

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY.

### MISSIONARY WORK AT HOME.

Ye who sigh to till the acres  
In some distant harvest field,  
Long to plant in far-off furrows  
Seed which precious life will yield,  
Know that not to all there cometh  
Call in foreign lands to roam;  
For close by the fields are whitening:—  
There is mission work at home.

Ye who look beyond with pity  
For the souls in darkness deep,  
With a knowledge of whose blindness  
Heart is chilled and eyes must weep,  
O, forget not in your sadness  
That they do not stand alone  
In their need of truth and Jesus:—  
There is mission work at home.

Broad the fields for harvest whitening;  
Some to each our Lord will call.  
No mistake his wisdom maketh,  
When he plans the work for all.  
Does he call across the water?  
Go, then, in his strength.  
Does his hand restrain? Then meekly  
Do the mission work at home.

CHARLES P. WHITFORD.

### TIME FOR ACTION.

At the recent General Conference Council at College View, Nebr., careful and prayerful study was given to the advisability of inaugurating another missionary campaign. As to the necessity of such an action there can be no question.

The spiritual life of the church depends upon her activity in missionary effort. When the greatest missionary this world ever saw was here, so intent was he in his soul saving mission that he thus remarked to his disciples on one occasion, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 3:34.

This spirit of earnestness should characterize every professed follower of Jesus to-day. We rejoice to see a willingness on the part of the people to hasten the closing Message to all the world.

The first step to be taken in this proposed missionary movement is to make a strong effort to place our good old missionary friend, the *Review and Herald*, in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist family. This is certainly a move in the right direction, and one, too, that will greatly assist in the effort later. The *Review* will contain from time to time programs,

outlines, and suggestions for missionary meetings. In fact no Seventh-day Adventist can keep pace with God's closing Message and work, and not read our church paper. In keeping with the recommendation passed at the recent council, we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of every Conference laborer, every local church elder, clerk, librarian and Sabbath-school superintendent to help us place the *Review and Herald* in the homes of all our people where it is not now taken. The time specified for this work is now, this present month of October. May we not hope for a hearty response from all who are called to this line of duty?

### Our First Missionary Convention.

Sabbath, October 29, is the appointed time for all our churches to hold the first missionary convention of this campaign. Why not begin now to plan to make this day mark a new era in missionary effort in the Ohio Conference? Scores of unwarned and unsaved people are all around us. Who will be held responsible in the day of judgment for the loss of souls that might have been saved? If we would see our neighbor's house on fire and make no effort to warn him of his danger and probable loss of his property and life, would we not be regarded as criminally negligent, and be held responsible?

Now dear brethren and sisters, we know that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"

Is it not time for us to throw away our indifference and manifest the spirit of a true missionary?

Let there be an awakening of the people who know the truth, who fear God and love the souls for whom Christ died. Plan to attend the first convention and help to make it the beginning of a new life and power in your own experience and that of the Conference. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### MOUNTAIN MESSAGES.

"THE strenght of the hills is his also." . . . The mountains furnish symbols of the strength God is ready to give you and me, to help us rise in the scale of character. We all feel the sinful and gravitating influences around us, seeking to drag us downward; yet we also feel within us aspirations for a better life, an unrest which will not let us remain satisfied with low attainments. Divine fires burn within us, telling us we should aspire to something better. God is back of those aspirations. He is ever seeking our moral raising, to give us help to overcome the degrading tendencies around us. So he comes promising help; or grace, which, for potency and sufficiency, is like the strength which makes the hills. God's power is not exhausted in mountains, but merely symbolized by them.

God is still in his world. He did not leave it when he left off making mountains. God is here to-day for a much higher purpose than that—to make men, to bring forth in human nature the granite strength of righteousness and truth, and the graceful beauty of love and peace.

And for our further encouragement let us realize that the mountain possibility is in every soul; for the stature of the perfect man is latent in every nature. And just as in the past lowest plains of earth have been elevated by the Creator's power into hills and mountains, so the humblest persons on earth have been elevated by God's transforming Spirit, making them sharers in his victory who said, "I have overcome the world;" and stimulating the sublime, heroic faith which exclaims, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—*R. L. Dorchester, in Young People's Weekly.*

A CANDLE that won't shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house, are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you really are one.—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### Elgin.

THE third Annual Ingathering Service was held October 1 and 2. The first meeting was held Friday evening, the time being occupied by Elder H. H. Burkholder. He spoke of the promises of God and impressed the fact upon our minds that these promises will all be realized by the saints of God.

Sabbath was devoted to a previously arranged program, in which every member of the church took part. My heart was made to rejoice as I saw all, from those who had passed the four-score mark down to those who had just reached the time when their young minds could begin to comprehend divine things, arise and witness for Jesus.

