

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY.

### PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

THE experience of the church in apostolic days, as recorded in the New Testament, reveals an inseparable connection between prayer and missions. Matthew relates an instance:—

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9: 35-38.

### The Sacrifice of One.

Christ was the great model Missionary. He left his home in heaven and came to this sin-stricken world where the lost and suffering were, to save them. He went about all the cities and villages, teaching the people, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and disease among the people.

As he engaged in this blessed, unselfish ministry, and saw the weary, suffering multitudes scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, he was moved with compassion on them. He said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Up to this point we have the situation as it existed—the pressing needs of the suffering, perishing multitudes, and the altogether inadequate supply of workers. What was the recourse recognized by Jesus, and pointed out to his disciples?—It was prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest."

This record certainly shows that the Redeemer of the world, who is the source of supplies for all true missionary enterprises, teaches the closest possible union of prayer and mis-

sions. From this time to the close of the Bible record of missionary experiences in the early church, earnest, unceasing, prevailing prayer is represented as preceding, setting in motion, carrying forward, and consummating that glorious work that gave the gospel to all the world in that generation.

Has this law of the kingdom changed? Is there now another way by which the church is to be stimulated, sent forth, and sustained in worldwide missionary effort?

### A Special Opportunity.

How consistent that Seventh-day Adventists, who have been raised up to give the last warning message of the gospel—the last call of mercy—to the world, should set apart a season of time each year for special prayer in behalf of this great missionary undertaking. Oh, that there shall be earnest prayer indeed for the progress of this cause! The missionaries toiling in difficult, destitute, sin-cursed fields at home and in the regions afar off need the earnest, triumphant prayers of the church of Christ. The multitudes of suffering, misguided, disheartened, souls in all lands need the sympathetic, affectionate prayers of those who have found the help they need. The men who have been appointed by the church to carry the responsibilities connected with the general management of this great missionary movement, need the prayers of God's people. And the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. Every week of the year that treasury must send forth at least three thousand dollars to support the missionaries who are now devoting their lives entirely to this work. They have left homes, friends, and worldly vocations to give their lives wholly to missionary service. Their provision for support is their confidence in the promise of God, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; and he has arranged that his church shall be the visible support of his work. If the church will do her duty in prayer and giving, the Lord shall supply her with the means. I repeat—the treas-

ury of the church needs the prayers of the church.

The time and the situation to which we have come call for the earnest, importunate, heartfelt prayers of Seventh-day Adventists at this time. Let every professed believer in the Third Angel's Message join with all his soul in the coming week of prayer services.

### All May Respond.

One magnificent feature of the week of prayer for 1904 will be the effort to raise \$80,000 in the annual offering for missions.

This can easily be done, and what a burden of care and continual perplexity it will lift from many hearts. Blessed Master, thou who hast said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," breathe this assurance into the hearts of all thy children, leading them to give as thou hast prospered them, and as thy suffering cause needs at this very time.

A. G. DANIELLS.

### "ESCAPE FOR THY LIFE."

IN considering what could be said that had not been said by those of wide experience in missionary work relative to the importance of every one taking part in this missionary campaign and continuing until the Lord comes, the following Scripture came to my mind: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." I therefore quote what the Spirit of Prophecy has said regarding the matter:—

"God has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. But, instead of this, how many of our large churches come and go like a door on its hinges, feeling no responsibility for the progress of the work, no interest in the salvation of souls for whom Christ died. They do not dream of weaving their religion into their busi-

ness. They say, Religion is religion, and business is business; they believe each has its proper sphere, but let them be separated. But in whatever calling a Christian is found, he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world. Whatever may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ. If this is not our interest, we rob God of influence, of time, of money and effort. In withholding our heart's services from the Lord, we fail to benefit our fellowman, and thus rob God of the glory that would flow to him through the conversion of others."

Remember the command says: "Thou shalt not steal." The question comes forcibly to my mind, am I doing all I can personally, and making every effort possible to get my brethren to awaken to their privileges? "Watchman, what of the night?"

