

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE WORLD OUR FIELD.

"The Lord chooses his own agents, and each day under different circumstances he gives them a trial in his plan of operation. In each true-hearted endeavor to work out his plan, he chooses his agents, not because they are perfect, but because, through a connection with him, they may gain perfection."

"FROM India, from Africa, from China, from the islands of the sea, from the down-trodden millions of so-called Christian lands, the cry of human woe is ascending to God. That cry will not be long unanswered."

FOR a number of years Brother Henry Williams and his wife have stood alone as witnesses for the truth in the island of Hayti. A recent report from Brother Williams brings the good news that their number is increased to seven. A mother and four children are keeping the Sabbath with them.

THE Anglo-Chinese school in Hong Kong has a membership of twenty-one. They are being taught the truths of God's word. In the interior of China, in the province of Honan, where our first church has been organized, a boys' school was recently opened. One of those lately baptized has charge of the school.

A NEAT little sanitarium will soon be in operation in Kobe, Japan. A house has been secured, well adapted to our work. The Doctors Lockwood will be in charge. They will be assisted by Dr. Kumashiro—a native lady physician—and several Japanese nurses; so that they will be able to work for the Japanese even before they have acquired the language.

ALL will receive with sadness the news of the death of our dear Brother La Rue, who had labored for fifteen years in the Chinese Empire. The greater part of this time he was the only representative of the Third Angel's Message in that vast field. He was laid to rest in the Protestant Cemetery in Hong Kong. Although eighty years of age, he was active in the work up until a few days before his death, selling since the first of January eighteen of our bound books, besides distributing tracts and papers.

We are glad that a few workers had joined Brother La Rue, so that these are there in the field to take up the work that has fallen from his hands. But this vast empire, with its 426,000,000 of people, sends a mute appeal to us for more help. We can not be free until we have responded with a large force of laborers who will quickly give the light to its darkened millions.

## AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF THE AUSTRAL-ASIAN FIELD.

OUR heavenly Father has mysteriously linked the members of his family together. While every man has his own burdens to bear, he is not to forget that by helping others he helps himself. The opening words of Christ's sermon on the mount are an illustration of the principles laid down in his teaching. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," he said, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He came to our world to bless men and women by pointing out the path of self-denial. In his life he showed the power of self-sacrifice. In his work he has given us an example of what our work should be.

Whenever the Lord brings destitute fields to our notice, and gives us opportunity to help, we are never to neglect the opportunity. To respond to the frequent appeals for money, may necessitate much self-sacrifice on our part; but by practicing Christlike self-denial in order to help our fellow men, we give evidence to the world of the power of the truth to transform and sanctify the character and to cleanse the heart from selfishness.

A call now comes to us from Australasia. I am familiar with the needs of the work there. I am closely joined to that field by the most tender associations. By our experience while there we know what it means to have a great work before us, and to be bound about for lack of means, while at the same time the word of the Lord is coming to us, saying, "Annex new territory; lift up my standard of truth in new fields." In Australia we had not the facilities that we should have had to carry forward the work that the Lord directed us to do. Although some help came to us from America,

an abundance of means was expended in the home field, while we were striving, studying, and praying, but bound about, unable to advance for lack of the money which we might have had, but which, instead of being sent to us, was used in America.

In their efforts to carry forward the work on solid lines and to enter new territory, our brethren and sisters in Australasia have made gifts and loans to the utmost of their ability. In times of great stress, the Lord has moved upon men and women, both in Australasia and America, to acknowledge their stewardship by advancing means to help in establishing institutions being built there. Those who have come to the help of the Lord in this way, have been laying up treasure beside the throne of God.

Notwithstanding the dearth of means, much has been accomplished by the laborers in Australasia. Stern battles have been fought. Nothing but the miracle-working power of God has accomplished the work that has been done. We saw his power as we advanced from point to point; and we praise him with heart and soul and voice. O, how we appreciated the lovingkindness of our God as he led us on step by step!

