

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE HOPE SET BEFORE US.

As lightning from the east
Doth to the west extend;
So shall the coming be
Of our Redeemer, Friend;
Behold the glorious Son
With healing in his wings;
He comes to claim his own
And full deliverance brings.

The dead in Christ shall rise,
Thy living, too, shall change,
Ascending with his Christ
A thousand years to reign;
Then descends the lovely bride
As for her spouse adorned;
Mount Zion cleaving wide
Receives her on that morn.

The wicked dead awake,
And Satan leading them
To put their weal at stake
To take Jerusalem.
The eternal fire of God
Descends upon them there
And root and branch destroyed
The earth made clean and fair.

His people forth shall go
Led by his gracious hand;
Where living waters flow
Grow to the perfect man;
No blight of sin shall be;
Nor mention shall be made
In all thy realm made free —
Of those in ashes laid.

But week by week we'll meet,
And bow in reverence all
At Jesus' pierced feet:
Revere thy holy law;
The countless ages thro',
His praises shall be sung
For in the earth made new
No parting hearts be wrung.

RACHEL R. HESS.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH.

MANY of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might

know its meaning, and be able to preach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instructions how to work effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, his mission, and his priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instructions that the Lord had given me.

During this whole time I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. I was in this condition of mind until all the principle points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as direct from heaven the revelations given.

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. In the course of our labors, my husband and I visited Father Andrews, who was suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh the whole." He was healed instantly. He got up, and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of the Lord was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the word of God.

What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhanded, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith,—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by

revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the last fifty years. Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith I have something to say? I must obey the command, "Meet it!"

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teachings of the word,—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the way-marks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, as God has signified through his word and the testimony of his Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

OUR DUTY.

THE closing scenes of the earth's history are upon us, and God is loudly calling to us as a people, as he did through Peter, the apostle, "Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

God commands his people to arise and shine. Is there any need of our shining? There never was a time when the need was greater! "For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people," but even in a world where gross darkness has covered the people, the glory of God may be seen upon us as a people. This past year those who claim that Jesus is soon coming have taken a step forward. Our workers are gaining a foothold in some of earth's darkest places, where gross darkness really covers the people. Much of this has been accom-

plished since the printing office has been removed to Washington, D. C.

Is it not possible that we are seeing the effects of a few drops of the latter rain? The earnestness and devotion to the Third Angel's Message at this time is not caused by the power of man but by God. He is preparing his people to go into all the world with the closing Message. As we see our older brethren laying aside the heavy burdens, some going to rest till the Life Giver comes, we can see also that God is fulfilling that scripture written by Joel: "And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids will I pour out of my Spirit." "And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and my people shall never be ashamed." God has given us his word full of great and precious promises which have enabled us to escape many of the corrupting things of the world. But if the word of God can do such a thing for us can it not do a similar work for others? It certainly can. Hence the call, Arise, shine!

Knowing as we do that Jesus is soon coming, we are responsible for the manner in which the Message shall be presented. It must be heralded with a voice loud enough that the ends of the earth shall hear and rejoice in a soon-coming Saviour as we do to-day.

Just a short time and then will be a famine in the land; not a famine of bread but of hearing of the word of God. Think of what this means! That because of our neglecting this Message, not giving the trumpet a certain sound, some poor soul will be eternally lost!

Let commandment keeping people seek God as never before, while he may be found, and he will bless them with the Holy Spirit's power, that they may carry his name to earth's remotest bounds.

The work of Jesus while on earth, as recorded in Luke 4:18, was to preach deliverance and recovery of sight to the blind. This work he accomplished; nothing could turn him from his Father's business, and he says, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The record in Esther is for our meditation in these last days; "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise . . . from another place."

It is a sad thought when we think that we may not enter into the New Jerusalem, because we have not proclaimed deliverance in the name of Jesus, for there is none other name whereby we may be saved.

The prophet Joel in looking down the stream of time, sees something

from which we may take courage: "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus." But the remnant must preach deliverance to those who sit in darkness. There is no power that can stop this Message, not even Satan with all his evil hosts.

Sixty years to-day the judgment commenced in heaven. How can we be far from the time when Christ who is our life shall appear. That this Message which we love shall go to the ends of the earth in this generation is not an impossible thing.

"Ah! Lord God; behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." J. M. I.

LOVE IS POWER.