It seems to me we need to have the words at the head of this article burned into our very souls, for we are on enchanted ground. Do you ask why I speak so earnestly? Over three weeks of the active campaign have passed, and not one half of our churches have ordered supplies through this office. Brethren, awake, shake off the lethargy that would envelop you.

Next Sabbath is our second convention. We hope officers of every church and leaders of companies will lay definite plans, and try to enlist every one in active service; and also send us tidings of the battle. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come."

N. S. MILLER, *Missionary Sec.*

#### WHERE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS.

ON account of reduced rates on the railroads during the holiday season, doubtless many have decided already where to go; others are in the valley of decision. Look here, let me tell you something. No better place can be found than Coshocton, O., where the meeting for District No. 2 will be held. The brethren there will provide food and sleeping apartments.

Brother Anderson, a missionary from Africa, will be present and you will have the pleasure of hearing him, as well as consecrated talent of Ohio, on the different lines of our work now being carried on for the promotion of of the Third Angel's Message, not only in this State, but in all the world in *this generation*.

Please consider before making decisions, if it will not be the better part of wisdom, to spend a little time and money, in gaining strength from God at this time to prosecute the work he has outlined for us.

J. O. MILLER, *Supt. Dist. No. 2.*

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### INVITATIONS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

RECENTLY the students and teachers of the Mount Vernon Academy unanimously voted to invite the Young People of Ohio to hold their coming Convention at the Academy. And now that this place has been selected, we shall be glad to welcome all who can come to join us in this effort to unite more closely for service in the Master's cause. The regular Convention services will be held in the Academy Chapel, and the visitors will be entertained in the homes of the brethren and sisters of the Mount Vernon church. Let us rally to this call, bringing the Spirit of Jesus with us, and expect a shower of blessings as we plan for carrying this "Gospel of the Kingdom to all the World in *this Generation*."

N. W. LAWRENCE, *Prin.*

AS the time for the Young People's State Convention approaches, we would especially urge all the young people of Ohio to make every effort possible to be present. At this time plans for future aggressive work on the part of the young people will be discussed and formulated. If you are interested in giving the Message to the world in this generation, *come*. To the hands of the young people the Lord has largely given this work. It is a sacred trust. Shall we prove negligent or unworthy of the confidence the Lord has placed in us? Emphatically *no*.

If you desire to attend the Academy at any time in the future and would like to see it in actual operation before doing so, *now* would be an opportune time for you to visit us. Class work will be continued throughout the Convention, and you will be heartily welcomed as visitors in *all* the regular classes of the school. By this plan you can become better acquainted with our plans and methods of work than you could by merely reading or hearing about it. You can see the work conducted according to regular routine.

Lastly, come for the spiritual blessing which we know the Lord will abundantly give at this important meeting.

N. T. LOUGHHEAD.

Cleveland.

WELCOME VISITOR: A very pleasant meeting was held this afternoon at the home of a sister who has lately received the Message. The home was filled with brethren and sisters, and af-

ter a song service and prayer Elder Lindsey laid his hands upon a dear little babe and asked for the special blessing of God upon it and the parents. The good father, although not of our faith as yet, joined in the request for the prayer for the babe. Having been brought up in the Lutheran Church, and all the relations being of that faith, they desired the christening of the babe. Instead the elder gave a study on baptism, showing that innocent babes were not subjects for baptism, but that Jesus laid his hands on little children and blessed them, and informed grown men that unless they became as little children they could not enter the kingdom of heaven. One young person united with the church yesterday. We will have baptism soon again.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Hamler, Holgate.

WELCOME VISITOR: November 4-7 I spent with the church in Hamler. As this was my first visit to this church I was surprised to see the neat, comfortable memorial we have to the Third Angel's Message in Hamler.

Elder Burkholder, who was with me, spoke to the church on Sabbath on "The Message for this Generation."

Many were edified and their courage was strengthened as they listened to him once more, as it was here where, over twenty years ago, he began his ministry.

I spoke in the evening upon the theme of Jacob as a Supplanter and finally as a Prevailer.