Christ and his angels went before us. From the light given me by God, I know that he is still going before the workers in all parts of the field. He has been with those who have, with great self-sacrifice, built the Wah-roonga Sanitarium, and opened the health work in Sydney. He will reward those who have given freely of their means to establish memorials for him in that field. As I think of the poverty of the people there, and of the missionary work they have tried to do in addition to establishing the publishing house, the school, and the sanitarium, I look upon the whole experience as something remarkable. The work accomplished in Australasia is an object lesson for all who enter new fields. Let all say, "See what the Lord hath wrought!"

The fact that something has already been done in Australasia, does not excuse us in America from extending a helping hand to that needy field at the present time. In every city and every suburb there remains a work to be

done,—the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the many thousands still in ignorance of God's truth for this time.

Australasia is a divinely appointed center, from which the light of present truth is to radiate to many lands.

There comes to us from far-off lands the cry, "Come over and help us." Some of these unentered, unenlightened fields are not so easily reached, and perhaps not so ready to receive the light, as the fields within our sight; but they must not be neglected. We are to push the triumphs of the cross. Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. Our burden for the "regions beyond" can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

How can this great work be accomplished without men and means? We may pray that the Lord of the harvest shall send laborers into the field; we may sit down and plan to proclaim the third angel's message to every nation, kindred and tongue; but where are the faithful missionaries who will carry the glad tidings to the people? and how shall these missionaries be sustained?

God desires his people to pray and to plan for the advancement of his work. But, like Cornelius, we are to unite praying with giving. Our prayers and alms are to come up before God as a memorial. Faith without works is dead; and without a living faith it is impossible to please God. While we pray, we are to give all we possibly can, both of our labor and of our means, for the fulfilment of our prayers. If we act out our faith, we shall not be forgotten by God. He marks every deed of love and self-denial. He will open ways whereby we may show our faith by our works.

The Lord desires us to be living channels of light. He has made it our privilege to co-operate with him as partners in his great firm, to act our part in promoting the prosperity of his cause. Let us work determinedly, with heart-willingness, with gladness of soul, in the spirit of humble obedience rendering back to God his own. We can pray with faith for God's power to be united with our efforts when we come before him saying, "Of thine own we freely give thee."

Our brethren and sisters may say: "We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these calls?" We hope not, so long as there are in our world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until you have done all that you can to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of the Lord's repeated calls for means. Many have not yet done that

which they might do, that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to him.

Brethren and sisters, the work in Australasia demands your help. Will you not give it? To those who have means that they are not putting to use for God, we appeal in Christ's name. May the Lord move upon your hearts by his Holy Spirit, giving you a desire to be his helping hand in returning to him his own. Arouse, and heed the call for help that comes from Australasia. Give all that you can, and the Lord will bless you in giving.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### Special Offering for Australia July 4.

#### TIME FOR ACTION.

We thank God for the foothold that he has given us in the many lands abroad. This truth is sounding out. It stirs our hearts to see the ranks move forward. Most heart-stirring of all, however, we must confess, is the array of unoccupied fields. We face obligations to-day such as never before pressed upon any people.

The Lord is coming. The world is dying before our eyes. We must show the true-hearted in every land the way of salvation from all the evil yet to come upon the earth. The visible breaking up of things has been preparing the minds of men to give attention to the advent warning. Among the millions of the East, where half the world lies in darkness, there is a growing conviction that the end of the age is at hand. A swift crusade through the waiting lands, one grand rally to plant the standard in every unoccupied field, and the work is done.

It is a time for action rather than talk. It is a frightful crime to sit at home, and thank God for blessings received, while a world is perishing unwarned. "There is a world to be saved!" The missionary who goes down into the depths of humanity's need must put his life and his all into the hand of God for service. The believer who remains to work and pray and hold the ropes at home must likewise live for but the one purpose of doing the Lord's business in the earth. Every energy of the soul and every resource on earth must be held absolutely subject to God's call. Anything less than this is treason to high heaven at the very crisis in the great controversy. In the way in which we are facing this problem of our worldwide work to-day, in the response we are giving to the calls for help, we are deciding our eternal destiny.

