

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING.

HAVING flowers to give to you,
I'll give them to you now;
I will not wait till death's cold drops
Are forming on your brow.

They'll cheer your life with perfume rare,
They'll brighten weary hours;
Why deck your grave—you'll know it not
Though it be banked with flowers.

And when for you "the dawn" shall come
And my heart is filled with giving,
I'll give to you a kindly thought,
And the flowers to the living.

SADIE WILLIAMS FENTON.

LIBERALITY THE FRUIT OF LOVE.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue: but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15.

Our first text informs us of a false and a true love. The second describes the false in contrast with the true. There is as much difference between the love of the world and the love of the Father as Satan's character differs with that of the Lord. The two cannot dwell together in the same heart. The love of the world is deceptive and selfish. On the other hand the love of God is pure and self-denying. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The love of God led him to be liberal in deed toward a world lost in sin and without hope. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9.

Yes, God so loved the world that he gave; he sent his only begotten Son into the world that the world might live through him.

It was, man's lost condition that moved God's great heart of love to pour out all heaven in one gift that another chance for salvation might be extended to all the lost sons and

daughters of Adam. Since the love of God once led to such liberality can it dwell in the hearts of his people and not manifest itself in a tangible form in keeping with the written word which is the truth?

God's plan is to co-operate with his people in sending the glad tidings of salvation to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Rom. 10:13-15. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 29.

It is also written, "The Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. This text clearly shows that the Lord ordained a plan of support. This plan is revealed in the gospel and constitutes a part of the gospel message. It is simple and easily understood. It equally divides the support of gospel ministry upon all, both rich and poor. This plan is perfect. No better can be had. It will develop the principle of liberality wherever it is practiced. And he who is converted and believes the gospel believes also in this plan. We will consider the plan in next week's issue.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"TESTIMONY," VOLUME EIGHT.

I HAVE just had the opportunity of examining some of the advance proofs of "Testimony," Vol. 8, and have been particularly impressed with the timeliness and importance of Section V, in which the following chapters appear under the general heading of "The Essential Knowledge": God in Nature, A Personal God, A False and a True Knowledge of God, Danger in Speculative Knowledge, The False and the True in Education, Importance

of Seeking True Knowledge, The Knowledge Received through God's Word, Our Great Need.

If one Testimony can be more important than another, it seems to me that Volume 8 must be that one. It will contain about 350 pages and will sell for 75 cents in cloth, and \$1.25 in limp leather. It will be ready early in March.

H. H. HALL.

FROM OUR WORKERS.

TO THE VISITOR READERS: We are glad to praise the Lord once more for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Surely these are grand and awful times. Now as never before do we need to have our minds and bodies and pocket books in the Message. God has given us the message of warning to the world for this time, so that all who will receive it, may find it an ark of safety from the coming judgments of God, just as truly as the ark was a refuge for Noah's household at the time of the flood.

But it is sad to see how few, of even those who profess a part in this glorious Message, are as much in earnest as Noah was. The ark was very large, and must have been built at great expense to Noah and his sons. Being 550 feet in length and 91 feet wide and constructed of the very best material, it excelled in many ways the largest battle ships of America. The Columbia and Minneapolis, the largest of our war ships are only 412 feet long and 58½ feet wide. Thus it is plain that Noah was not only a preacher of righteousness in words; but in deeds. He must have devoted every energy of his being in preparing for the coming deluge, his time, and thought, and wealth were all upon the altar for service.

Oh, church of the living God! should we not awake and be as much in earnest, and manifest as much practical Christianity as did Noah?

Should we not be even more anxious to have our tithes and offerings flowing into the cause of God, and to have all of our energies spent in this last Message of warning than Noah was in preparing the ark for the flood? Are we so attached to the enemy's en-

chanted ground that we cannot discern the nearness of the end? Do you not know, my brother or my sister, that we are in the sifting time? Even now all of the sophistry of Satan is being employed to deceive if possible the very elect. Dear reader, are you sure that you are one of the very elect? You can be if you will walk in every ray of light that God permits to shine upon your pathway.

"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." John 12:35. "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:14. Yours in the Message,
B. L. HOUSE.

Brokaw.

"PRAYING always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

THIS is a time when we must pray without ceasing if we expect to gain the victory over Satan. It is a time that we must search our hearts and see whether or not we are right before God.

Since my last report five have accepted the truth and are keeping the Sabbath of the Lord. Two (husband and wife) joined our little company, subject to baptism, last Sabbath.

In our service last Sabbath I spoke on the unity that should prevail among the children of God. The Lord blessed, and we all rejoiced in the blessing. We then held a social meeting, and the Lord came very near and touched our hearts. Nearly all gave in their testimony on the Lord's side, and expressed their desire to do as the Lord would have them.