It was my privilege to speak again to an attentive audience, Sunday when we studied "The Fall of the Three Great Babylons."

Quite a number from the outside were present so that the house was well filled with people who showed by the good attention they gave that they had come to study the Word of God.

Monday I visited the school conducted by the Punches Brethren and taught by Sister Cora Gibson. I found her very enthusiastic in her work and doing all in her power to make the work a success.

Monday afternoon I were to Holgate, where I visited the isolated brethren at that place. There are twelve Sabbath keepers here and steps will be taken to organize a good Sabbath-school.

After leaving Holgate, I called at Toledo and visited some of the people for whom I labored last summer.

I found Brother Park very actively engaged in distributing the *Family*

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## SELECTED.

## SCOTTISH VERSION FIRST PSALM.

BLESST is the man that tak's nae stock  
In what the godless say,  
Wha wadna trock w' sinfu' folk  
Nor walk within their way.

Wha' sits na' in the big boo chair  
The scornfu' like to fill,  
But mak's his care aye mair and mair  
To work the Malster's will.

Wha' ne'er times it frae his sicht  
At hame or far awa',  
But in daylicht and in midnicht  
Keeps thinkin' on God's law.

That man shall flourish like a tree  
That grows beside the burn,  
Whas fruit ye see aye hangin' free  
As simmer days return.

Wha's sma'est leaf shall ne'er be lost  
Tho' ither trees ha'e nane,  
An' blithe may boast thro' sun and frost  
A glossy coat o' green.

That man may gang to sell or buy  
And still good luck comman',  
Ye may rely whate'er he try  
Shall prosper in his han'.

But nae the man that hellwards lean  
W' Satan's rule conform,  
They'll stouter roun' till thy gang doon  
Like stooks before the storm.

Nor will ae rascal be allooed  
In paradise to dwell  
For God hath vood nane but the gude  
Shall sit beside himself.

Selected.

## THE EVILS OF THE HUMAN TONGUE.

EVEN so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defleth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and is set on fire of hell. James 3:5, 6.

How little do we realize the meaning of these words! Of all the members that compose this mortal body the tongue is the most unruly. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, and as it is governed by the impulses of the heart and mind, and as the carnal mind is enmity against God, and cannot be subject to the law of God, it follows that the only means of controlling this carnal weapon is to become spiritually minded, or so endowed with the Spirit of God, that the tongue can in no way defile our nature. But this cannot be accomplished in a few hours' time, or even years, if self alone is consulted.

"The tongue can no man tame."  
"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh."

How easy it is to tell the motives of a man by the use he makes of his tongue, and the emotions that shine

from his face! It is this that behooves each of us to heed the admonition of the Saviour to be as "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

It has often been my lot to meet with families where it seemed that love reigned supreme. You could tell by their beaming countenances that the peace of God rested there; but, sad to relate, I have found also that in other homes, only assumed authority was the ruling motive. Gruff words and angry looks were all there was to be seen or heard from the break of dawn until slumber folded them in its silent arms, only to be aroused in the morning with, perhaps a new volley of pent-up wrath to be showered forth that day.

O, the value of a loving, appreciative smile from brother to sister, from husband to wife, from parent to child.

It is a lack of this love and appreciation that causes us so often to see families drifting apart, some trying to live a Christian life, but still harboring a tart temper and a sharp tongue, which is the only edged tool that grows sharper with constant use.

Satan with his countless delusions leads them to think that they are living Christlike lives and to wonder why it is that the other members of the family do not accept Christ as their personal Saviour. This class is designated by Christ's words, "whited sepulchers."

Now these wayward ones are not infidels, but in truth they are starving for the Christianity that "maketh not ashamed."

"My brethern, these things ought not to be so." Be true to your profession of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Teach father, mother, sister, and brother, that the religion of Jesus Christ is genuine. Let no cross words ever pass your lips. The arms of love will span a wide gulf, and then when you are called to render an account of your stewardship to God, you can answer, "Here am I, Lord, and those whom thou hast given me."—Selected.