W. A. SPICER.

## OUR SCHOOLS.

### TEXT-BOOKS USED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A FEW words of explanation in regard to our attitude to the public schools seem to be necessary. We have no disposition to oppose the public schools. In fact they do a great deal of good work. When I make this statement some will ask why, then, do our people think it proper to establish church schools for the benefit of our children? In response, I will say that we have a good many reasons for doing this. If the only question was learning how to read and write, make calculations, and learn scientific facts, public schools, as they are operating, would answer a pretty good purpose for these things.

The principal consideration is the salvation of our children. We want them to be Christians. They will never become Christians unless they believe the Bible. They will not continue to believe the Bible if they study the text-books used in the public schools and believe the propositions contained in these books. The text-books now used in school, account for the existence of things by the process of evolution and deny the Bible statement made in regard to creation. As soon as a child imbibes these propositions with reference to evolution, he must in doing so learn to deny the Bible truth with reference to creation. But when this is done, he has let go the truths of Christianity. He cannot longer believe the account given with reference to our first parents and the garden of Eden. In fact, he has become an infidel, as far as faith in the Bible is concerned. The more thoroughly the student believes the text-books which he studies in the schools; the farther he is carried away from Christian faith. If children cannot safely believe the text-books put in their hands, why do parents want them to study in the schools from these books?

Some of our people have asked if it would not be well to send their children to our church schools during the winter, and then send them to the public schools during the summer. In answer to this question I would say, if it is essential for the safety of our children that we have church schools, then the more we make of these schools the better. We cannot patronize the public schools if we are consistent in the matter of our church schools. If the public schools are good enough for our children in the summer, then they are good enough for them in the winter. The thing for us to do is to provide church schools for our children,

see that these schools are furnished with capable teachers, and then send our children to them.

Some have complained of the cost of the church schools, saying that we cannot afford them. It is true that they cost some money, but if our schools are needed to save our children, then we should plan to have them even though there is considerable cost connected with this work. A child saved in the kingdom of God is of far more value than the cost of our schools. One reason why we accumulate property in this world is that ourselves and families may be made comfortable in this life; but what is the value of the present life compared to the life which is to come—the life we receive through redemption.

This whole question needs to be most seriously and thoroughly considered. We either need church schools for our children or we do not. If we do not need church schools for our children, then we do not need colleges for our young people. The world provides these for the more mature minds just as fully as the State provides public schools for the children and youth. It is illogical and inconsistent to talk about the need of colleges and academies being provided for the advancement of our cause, and at the same time make little or nothing of the subject of church schools. If we need any schools for any grade of work apart from that furnished by the world, then we just as truly need a full line of schools for all grades of work. For my part I believe we need schools. We need them for our children, we need them for the youth, and we need them for the more mature of our young people; and when they are provided, they should be patronized. There is no question among us that needs to be more thoroughly considered than the question of our schools. There is no work done among us that needs to have more earnest attention than does this. Brethren and sisters, shall we give this subject the care and consideration which it needs?

WILLIAM COVERT.

#### TO SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

AT the late General Conference considerable attention was given the Sabbath-school work, and some excellent recommendations have been the result. We presume you have read all these recommendations quite carefully in the *Bulletin*. We desire, however, to call your especial attention to Recommendation No. 2, which reads as follows:—

“That our Sabbath-schools set apart the contributions of one or more Sabbaths in each quarter, as

may be necessary, for the expense of the school. All the contributions of the remaining Sabbaths to be given to missions. It is understood that this does not affect the established plan of giving to the Orphans' Home two yearly donations.”

A few schools give their entire donations to missions—Alliance, Bellville, Coshocton, Waterford, and Wheelersburg. Several others partially provide for their expense by individual members adding the price of the quarterly to their donation. Many consume nearly, and some, all their contributions.