All those who have lately accepted the truth have by the help of the Lord, put away those things that are injurious to the body, and are doing things that they thought could never be done. I gave a Bible reading a week before last on the Sabbath question. At the close, one brother said that he wanted to relate a little experience that he had while coming down to the meeting last Monday evening. He said, "While I was on my way down here, I was talking with the Lord, and all at once there was a certain text came to my mind about glorifying God, and what we must do to glorify him. I had a mouth full of tobacco at the time, and I asked myself the question, 'Am I glorifying God in doing this?' I said, 'No!' and spit the tobacco out on the ground, and told the Lord if he would take away the desire for it, and it was his

will, I would never touch tobacco again, and so he has. I praise God for it. I for one can see very plainly now what day is the Sabbath, and will from this time keep the Sabbath that the Lord blessed, set apart, and made holy."

Brethren and sisters pray that the Lord will speedily send this Message to the world, then we shall see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

F. E. GIBSON.

Greenspring.

FEBRUARY 26-29, I spent with the church at Greenspring. Brethren W. E. Bidwell and G. P. Gaede had been here for some time conducting a series of meetings which closed on Sunday night the 28th.

As a result of their effort we found this little company rejoicing in the Lord, and four more names were added to their church roll. Several others are deeply interested whom, we believe, will soon decide also to go with us to the kingdom.

A good work was accomplished by visiting from house to house. Many were in this way influenced to attend the public services who would not have been otherwise, and over seventy dollars worth of reading matter was sold and left in the homes of the people to continue the work many days hence. Brother Gaede succeeded in interesting a number of German families. He secured the subscription of the *Hausfreund*, and sold them some other publications.

A service of refreshing was enjoyed Sabbath afternoon when we united in celebrating the sacred ordinances of the Lord's house. A goodly number of brethren and sisters were in attendance from the Clyde church, whose presence and cheering testimonies added to the interest of the meeting.

On Sunday the church elected the necessary officers and started to do more valiant service for the cause of the Master. May the blessing of the Lord attend all their efforts to enlarge the borders of the kingdom and exalt the name of Jesus.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Dayton.

DEAR VISITOR: We had the pleasure of witnessing five precious souls buried by baptism last Sunday, March 6. There are others we hope to see go forward soon in obedience to the Saviour's commission.

Brother J. O. Miller's labor was much needed, and appreciated by all. I have all the work I can do. I am of good courage in the Message.

F. H. HENDERSON.

MISSIONARY.

"WE often do more good by our sympathy than by our labors."

CHRISTIANITY, a wise man has said, is "for use, or it is nothing." It means the deepening life of goodness in the heart.—*Alexander Gordon.*

VISITING BIBLE WORK.

ALL who are calling upon the Conference for a tent company, will be interested in a letter which was received a few days ago by the *Family Bible Teacher* publishers of Cincinnati, Ohio. We believe if our people everywhere would precede the tent effort by distributing appropriate literature, that the work of our brethren, after the tent is pitched, would be more effectual, and perhaps less expensive. The letter to which we refer reads as follows:—

"Dear brethren in the closing Message: I received your package of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and am very much pleased with them. God is in this work, and I feel very much interested in it. My husband's mother (seventy-one years old) and myself are the only Sabbath keepers in this vicinity. We are expecting Elder Heacock to preach in our schoolhouse soon, but before he comes, I want to scatter the leaves of the *Family Bible Teacher*, so if you will please send me the lessons which I am now ordering, I shall be indeed grateful. Find enclosed money order to cover the costs. Yours in hope."

When people become interested in the Message from reading, there is always a greater interest in hearing the living preacher. Wherever a tent is to be pitched during the coming season, our brethren ought to precede the work of the tent by the free distribution of printed Bible readings, which would prepare the people to better understand the course of lectures. We believe the spirit manifested in ordering the lessons above referred to, is a step in the right direction. There is probably no more effective way to do missionary work.

Lessons may be ordered through the Ohio Tract Society, or from the publishers direct. There are twenty-eight readings in this course of study, systematically arranged, on subjects of the present truth, as they are usually presented in a course of lectures. The entire course may be had for ten cents. When ordering them, ask for the printed instructions on "Visiting Bible Work: How to do it, and What it Will Cost." PUBLISHERS.

EDUCATIONAL.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Fruit of Laxness.

ELI had greatly erred in permitting his sons to minister in holy office. By excusing their course, on one pretext and another, he became blinded to their sins; but at last they reached a pass where he could no longer hide his eyes from the crimes of his sons. The people complained of their violent deeds, and the high priest was grieved and distressed. He dared remain silent no longer. But his sons had been brought up to think of no one but themselves, and now they cared for no one else. They saw the grief of their father, but their hard hearts were not touched. They heard his mild admonitions, but they were not impressed, nor would they change their evil course though warned of the consequences of their sin. Had Eli dealt justly with his wicked sons, they would have been rejected from the priestly office and punished with death. Dreading thus to bring public disgrace and condemnation upon them, he sustained them in the most sacred positions of trust. He still permitted them to mingle their corruption with the holy service of God, and to inflict upon the cause of truth an injury which years could not efface. But when the judge of Israel neglected his work, God took the matter in hand.