LOVE is power. Intellectual and moral strength are involved in this principle, and cannot be separated from it. The power of wealth has a tendency to corrupt and destroy; the power of force is strong to do hurt; but the excellence and value of pure love consist in its efficiency to do good, and to do nothing else than good. Whatsoever is done out of pure love, be it ever so little or contemptible in the sight of men, is wholly fruitful; for God regards more with how much love one worketh, than the amount he doeth. Love is of God. The unconverted heart cannot originate nor produce this plant of heavenly origin, which lives and flourishes only where Christ reigns.

Love cannot live without action, and every act increases, strengthens, and extends it. Love will gain the victory when argument and authority are powerless. Love works not for profit or reward; yet God has ordained that great gain shall be the certain result of every labor of love. It is diffusive in its nature, and quiet in its operation, yet strong, mighty to overcome great evils. It is melting and transforming in its influence, and will take hold of the lives of the sinful and affect their hearts when every other means has proved unsuccessful. Wherever the power of intellect, of authority, or of force is employed, and love is not manifestly present, the affections and will of those whom we seek to reach assume a defensive,

repelling position, and their strength of resistance is increased. Jesus was the Prince of Peace. He came into the world to bring resistance and authority into subjection to himself. Wisdom and strength he could command, but the means he employed with which to overcome evil were the wisdom and strength of love. . . .

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12. Blessed results would appear as the fruit of such a course. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:2. Here are strong motives which should constrain us to love one another with a pure heart, fervently. Christ is our example. He went about doing good. He lived to bless others. Love beautified and ennobled all his actions. We are not commanded to do to *ourselves* what we wish others to do to us; we are to *do unto others* what we wish them to do to us under like circumstances. The measure we mete is always measured to us again. Pure love is simple in its operations, and is distinct from any other principle of action. The love of influence, and the desire for the esteem of others may produce a well ordered life, and, frequently, a blameless conversation. Self-respect may lead us to avoid the appearance of evil. A selfish heart may perform generous actions, acknowledge the present truth, and express humility and affection in an outward manner, yet the motives may be deceptive and impure; the actions that flow from such a heart may be destitute of the savor of life and the fruits of true holiness, being destitute of the principles of pure love. Love should be cherished and cultivated; for its influence is divine.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

GUARD YOUR TONGUE.

"It has always seemed a deplorable thing to me," said a gentlewoman the other day, "when a person loses control of his temper and of his tongue at same time." Sometimes it is not easy to keep an unruffled temper; but it is always much easier than if one yields to the desire to justify himself or to retaliate on others. Therefore, if it should chance that you should find your temper getting out from your control, guard well your tongue, that it does not slip its leash also.—*Selected.*

By everything does Nature strive to speak Wisdom and comfort to the souls who seek: Take that she gives so graciously, and then Go share her largess with thy fellow men.

—*Anno J. Grannis.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE FIVE LOAVES.

WHAT if the little Jewish lad
That summer day had failed to go
Down to the lake because he had
So small a store of loaves to show?

The press is great, he might have said;
For food the thronging people call.
I only have five loaves of bread,
And what are they among them all?

And back the mother's word might come,
Her coaxing hand upon his hair,
Yet go: for they might comfort some,
Among the hungry children there.

Lo! to the lake side he went,
Bearing the scant supply he had;
And Jesus with an eye intent,
Through all the crowd beheld the lad,

And saw the loaves and blessed them. Then
Beneath his hand the marvel grew;
He brake and blessed and brake again;
The loaves were neither small nor few.

For, as we know, it came to pass
That hungry thousands there were fed,
While sitting on the fresh, green grass,
From that one basketful of bread.

If from his home the lad that day
His five small loaves had failed to take,
Would Christ have wrought,—can any say?—
That miracle beside the lake!

—Selected.

Walnut Grove.

FOLLOWING the good Ingathering Services of October 22 and 23, described by Elder Burkholder in last week's VISITOR, I remained to follow up the interest. I found the church eager to help me in any way possible, so felt encouraged to go ahead. This was the first series of night meetings held with this church for a long time and they were not slow to show their appreciation as their continued presence at all meetings testified. Not only were they interested, but those who had never been inside an Adventist church came for the first time. Some came from a distance of ten miles and expressed themselves as feeling well repaid for the effort.

Elder Van Horn, who is the elder of the church and who had been in attendance at the Ingathering, was with us from Thursday night until the close of the meetings. He spoke Friday evening and Sabbath morning to large and attentive audiences.

During the day we took occasion to visit the people in their homes, and they demonstrated their ability to most pleasantly entertain us.