The adoption of this recommendation will insure a very desirable uniformity, prove a very great blessing to the school, and increase the donations to missions. This plan has been successfully operated in Australia.

Bear in mind that three weeks are required for the renewing of the *Little Friend*. Attention to this will obviate the inconvenience and disappointment so often experienced by the children in missing their papers for a week or more.

We earnestly intreat Sabbath-school secretaries to write us in regard to perplexities that arise in their work. We shall take pleasure in giving all the assistance we possibly can.

BESSIE E. RUSSELL.

#### SECRETARIES, ATTENTION!

THE Sabbath-school report blanks have been sent to all the secretaries. If one has failed to reach you, please notify us at once, so there may be no delay in filling out the report, and returning same immediately after the close of the quarter. Cannot all have their report reach this office by July 15?

As this is the time of the year that changes are likely to occur in the secretaryship, we suggest that wherever this occurs, the former secretary give the new incumbent the benefit of their experience. Do not expect the new secretary to make out the record for the past quarter, unless it is with the purpose of showing them how to do it.

Never pass the records to the new officer without offering all the information necessary to their success. “A word spoken in due season, how good it is!” “They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.” So the secretary encourages the superintendent; and the superintendent encourages the teacher; and the teacher encourages the scholars. The Lord says to *all*, “Be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

B. E. R.

## FROM THE WORKERS.

Lore City.

WE opened our tent effort in this place June 4, with an attendance of about fifty, which, notwithstanding the bad weather, has steadily increased until our last meeting over a hundred were present, all of whom manifest a deep and increasing interest in the Bible study.

The Lord has greatly blessed, and given us favor in the sight of all here; and from the report all are carrying from the meetings, we expect a large attendance this week.

Dear brethren and sisters, we need your prayers that God may be able to use us in bringing many unto a saving knowledge of the truth; so remember us in your family worship, and also in your secret prayers, which the child of God knows as his season of strength. Yours in the work,

C. C. WEBSTER,

JAMES SHULTZ,

C. T. REDFIELD.

Pandora.

WELCOME VISITOR: We began our meetings two weeks ago with an attendance of about one hundred and twenty.

We are happily located on the school grounds, a most desirable place. Through the kindness of the mayor, we have the use of the school-house for storage purposes, and chairs for the tent. The people are very kind, yet they are not free from prejudice. We visit from house to house, distributing “The Family Bible Teacher.” In this way we endeavor to get acquainted with all, and break down prejudice.

The German people are a little slow to take up any new thing. But they are honest and sincere. One minister has attended several times and invited us to his home. He was very much impressed with the subjects he heard presented. All express themselves favorable toward the meetings. We pray that God may work mightily upon their hearts, that they can but follow the Lord in all his commands.

We have many invitations from the country, more than we can attend to. We have also sold books and tracts, and “Christ's Object Lessons.” Since the weather is more favorable, our attendance has increased again. We are of good courage and mean to stick to it till we have finished the work given us to do. Yours in the Master's service,

JOHN P. and G. P. GAEDE.

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Sabbath begins June 26 at 7:34 P. M.

ELDER H. M. MITCHELL has returned to his home in Academia.

ELDER C. A. SMITH is spending a few weeks at home in Academia.

THE "blue pencil mark" here says, "Your subscription has expired. Send 25 CENTS by return mail."

THE matter in the VISITOR this week is of unusual importance. Don't fail to read the first three articles carefully, prayerfully.

AN attempt was made to assassinate the czar of Russia on June 19. This is the twenty-first known effort of this kind toward taking his life.

IN a recent letter, Brother W. C. White writes, "Mother has recovered slowly from the fatigue of the General Conference. She has not spoken much since then, but has been wonderfully blessed in her writing." And we are favored with an article from her pen this week. Study it.

BROTHER W. E. BIDWELL spent Wednesday and Thursday in Academia with his family. He reports the interest at the tent located in Fulton County to be increasing. The attendance has never been below forty, notwithstanding the cold, rainy weather with which they have had to contend.