Many of the older members I had known, having lived in their midst about thirteen years ago, and to see the spiritual advancement they had made since then was very gratifying.

As the children brought the fruit of the vine, tree and field, they recited an appropriate text, taken from the instruction given by God to the children of Israel for such an occasion.

Sabbath evening was given to one of their members, Brother H. H. Votaw, who is soon to sail for India. Many of his old acquaintances were present to listen to him for the last time prior to his departure, so that the house was filled. At the close of the service a collection was taken which amounted to nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents, which was devoted to the India field. A widow sister has previously given him twenty-five dollars, making a total of forty-four dollars and seventy-five cents donated by the Elgin church.

Sunday three services were held, the time being occupied by Elders E. J. Van Horn, H. H. Burkholder, and the writer.

Taking the meeting as a whole, it was one of the most profitable meetings I ever attended. A goodly number of brethren and sisters were with us from the neighboring churches, Walnut Grove, Mendon, Lake View, and Van Wert being represented.

One thing which specially impressed me as I entered the church was to see how beautifully the house was decorated. Surely the field and forest had given generously of their wealth of red, green, and gold, and loving hands had wrought diligently to arrange them most carefully that their beauty might be appreciated.

"And it shall be, when thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God

giveth thee for an inheritance, and possesseth it, and dwellest therein, that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord swore unto thy fathers for to give us. And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs and with wonders: and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land that floweth with milk and honey."

Surely God was with us, and as never before we could appreciate the force of these words.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

### Youngstown.

DEAR BRETHREN: We held our quarterly meeting Sabbath, October 1. All present were refreshed and bore testimony to the goodness of God, and were determined to live closer to the Lord, doing more for him during the coming quarter.

Your sister in the closing Message,  
MRS. T. A. KAY, Clerk.

### Coshocton.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: On Sabbath, October 1, we held our quarterly meeting at this place and all our hearts were made glad to see so many present and to hear the good testimonies from all the brethren and sisters.

In our Friday evening prayer meeting the Spirit of God came in and touched our hearts, and then Sabbath morning at 9:30 we met for our ordinance meeting. Nearly every member was present, and after the ordinance of humility, we had a testimony meeting in which all took part. This was followed by the Lord's Supper, and after singing a hymn we left the house of worship. We assembled again for Sabbath-school at 1:30 P. M. After the Sabbath-school the writer addressed the church taking for a text Heb. 6:19, 20.

It was truly a day of refreshing to us all, and we cannot praise God enough for the way in which he has blessed and prospered the Coshocton church. During the last month three new converts to the faith have united with this church, and our constant prayer is that God will make every member of this church a soul-winner and continue to add to the church such as shall be saved.

It was a season of rejoicing to the church, when, a couple of weeks ago, we all gathered at the bank of the Muskingum River and it was my privilege to bury a dear brother and wife with Christ in baptism.

We are glad to report that we have a nice church school started here with Sister Lula Pieper as teacher. We rejoice that seventeen of our children can be under Christian training all through the week.

Pray for the work at Coshocton that we may not come behind in any good work. Yours in Christ,

BENJAMIN L. HOUSE.

### Cincinnati.

NO doubt the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR will be glad to hear from the medical missionary work in Cincinnati. I have been laboring in this field with Dr. Ruth Miller for three months, and the Lord is abundantly blessing our efforts. Upon entering the homes with our literature we find the sick who are tired of medicine, and who are glad to try our treatment. As we administer the treatment, we have opportunity to give the Message, and I am glad to say we are now holding weekly readings with two of our patients. After we administer the treatment, we ask God's blessing upon it, and thus far all our patients are pleased to have us do so. One dear old lady who comes to our rooms, upon leaving one day said, "I can't go without our little prayer."

We found a family this week who are truly in need of real missionary help. A mother of seven little children was sick with fever. Her oldest child aged twelve and the baby are also sick. They are too poor to hire help, so are left to the mercy of strangers. After doing all we could to relieve their suffering, Elder Miller bowed with us at the bedside and committed them to God's care. The mother's eyes filled with tears as she thanked us for the help we had rendered. As soon as the family are able, we expect to study God's word with them, and point them, if possible, to the Saviour.

We are of good courage in the Lord and expect to labor on until he comes.

DELLA BURROWAY.

### Cleveland.

WELCOME VISITOR: The missionary society of the Cleveland church is holding a series of open-air meetings on the Public Square Saturday evenings with a constantly increasing interest.

The Message is presented under rather unique circumstances. The City Council has provided two stands

for the free flow of oratory, and side by side with socialistic orators the Third Angel's Message is presented to interested audiences. The audience is composed principally of thinking people, and will stand for hours listening to the truths of our Message.