Who Thus Is Honored?

"There came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? And did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honorest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for they that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. . . . And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and

in my mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever."

God charged Eli with honoring his sons above the Lord. Eli had permitted the offering appointed by God, as a blessing to Israel, to be made a thing of abhorrence, rather than bring his sons to shame for their impious and abominable practices. Those who follow their own inclination, in blind affection for their children, indulging them in the gratification of their selfish desires, and do not bring to bear the authority of God to rebuke sin and correct evil, make it manifest that they are honoring their wicked children more than they honor God. They are more anxious to shield their reputation than to glorify God; more desirous to shield their children than to please the Lord and to keep his service from every appearance of evil.

Where the Blame Belongs.

God held Eli, as a priest and judge of Israel, accountable for the moral and religious standing of his people, and in a special sense for the character of his sons. He should first have attempted to restrain evil by mild measures; but if these did not avail, he should have subdued the wrong by the severest means. He incurred the Lord's displeasure by not reproving sin and executing justice upon the sinner. He could not be depended upon to keep Israel pure. Those who have too little courage to reprove wrong, or who through indolence or lack of interest make no earnest effort to purify the family or the church of God, are held accountable for the evil that may result from their neglect of duty. We are just as responsible for evils that we might have checked in others by exercise of parental or pastoral authority, as if the acts had been our own.

E. G. W.

IN FORMER DAYS.

The Sabbath-school Work.

THE Sabbath-school work, like every other organized effort among us, has come up from a crude beginning. The needs of the young were realized, and in 1852 the *Youth's Instructor* began to be published. This was one help for the children and youth, but it contained no Sabbath-school lessons. Parents taught their children the Bible, and Sabbath-schools were held more or less.

My first experience as Sabbath-school superintendent was about the year 1858 in western Illinois, and so can speak from experience. There was no uniformity about the work then, but each superintendent hewed his own path, and the interest of the Sabbath-

school depended largely on the resources of the superintendent. I had to select and arrange the lessons for the school, and introduce such exercises as I thought would be beneficial to the school.

About 1860 a move was made to improve and systematize Sabbath-school work. As preliminary, a call was made for Sabbath-school superintendents and others to send in hints and suggestions about conducting Sabbath-schools. Many answered, among the rest myself, for of course I thought my school was one of the best. Many of these ideas and suggestions were printed as a basis for plans.

After much consultation, general plans were recommended for conducting these schools. Soon after lessons were printed in the *Instructor*, and suggestions made from time to time, such as using maps, blackboard exercises, reviewing previous lessons, etc. Literary helps were added from time to time, such as lesson quarterlies, *Sabbath-school Worker*, *Our Little Friend*, etc.

Many have assisted in perfecting Sabbath-school work among us, prominent among them being G. H. Bell. Kindergarten work for small children was also introduced. Sabbath-school work has been so arranged and systematized among us that there is uniformity in electing officers, in conducting schools, in lessons studied, etc., so that a person traveling can take part in the Sabbath-school the same as though he were at home. It is not a little interesting to consider all Sabbath-schools in North America are studying and reciting the same lesson on any given Sabbath. This certainly looks like coming into heavenly order.

D. HILDRETH.

WOMAN IN JAPAN.

EVERY fold of the dress, every turn of the sash, has a meaning in Japan. You can tell the sex of the tiniest baby by its garments, for the little girls have the brightest, gayest colors. Every woman is a walking biography of herself.

You know by her dress, the coiffure, the sash, her rank, her age, her position. The wife's dress differs from the maiden's, and pure womanhood has its insignia of honor which immoral women may not wear.

You might object to the dress etiquette which betrays years in the arrangement of the costume, but in Japan it is considered quite as much of a compliment to ask a woman her age as it would here be considered an impertinence. She will always answer you at first by saying, "How old do you think?"—*Sel.*

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

BROTHER G. P. GAEDE writes encouragingly of the work at Defiance. His parents have just returned from the "old country," and are making him a pleasant visit before going to their Western home. The English Lutheran Church at Defiance has been opened to our brethren for meetings, and each evening finds an attentive company present to hear. May the Lord bless the truth as it is proclaimed.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM all parts of this country, and from foreign lands we hear one voice, saying that the move to Washington is the most significant, the most solemn, yet the most gloriously hopeful of any move in the history of the work. It means that the end is in sight. From this city set on a hill, from this pinnacle, the light will flash to the ends of the earth.