## WORK FOR JESUS.

"How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation." Isa. 2:7. Happy is that soul who goeth about doing with his might what his hands find to do for the advancement of the kingdom of God. How beautiful are his feet on the mountains of sin as he is enabled through the merits of the blood of Christ to bear good tidings, publish peace and salvation to some of the lost souls who are struggling with the enemy. God will bless the

continued efforts of such an individual, as he improves all his opportunities; and almost before he knows it, God will give him souls for hire to shine as stars of rejoicing in the crown of life he has prepared for them that love him.

There may be and will be times when it will seem that there is no use to work longer for this or that soul who has shown some interest; but keep on doing what you can for him. "Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. As long as there is any possible chance, persevere. Somebody must, or they would have to die the second death. Even though they mistreat you, if after prayer, you are still impressed by God's Spirit, keep on. And, O, how grateful they will be and how many times they will thank God that he kept guiding you to them when they at last accept the truth and are saved. And your reward—how great! A little idea of it may be gained from what God has told us through the Spirit of Prophecy. Speaking about this reward, he says, "The Saviour's joy is in seeing, in the kingdom of glory, the souls that have been saved by his agony and humiliation. And the redeemed will be sharers in this joy, as they behold, among the blessed, those who have been won to Christ through their prayers, their labors and loving sacrifice. As they gather about the great, white throne, gladness unspeakable will fill their hearts. When they behold those whom they have won for Christ, and see that one has gained others, and these still others, all brought into the haven of rest, there to lay their crowns at Jesus' feet, and praise him through the endless cycles of eternity." "Great Controversy," p. 467, last par. Precious words of encouragement! How unspeakably great is the reward of the redeemed! Truly, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seeds, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his precious sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

O, blessed work for Jesus,  
What heart could crave another  
Than lead an honest soul to God,  
And of him, make a brother.

May God help us to watch for souls as they who give an account that some one for whom Jesus died, may be brought to this reward through his blood and our being used to his glory.  
F. C. CLARK.

"HE that winneth souls is wise."

WE can turn our mistakes into blessings by talking them over with Christ.—Selected.

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Sabbath begins Nov. 25 at 4:37 P. M.

MISS MEDA LAWRENCE is visiting  
friends at Washington, C. H., O.

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY is spending  
a few days in Academia on business.

THE address of Brother C. A. Pedicord is No. 2992 Gilbert Avenue,  
Cincinnati, O.

TO VISIT OHIO.

ELDER W. H. ANDERSON, late  
missionary from Africa, has consented  
to pay the Ohio Conference a visit  
and we have arranged for him to meet  
with the following churches: Toledo,  
December 2, 3; Bowling Green, 4;  
Mount Vernon Academy, 6-8; Cleve-  
land, 9-11; Newark, 12-14; Colum-  
bus, 15-17. Other announcements will  
appear in a later issue of the VISITOR.  
We hope to see a large attendance of  
our people at all these appointments.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Nov. 4, 1904.)

Emily A. Kay, Youngstown.—Com-  
ing King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$8;  
helps, \$7; total, \$15.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—  
Coming King: 21 hours; value of  
orders, \$3.50; deliveries, \$55.

A. L. Hussey, Mercer Co.—Coming  
King and Best Stories: 15 hours; value  
of orders, \$7.50.

G. A. Hopkins, Ashland Co.—Com-  
ing King and Best Stories: 16 hours;  
value of orders, \$4.50; helps, \$1; total,  
\$5.50.

Cora B. Cuddeback,\* Conneaut,—  
House We Live In: 13 hours; value  
of orders, \$14.25; helps, \$5.20; total,  
\$19.45.

\* For week ending October 28.

(For week ending Nov. 11, 1904.)

Emily A. Kay, Youngstown.—Com-  
ing King: 15 hours; value of orders,  
\$4.50; helps, \$3.50; total, \$8.

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*Bible Teacher.* He is visiting five  
hundred interested families each week  
and is doing a very good work.

On my way home I stopped at my  
old home church at Clyde and found  
still a few faithful souls there who are  
endeavoring to hold up the light of  
truth under very discouraging en-  
vironments. They are calling loudly  
for help which I think will be given  
them soon.