Two torches are used and they add beauty to the beautiful charts fresh from the easel of Brother Henry De Fluiter. We are safe in saying the Message could not be presented under more favorable circumstances. The Message is presented without any "ifs" or "buts," and our hearts are made glad by the nods of approval so noticeable throughout its presentation. "The Coming of Christ in this Generation" is the topic. Last Saturday night over 300 people heard the Message, possibly for the first time. The work is carried on exclusively by missionary society members. We are showing our faith by our works. A. DINGWALL.

DEAR FELLOW TEACHERS: One month has passed since most of your schools began, and I find myself wondering how the Lord is prospering you. Surely he has spoken good concerning the church school work and we can expect his blessing. I have not given you the help I should, but as I am now located in Academia, I can give all my attention to the work.

I should be pleased to receive a personal letter from each of you telling of the success that is attending your efforts. I would like to have a full report of work done during the month just closed. I am now arranging my work so as to visit each school in the near future.

Trusting God to continue blessing you, I remain your brother in behalf of the work for the children,

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec.*

MRS. E. G. WHITE lately said, "I am impressed to call upon the members of our churches to study the last two volumes of 'Testimonies to the Church.' When I was writing the instruction contained in these books, I felt the deep moving of the Spirit of God. They are full of precious matter. In the visions of the night the Lord told me that the truth contained in these books must be brought before the members of our churches, because there are many who are indifferent in regard to the salvation of their souls."

"O LORD! how happy we should be,  
If we could cast our care on thee,  
If we from self could rest.—  
And feel at heart that One above  
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,  
Is working for the best!"

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### A REPORT OF THE ELGIN INGATHERING SERVICES.

SEPTEMBER 30 to October 3 the church at Elgin held their annual Harvest Ingathering Services. The weather was favorable and several near-by churches were well represented at this short series of meetings. The brethren and sisters of Elgin had everything in readiness at the appointed time and received all visiting brethren with a warm Christian welcome. The exterior of their little house of worship had quite recently received a fresh coat of paint which added much to its appearance. The interior decorations were splendid, convincing the beholder that neither time nor pains had been spared on this part of the work of preparation. A fine assortment of products of the orchard, vineyard and the field were artistically arranged with potted plants and cut flowers so as to appeal to the spectator to join in praising the Bountiful Giver of all.

A program had been previously arranged giving both old and young a place and part in the exercises. The manner and spirit in which every one acted his part, showed that all quite thoroughly understood the design and true purpose of the meetings. The missionary spirit was prominent in every service. A disposition to cooperate with God and help hasten the final triumph in this generation was clearly manifested. Two contributions were taken. It was decided to send one to Sister Ella McIntyre in Egypt and the other to Brother and Sister Votaw for the work in India.

We were glad to meet Brother and Sister H. H. Votaw at this meeting and hear them once more relate their interest in the cause in far-off India. Elder E. J. Van Horn was present and spoke on Sunday morning with freedom. Brother James Shultz spoke in the afternoon and the writer in the evening, which concluded the program.

The meetings proved to be a source of mutual encouragement to all who were privileged to attend. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper the efforts of his people at this place, and keep them united in the one grand purpose of living and giving the closing gospel message to a lost world.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day.—*Milton.*

### COME—LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

HAVING sold that portion of our business which was exclusively commercial, and having moved into our new factory, built especially for our denominational work, *we are glad.* In fact, we are celebrating. How are we doing it, you may ask? By originating and publishing the Third Angel's Message series of the *Signs of the Times*, a series in which the leading features of this Message are emphasized in a brief, readable manner; a series you can circulate among your friends and neighbors, as well as strangers, with the assurance that if read and heeded it will bring them to a saving knowledge of the gospel for to-day. It is a series of which one experienced worker says: "It ought to have a circulation of 600,000 copies easily."

Is not this a good way to celebrate? Could you think of a better? Could newly dedicated rooms and machinery be put to better use than in producing a mighty, soul winning series such as we have described? Could consecrated men, women, youth and children, in the factory and out, do better than unite in this celebration by placing this truth-filled series in the homes of their neighbors everywhere?

If you favor the disposal of the commercial portion of our plant; if you are pleased with our removing from the city into the country; if you believe we have good reasons for celebrating these events, please say *yes* by purchasing a liberal number of the *Signs of the Times* series, and use them quickly. The price is as follows:—

One to four sets of four papers each, 20 cents per set.  
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Address *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

### HIDDEN RICHES.

A MAN once owned a small farm. He did his best to till it and rear a family, but after working hard all his life he died a poor man. The farm was inherited by his eldest son. The son discovered a gold mine and became immensely rich. The property he had was the same his father had; but the father didn't know what was in the land, while the son found it out. That is the difference between Christians. Through the atonement of Jesus Christ, God has made us heirs to all things, but only the Holy Ghost reveals our riches. A. J. GORDON.