The readers of the VISITOR are, doubtless, familiar with the fact that the Spirit of Prophecy has repeatedly stated that a sanitarium and training-school for Christian workers should be built in Washington at once. In order to carry out this instruction the General Conference council in Washington, October, 1903, unanimously voted that we call for \$100,000 with which to provide General Conference offices, the sanitarium, and the school.

We believe that our loyal brethren will rally as never before to raise this money quickly so that the item of interest will not enter into the expense account. Shall we not see a new thing? Can not the money be raised before the buildings are erected? Some of our brethren will be glad to give from five thousand to twenty thousand dollars. A good number will give one thousand, and a large number from

one hundred to five hundred dollars each; and we believe that every man, woman, and child in all our ranks will desire to invest something in these most important institutions.

Send all donations to the treasurer of this Conference, or to W. T. Bland, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C. J. S. WASHBURN.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

D. R. Gallion, Holmes Co.—Christ our Saviour: eight hours; value of orders, \$5.

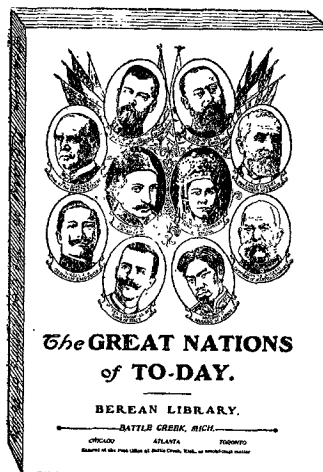
J. F. Gallion, Holmes Co.—Christ our Saviour: Seven and one-half hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$1.

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$5.25.

"THE GREAT NATIONS OF TO-DAY."

(BY ALONZO T. JONES.)

A BOOK of great importance at the present time, containing a presentation of the great nations in their rise, relations, career, and their destiny,



in connection with a clear and concise treatise on the Seven Trumpets, the Three Woes, the Third Angel's Message, the Threefold Message, Babylon, the Beast of Revelation 13, its image in all its phases and workings, the Commandments, the Hour of the Judgment Come, and the Setting up of the Everlasting Kingdom of God. This is a new edition with President Roosevelt's portrait substituted for that of McKinley's on the front cover, which brings it up to date in the representation of the heads of nations. It is the largest pamphlet printed for the small price of 25 cents retail, and it is one that will sell easily at this time when the whole world is especially interested in the solution of the Eastern question. It has the message for this time. Forty per cent. discount to agents. Order of Tract Society, Academia, O.

A MATTER OF FAITH.

THE following letter has just been received containing a check for \$20, this being the third check for like amount received from a good brother and his wife who subscribed \$60 toward the payment of the Academy Debt:—

"Dear Brethren: Inclosed please find check for \$20 the balance of pledge made by myself and wife. I wish we were able to give more. We have made this by my work. It seemed to be at first impossible to us to save this money over and above our living; but God has blessed us with health and good business. So we don't consider that we are out anything. The Lord gave it to us. Yours in the faith,

May the Lord continue his blessing with this dear brother and sister is our sincere prayer. C. V. H.

NOTICE.

THE publishers have increased prices on Bibles. Holman number 730 increased fifteen cents, and number 4322, ten cents. Canvassers be governed accordingly.

OBITUARY.

BARROWS.—Soloman A. Barrows, father of Brother Henry Barrows of Delaware, O., was born in Kenton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., July 25, 1825. He died Feb. 25, 1904, at the age of 78 years and 7 months. He had never identified himself with any church organization, but was liberal in his views (which corresponded principally with those held by Seventh-day Adventists), and respected those who honestly differed with him. The funeral services were conducted by the writer Feb. 26, 1904, in the United Brethren church near Delaware. His being for 64 years a resident of the township in which he died brought out a large company to pay the last respects to the departed. His children spoke of his being a good father, and fair in all his dealings with others. Job. 14: 1 and Jas. 4: 14 formed the basis of the funeral sermon. J. O. MILLER.

HARRISON.—Sister Hannah C. Harrison fell asleep at her home in Newark, Ohio, March 2, 1904, aged 84 years and 11 months. She was born in New Jersey but came to this city over fifty years ago, and has resided here ever since. She was twice married, and became the mother of six children, four of whom are living. Sister Harrison was for many years a member of the Baptist church, but about ten years ago she came to the knowledge of the Third Angel's Message through the labors of Elders D. E. Lindsey and Stephen Haughey. For some time past she had been quite feeble in body, but unusually retentive of her mental powers. The immediate cause of her death was an injury received from a fall some three weeks ago. Her closing days were full of pain, but her trust in God enabled her to bear it with wonderful patience, and quiet submission, impressing upon the hearts of those who cared for her a lesson not soon to be forgotten. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, a scripture for consolation being found in John 5: 25-29. We laid her to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery to await the voice of God.

KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.