WE should have stated two weeks ago that, owing to unforeseen circumstances and imperative duties, it has been impossible for Sister Russell to continue her work as Educational Secretary, and her resignation, offered last January, has been accepted. Prof. C. E. Welch has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus made.

YOUR paper is indeed a "Welcome Visitor" at our home. I anxiously await its coming, for it brings encouraging news of the cause I love. I am so glad the Lord has blessed his work so as to necessitate its publication more often. I shall do all in my power to have it placed in every home among our brethren here and wherever I go.

PEARLE APT.

BROTHER R. W. VAN NEST, of 1821 Adams St., Toledo, O., wishes to em-

ploy a young man who knows how to take care of horses, and is willing to do what is right in all things. He must be a Sabbath keeper, and desirous of doing good. His work will be to drive a team on a bakery wagon. Write to Brother Van Nest if interested.

WRITING from Wengerlawn, O., Brother J. J. Williams expresses his appreciation of the VISITOR and adds, "I notice that one says, 'our ministers are not allowed entrance to the churches, and the halls in the cities are expensive.' Now we have a house here all furnished, but no minister. We are like the two disciples of John that followed Jesus—*anxious to know more of him.* We don't know what has become of our district superintendent. However, if the church here perishes, some of this may be required at our hand; we wish it known that our house is open and free, and trust that the good Lord may send some of his messengers this way soon."

**Camp-meeting at Mt. Vernon August 6-17.**

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon Academy on the lawn near the building, Tuesday, August 11, at 9 A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. E. WELCH, *Sec.*

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 lawn at the Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Knox County. The first meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 9 o'clock A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THE forty-second annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Mount Vernon, Knox Co., Aug. 6-17, 1903. The first meeting of the session will be held Friday, August 7, at 9 A. M.

In our present Constitution, Article IV, I read: "All members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of the State of Ohio, in attendance at any regular session of this Conference, shall be delegates thereat." We trust that a goodly number of delegates will be present at the opening meeting.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

### CANVASSERS' NOTES.

BROTHER WAGNER says: "We are of good courage in the work, and thank the Lord that he is holding the enemy in check. It is remarkable to see how quiet everything is going considering the way we have been scattering books and tracts here for the third week. I thank God that we have reached the time when we can give the people the third angel's message plainly. I was canvassing a lady, and she said she did not care for anything, not even a tract; so I told her what our message was in regard to the Sabbath, and then she bought a 'Seal and Mark,' and said they had often talked over in the family why the first day of the week was kept as the Sabbath, and she seemed very much interested about it. We have talked the message plainly to the people, and sold over one hundred 'Seal and Mark,' fifty 'Glorious Appearing,' about twenty-five 'Battle of the Century,' thirteen 'Coming King,' eleven 'Daniel and the Revelation,' three 'Bible Readings,' and numerous tracts."

RALEIGH FRENCH, who entered the canvassing work at the close of school writes: "The Lord still continues to bless me in his service. My love for the Saviour is growing deeper every day. I am of good courage, knowing that he will lead me in his good work. He is my helper, and may he receive all the praise." What are the other students doing? Come, brother, sister, lend a helping hand and thus hasten the coming of the Desire of Ages.

—N. S. M.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For two weeks ending June 12.)

Mary Hubbell, New Straitsville.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$25; helps, \$23.45; total value, \$48.45.

Floyd Gibson, Washington County.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$59.

H. H. Cobban,\* Warren County.—Daniel and the Revelation: value of orders, \$6.25; helps, \$1.75; total, \$8.

J. E. Osburn, Jackson County.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$62.25.

George W. Spies, Piqua.—Coming King: value of orders, \$35; helps, \$12; total value, \$47.

Raleigh French,\* Van Wert County.—Coming King: value of orders, \$50; helps, \$16.25; total value, \$66.25.

F. E. Wagner, Wayne County.—Miscellaneous, \$16.40; deliveries, \$28.90.

Fred Trout, Wayne County.—Miscellaneous, \$7.40.

\*For week ending June 12.