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BROTHER N. S. MILLER'S mother and brother of Cleveland spent last Sunday in Academia.

MRS. HENRY DE FLUITER and children of Cleveland, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Huffaker.

THE Walnut Grove church talk of holding an Ingathering Service the latter part of this month.

MISS ELLA M. TALMAGE is detained at home by her mother's sickness. Her address is Mount Gilead, O., R. F. D. No. 4.

MRS. J. G. WOOD has been very sick for about two weeks. We are glad to learn she seems to be some better.

BROTHER J. O. MILLER spent Sabbath and Sunday, October 8 and 9, with the Coshocton and Pleasant Hill churches.

WE are informed that Miss Ruth Sweet, who is teaching at Lagrange, is visiting her parents during Sabbath and Sunday.

WE hope every church elder and clerk will endeavor during the remainder of this month to place the *Review* in the home of every Sabbath keeper.

LET there be a grand rally on the part of all lovers of the dear old *Review and Herald* to have it visit weekly every Seventh-day Adventist home where it is not now going. This we consider first class missionary work.

BROTHER B. F. HUBBELL'S property, situated in Academia, is for rent. It consists of a six-room house and two acres of land. Price \$5.00 per month. For further particulars, address C. V. Hamer, Academia, Ohio.

ACADEMY NOTES.

MR. BEN ASHTON has returned to school. We are glad to have him as one of our number.

AFTER visiting home a few days Mr. Norman Johnson has returned and taken up the studies and duties of the year.

WE regret very much to have Robert Ashton leave us, but God has promised to be with us to the end. So he will be with Mr. Ashton.

ON Thursday and Friday afternoon a number of the students were engaged in cutting corn for the Academy, showing their willingness to co-operate with those at the head of the work. True education develops both head and hand.

MR. H. H. VOTAW visited Mr. Benson before leaving for India. He sails October 15 from New York going to Dover, England, from Dover he will go to Marseilles, France, thence to India. We wish him a pleasant voyage and pray God's blessing to attend him in his field of labor.

THE good, earnest, ringing testimonies of Friday's evening meeting tell a story of how God is working upon the hearts of the young people in school. It was good to be there and hear the expressions of faith and devotion to God. After studying hard all the week, there is a pleasure that cannot be expressed in words, in listening to the students sing songs of praise and tell of the goodness of God. If the mothers in Israel could attend one of our Friday evening meetings, their hearts would rejoice that their children are in such a school.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 23, 1904.)

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co. —Coming King: 43 hours; value of orders, \$22; helps, \$2.50; total, \$24.50.

REPORT OF NEWARK MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1904.

Pages of literature distributed . . .	240
Visits to the sick . . . . .	78
Gospel conversations . . . . .	93
Hours missionary labor . . . . .	141
Missionary calls . . . . .	819
Articles of clothing given away . . .	8
Bible readings . . . . .	33
Meals given . . . . .	4
Object Lessons sold . . . . .	6
Missionary letters . . . . .	2
Money given for missionary purposes . . . . .	\$11.85
Collections . . . . .	6.69

MRS. MARTHA WINTERMUTE,  
Church Clerk.

READERS FOR THE CHILDREN.

TEACHERS and parents will be glad to know that the first two books in the series of the Bible readings are ready for use this fall. Every church school and every home where there are children should be supplied. Bible Reader No. 1 sells for thirty-five cents; Bible Reader Second Year, forty cents. Part One of the Bible Reader Third Year can be obtained from the Advocate Publishing Co. for twenty cents. This portion of the book is printed in pamphlet form for use this fall in the church schools.

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Address Ohio Tract Society or the Advocate Publishing Company, Berrien Springs, Mich.

"YOUR Father knoweth." This is one of the tender words of scripture, the sweet, hushing answer of a love that understands all and can do all. There is such joy in these words: "He knoweth. Your Father knoweth that ye have need of such things." It may be heart-need or life-need or soul-longing, the unattained desire, the unfulfilled wish. To every pang of disappointment, to every powerless reaching forth of hope, no less than to every sigh over mere temporal need this word comes: "Your Father knoweth."—*Selected.*

EASY TO HURT OTHERS.

WE are so related to each other that we are continually leaving impressions on those we touch. It is easier to do harm than good to other lives. Among the ruins of some old temple there was found a slab which bore, very faintly and dimly, the image of the king, and in very deep and clear indentations the print of a dog's foot. The king's beauty was less clear than the animal's foot. So human lives are apt to take less readily and deeply, to retain less indelibly the touches of spiritual beauty, and more clearly and permanently the marks and impressions of evil. It needs, therefore, in us, infinite carefulness and watchfulness, as we walk ever amid other lives, lest by some word or look or act or influence of ours we hurt them irreparably.—*Selected.*

A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches.—*Prov. 22:1.*