my time in visiting isolated Sabbath keepers. At Port William, Bowersville, Bloomington, New Vienna, New Antioch, and

Harveysburg, I found some dear souls that had not been visited for two or three years, and I am glad to report that these precious souls are of good courage, and are in touch with the message. One lone sister was taking the *Review* and *Good Health* and the *VISITOR*, and she had read volume 6 of the "Testimonies" through twice, and was reading "Christ's Object Lessons" through the second time. She had some tithe ready to send away.

I have labored at Wilmington and surrounding country for over six weeks. Brother W. W. Miller joined me in the work there for four weeks, and the Lord richly blessed us in our labors together. We did mostly house to house work, and we had many precious experiences in giving Bible readings in the town and in the country. We were invited to visit the Wilmington College and take charge of the chapel exercises, and we did so, and had the privilege of speaking to nearly one hundred bright young men and women on "Character Building."

We were away from Wilmington long enough to attend the district meeting at Dayton. The Spirit of the Lord was truly there to impress hearts and to cheer us in the blessed hope. I went to the meeting in the interest of the young people's work, and I was glad to meet a number of our young people, and the Lord blessed in doing a little timely work for some of them. My prayers are ascending for the young people of Ohio, and I long to see an army of youth working zealously for the Master.

I held my last meeting with the Wilmington church on Sabbath, March 28. We had a good meeting. Officers for the church were elected, and then the Lord came very near and touched our hearts as we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. I leave Wilmington of good courage to go to Killbuck and Coshocton to conduct our regular quarterly services with these two churches.

I truly believe the message is rising, but the dangers and temptations are greater. Brethren and sisters, let us "watch and pray" that we "enter not into temptation." Your brother in the blessed hope,

BENJAMIN L. HOUSE.

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WE are rejoicing in the work of the Lord and in the hope of his soon coming. I praise God that in every plan of Satan even, God causes it to work out to his glory. So it was in the beginning when God placed man in the garden of Eden. He gave man the privilege of co-operating with him in beautifying the earth; but when Satan induced man to sell his position for naught, then

God introduced the plan of salvation whereby he could, through Christ, dwell once more in man, and thus instruct poor, fallen man not only to train vines, but to train the minds of his fellowmen, to bring them to a knowledge of God, whom to know is life eternal. John 17:3.

If Adam and Eve could at the close of each week receive spiritual rest by stopping their work and meditating on the goodness of God, then how much more ought we to be refreshed as each Sabbath we stop and review the work God has done through us for the salvation of souls. Oh! the joy that comes to us as we thus work for Jesus, and see souls turning to seek after God! What I once thought a duty, now is the privilege which God in his infinite mercy gives to us all—of working for the salvation of others. And it bouys us up as we think that through the ceaseless ages of eternity we shall mingle with those whom we have been instruments in the hands of God of bringing to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Oh that every Seventh-day Adventist would realize what a privilege God has given every son and daughter of his in this work! When our life work is ended, and Jesus comes to take us home, we shall enter into the joy of our Lord. Let us not weary in well doing; for soon, very soon, Jesus will come. Yours in the work,

C. A. GIBSON.

CANVASSER'S REPORT.

(Reported since last issue.)

Mary Hubbell.—Value of orders, \$24; Helps, \$22.25; total value, \$46.25; value of deliveries, \$14.50.

Ida Hles.—Value of orders, \$45; Helps, \$8.15; total value, \$53.15; value of deliveries, \$40.

G. P. Gaede.—Value of orders, \$18.25; Helps, \$1.75; total value, \$20; value of deliveries, \$4.75.

C. A. Gibson.—Value of orders, \$31.25; Helps, \$13.03; total value, \$44.28; value of deliveries, \$39.

J. E. Osburn.—Value of orders, \$28.75; Helps, \$.75; total value, \$29.50; value of deliveries, \$41.25.

Mrs. C. A. Gibson.—Value of orders, \$3; Helps, \$.25; total value, \$3.25.

F. E. Wagner.—Value of orders, \$21.85; value of deliveries, \$19.75.

Mrs. Alice Edwards.—Value of orders, \$38.

THE Sunday law was revised and the penalty increased in South Dakota this winter, and plans are being laid for its enforcement. This means something to each of us.—*Dakota Worker*.

VISITOR FUNDS.

Sanitarium in England.	
Previously reported.....	\$143.07
Youngstown Sabbath-school.....	1.20
Farmer Sabbath-school.....	.10
Total.....	\$144.37

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Washington, D. C., Church.	
Previously reported.....	\$64.74
George Brisel and wife.....	2.00
Mrs. Louisa Johnson.....	1.00
Mary Kumler.....	.50
Mt. Vernon church.....	2.50
Cincinnati church.....	6.05
Newark church.....	.54
Total.....	\$77.49

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MARCH, 1903.

Akron.....	\$ 30.60
Ashland.....	29.05
Barnesville.....	10.80
Beaver.....	5.65
Bellville.....	7.50
Brokaw.....	4.00
Bowling Green.....	10.00
Bloomington.....	2.00
Camden.....	8.93
Canton.....	9.10
Chagrin Falls.....	12.05
Cincinnati.....	28.71
Cleveland.....	158.22
Columbus.....	89.36
Corsica.....	17.35
Coshocton.....	12.42
Dayton.....	61.63
Delaware.....	4.95
Dunkirk.....	12.17
Elgin.....	37.08
Gilboa.....	5.00
Kenton.....	11.00
Killbuck.....	8.68
LaGrange.....	11.33
Lima.....	14.46
Marion.....	19.40
Marshfield.....	20.00
Meigs.....	7.52
Mount Vernon.....	135.66
Nashville.....	20.00
Newark.....	40.80
Piqua.....	1.80
Springfield.....	10.00
St. Clairsville.....	13.43
Toledo.....	22.37
Waterford.....	2.40
Wadsworth.....	3.50
Wengerlawn.....	.40
Wilmington.....	5.65
Youngstown.....	2.40
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	26.36
Total.....	\$933.73

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TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES, MARCH, 1903.

Ohio Tract Society.....	\$ 946.66
Tithe.....	933.73
First-day Offering.....	28.04
Sabbath-school Donations.....	63.87
Haskell Home.....	.10
Annual Offering.....	5.00
Foreign Missions.....	1.30
Donation, England Sanitarium.....	4.95
Donation, Washington, D. C., church.....	23.78
Total.....	\$2,007.43

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