After the meeting Sabbath morning we all repaired to the little canal lake where two dear souls, who had embraced the truth as the result of these meetings, were baptised by Elder Van Horn. It did our souls good as we witnessed this dear brother and his wife take this step, as he was the only

member of a large family who had not long been members of the church.

Sabbath afternoon was devoted to the opening of an active missionary campaign. The same good will and hearty co-operation was again shown and I look for good results in the future. Our meetings closed October 29, and all testified that it had been a most profitable season. Two very promising young people are planning to attend the Academy in the near future. As we left to return home I could but recall the words of Jacob, "Surely the Lord is in this place."

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper the church at Walnut Grove and add unto their numbers such as shall be saved.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

Coshocton.

OCTOBER 18 and 19 it was my privilege to visit the church school at Coshocton. I found the faithful teacher, Miss Lula Pieper, busily engaged with a school of seventeen pupils. Their eager faces indicated with what interest they were pursuing their studies.

The church has secured a large room in the house occupied by Brother Alvin Shryock which is located in the edge of town, thus making it a desirable place for a school. I was pleased to see the interest manifested by all the patrons of the school. Elder House is doing all he can to make the work a success and the Lord is adding his blessing.

The children all gave expression to their great pleasure at being able to be in a school of the Lord's planting. May he continue to prosper them.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

Clark and Killbuck.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: I went to Clark last Thursday to visit the dear souls who were interested in the truth at that place when Brother Votaw and I were holding meetings there this last summer. I travelled on the mail hack from Coshocton and reached Clark late in the evening.

Brother Cliff Kaser, who has decided to walk in the light of God, met me and took me to his home where I was treated very kindly. Besides Brother Kaser I found two sisters who are faithfully observing the true Sabbath.

Besides these I visited several others who are friendly to God's people. Before leaving Clark it was my privilege to baptize the dear brother and one of the Sabbath keeping sisters. The other sister having been previously immersed did not at this time desire to be baptized again. We appreciated very much the presence of

several of the brethren and sisters from the Killbuck church at the baptism.

Before I returned home I preached once at the Killbuck church, visited a few of the members, and was glad to learn that this church is still prospering. Two more have recently started to obey all of God's commandments and we hope that they will soon be buried with their Lord in baptism.

Our hearts were made glad to see how God is watering the seed that has been sown, and that some of the seed is springing up unto everlasting life. Remember the work of the Lord at these places, and that God's prospering hand may still be seen. Yours in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE.

TOO READY TO BLAME.

ARE we not all too prone to blame? And in our blaming do we not bungle frequently with balances that are delicate beyond our understanding? Of course, every one knows that blame attaches to himself. But who is really qualified to pass censure upon, or attach blame to, another? Robert Burns sings a wise and humane strain. This song may be possible only to a man who has experience and sought honestly for a philosophy that would cover all the facts of that experience. He warns every daw-plucker away from a task possible only to Omniscience. Before we pass judgment on a fellow-being as frail as we are it will be well for us to remember his song:—

"One point must still be greatly dark,
The moving why they do it,
And just as lamely can you mark,
Perhaps, how much they rue it.
Then at the balance let's be mute,
We never can adjust it!
What's done we partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted!"

But criticisms and blame, which generally are bad in themselves, eat like vitriol if we blame unjustly or overmuch. This allows an element that is brutal to enter into blame. There is a sense of the ferocity of a wild beast in him who will pour out invectives upon even the blameworthy, when it is too late to produce upon him any beneficial results.—*Great Thoughts.*

"It is not what people eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong. It is not what they gain, but what they save, that makes them rich. It is not what they read, but what they remember, that makes them learned. It is not what they profess, but what they practise, that makes them righteous."

"No true sermon is an end in itself."

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Sabbath begins Nov. 11 at 4:48 P. M.

HARRY HADDIX is visiting at his home in Graftin, W. Va.

HARRY THORNTON is now visiting his people. He will bring a new horse for the Academy when he returns.

MR. CLARK, who is now attending school, has set up a barber's chair, and is doing work for the students, and residents of Academia.

MR. REARK, of Bowling Green; Mr. Connor, of Huntsville, Ala.; Miss Tolls, of Columbus; and Mr. Pierce, of Chillicothe, have recently been added to our family.

SISTER ELLA TALMAGE'S mother died last week, after a severe illness. The VISITOR sympathizes with the bereaved family in this time of sorrow, but can rejoice with them that they sorrow not as others who have no hope.