As I visit these churches the desire  
expressed by all is that we may see  
the work finished in this generation.  
May we all so work and live that the  
harvest of the earth may soon come  
and we see the fruition of our hopes.

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec.*

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: This  
writing finds us well and enjoying  
much of the blessing of God. The  
work is onward in this part of the  
State. The churches at Toledo, Dow-  
ling, Cygnet and Liberty Center are  
getting along nicely, are of good  
courage in the Master's work, and are  
planning for aggressive work in the  
near future. The brethren in Toledo  
are doing a good work with the  
*Family Bible Teacher.* Brother and  
Sister Huffaker have returned to  
Toledo, and have begun the Bible  
work with new courage and are striv-  
ing to make the work a success.

The brethren at Hicksville and Far-  
mer Center are all of good courage.  
God is blessing his faithful children,  
and hope and courage in the Third  
Angel's Message is the one thing  
needful at the present time. May our  
Heavenly Father ever bless and keep  
us until the work is done.

Yours in the Master's work,

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Waterford.

WELCOME VISITOR: Once again our  
hearts are saddened by the death of  
our Sister Talmage who passed peace-  
fully away at her home near Chester-  
ville, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1904. For  
many years Sister Talmage has been  
a faithful attendant at our Sabbath-  
school and will be sadly missed there  
by each member of the church. She  
was a charter member of this church  
and took an active part in the organi-  
zation over thirty years ago, and we  
are thankful for the grand example  
we have in her life of a faithful mother  
and consistent Christian.

We are all of good courage, al-  
though we are having an epidemic of  
whooping cough and as a result our  
attendance has been small.

Our Brother Cemer and family have  
gone to Washington, D. C., to assist  
in the construction of the new build-

ings there. We are glad to welcome  
to our church Brethren Paul Clyde  
and Lincoln Stokes, who will be a  
great help to us here.

Remember this hard, prejudiced  
field in your prayers that we may  
be faithful in holding up the stand-  
ard of truth until the Saviour shall  
come.

F. J. ISLES.

OUR NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"IN vain do the inhabitants of Lon-  
don go to their conduits for supply  
unless the man who has the master-  
key turns the water on; and in vain do  
we think to quench our thirst at ordi-  
nances unless God communicates the  
living water of his Spirit.

"A man may as well hew marble  
without tools, or paint without colors  
or instruments, or build without ma-  
terials, as perform any acceptable  
service without the graces of the  
Spirit, which are both the materials  
and the instruments in the work.

"If we do not have the Spirit of God,  
it were better to shut the churches, to  
nail up the doors, to put a black cross  
on them, and say, 'God have mercy  
on us.' If the ministers have not the  
Spirit of God, they had better not  
preach, and the people had better stay  
at home. I think I speak not too  
strongly when I say that a church in  
the land without the Spirit of God is  
rather a curse than a blessing. If you  
have not the Spirit of God, Christian  
worker, remember that you stand in  
somebody else's way; you are as a tree  
bearing no fruit, standing where an-  
other fruitful tree might grow. This  
is solemn work; the Holy Spirit or  
nothing and worse than nothing; death  
and condemnation to a church that is  
not yearning after the Spirit, and cry-  
ing and groaning until the Spirit has  
wrought mightily in her midst. He is  
here. He has never gone back since  
he descended at Pentecost. He is  
often grieved, for he is peculiarly jeal-  
ous and sensitive, and the one sin never  
forgiven has to do with his blessed  
person. Therefore, let us be very  
tender towards him, walk humbly be-  
fore him, wait on him very earnestly,  
and resolve that about us there shall  
be nothing knowingly continued which  
shall prevent his dwelling in us, and  
being with us henceforth and forever."  
—*Spurgeon.*

THE man who has money might rest if he  
would,  
And the man who has none, he might rest if he  
could;  
But never, till manhood has gone out of style,  
Will the man who's a man want to rest all the  
while.

H. H. Wilson.

"PERPLEXITIES provoke progress."