WE were glad to have with us on Tuesday morning Elders Burkholder, Kennedy, Lindsey, and Brother Thornton. Each of the brethren emphasized the need of the field, the need of consecrated workers, urging the students to faithfulness in study and in getting the knowledge that one gets at school, to bear in mind that failure is inevitable if they have not gained the knowledge that is to be found in Christ, and in him alone.

WEDNESDAY morning missionary meeting was held. We listened to a very interesting paper read by Prof. Loughhead on the condition of our laborers in Turkey. Some of them being in prison and, as the paper read, are likely to be imprisoned for a term of from three to fifteen years. Also the difficulties which are to be met in such a field as Turkey were mentioned. That which has been neglected in days of peace must be done

in time of peril, and perplexity. Elder J. O. Miller occupied the remainder of time, and gave a talk full of interest on China. There is truly a need of workers in that dark field.

WELCOME VISITOR: I came to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Acton, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1904. My name is Baby Ellen Acton. I weigh seven and one-half pounds and have dark hair and eyes. Mama and I are both doing well.

ELLEN ACTON MILES.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

ARRANGEMENTS are being perfected for a Young People's State Convention, to be held in Academia, O., Dec. 6-8, 1904. Brother G. B. Thompson, chairman of the Young People's Department, and Brother Anderson, who has been laboring in Africa, have assured us of their presence. Elders Luther Warren and W. A. Spicer have also promised to be present if at all possible. In view of the work the Lord has placed upon the young people of this generation, we trust all will make an earnest effort to attend this meeting, that they may receive the encouragement and strength we feel sure will be given, and lend their help, by both presence and voice, in making this a mighty move in hastening the coming of the Lord. Watch the *Welcome Visitor* for further particulars.

JAMES E. SHULTZ,
BESSIE E. RUSSELL.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Oct. 28, 1904.)

Emily Kay, Youngstown.—Coming King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$4.50; total, \$11.

G. A. Hopkins, Ashland Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: 22 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$2; total, \$17.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

OCTOBER, 1904.

Akron.....	\$171.52
Alliance.....	5.90
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	3.80
Bellefontaine.....	18.30
Bellville.....	5.04
Bowling Green.....	112.98
Box 55.....	.....
Brokaw.....	1.55
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	48.82
Canton.....	12.05
Chagrin Falls.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	15.00
Cincinnati.....	.....
Cleveland.....	238.92
Clyde.....	23.51
Columbus.....	28.09
Conneaut.....	6.89
Corsica.....	31.30

Coshocton.....	67.00
Cygnets.....	56.44
Dayton.....	48.36
Defiance.....	6.00
Delaware.....	31.50
Dowling.....	2.92
Dunkirk.....	15.00
East Liverpool.....	16.55
Elgin.....	45.05
Fairfield.....	6.60
Findlay.....	21.14
Geneva.....	13.70
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	12.39
Hamler.....	123.35
Hicksville.....	36.08
Jackson.....	.....
Kentworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	14.10
Kirtland.....	76.22
Lagrange.....	62.15
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	32.62
Leesburg.....	22.33
Lewistown.....	13.41
Liberty Center.....	58.51
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	25.70
Marshfield.....	15.00
Meigs.....	25.70
Mendon.....	13.47
Middlefield.....	34.50
Mount Vernon.....	114.57
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	69.87
Norwalk.....	8.50
Olivet.....	.....
Piqua.....	2.00
Pemberville.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	25.46
Reedsville.....	1.96
Rows.....	.....
Rowsburg.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	10.00
Sherwood.....	2.23
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	12.92
Springfield.....	35.52
Toledo.....	117.56
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	9.65
Wadsworth.....	1.86
Walnut Grove.....	55.00
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	36.42
Wengerstown.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	32.25
Wheelersburg.....	91.35
Wilmington.....	10.39
Youngstown.....	50.55
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	29.00

Total.....\$2,298.32
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TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES. OCTOBER, 1904.

Tithe.....	\$2,298.32
Ohio Tract Society.....	381.21
First Day Offering.....	118.78
Sabbath-school Donations.....	173.72
Academy Debt.....	2.20
Haskell and J. White Homes.....	182.56
Egypt.....	10.14
India.....	71.35
Washington, D. C. work.....	4.40
Southern Field.....	16.40
Acre Fund.....	1.38
Total.....	\$3,260.46

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