

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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LIFE FULL OF BLESSING.

THIS life is not all unrequited toll,
Let us not despair, but think
How many a coveted prize is won
When the heart is ready to sink;
We plan and propose, and wonder why
Those plans do not meet with success;
We can not unravel life's woof, and know
They might not another bless.

Our interests oft seem very diverse,
But may in the tangled maze
More closely connect than we dream, or think,
In mysterious, unseen ways.
There is One who knows when 'tis best for me
To win, or is best to lose;
He gathers the threads of my destiny,
I shall know some day if he choose.

One thing I know, and have learned it well,
It is better for me to trust,
Not rebel at the dealings of Providence
And only yield when I must.
There is many a nugget of purest gold,
Hid away in the coarsest dust;
There is many a blessing that will unfold
When we patiently work and trust.

Rare flowers are blooming in darkest night,
Their beauty is shadowed till morn;
So blessings are hidden in sorrow from sight,
While we press to our bosom the thorn.
God tempers the winds to the lambs that are shorn,
He will not forget you and me;
Let us lean on his breast, confide in his love,
And hourly tokens we'll see.

— Selected.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Notes of Interest from the President's Desk.

ELDER R. G. PATTERSON will begin work in Toledo December 1.

BROTHER C. T. REDFIELD has located in Hamilton and will resume Bible work.

BROTHER C. A. PEDICORD and family will locate in Cincinnati. Brother Pedicord will take up the work recently left by Elder W. W. Miller.

BRETHREN FLOYD E. GIBSON and L. K. Morgan report nine new Sabbath keepers and still others deeply interested at Morrow, Warren County.

BROTHER ROBERT C. REED, of Ex-cello, sent to this office a check for \$1,000 to be applied on the support of a Conference representative in India.

SISTER ELLA M. TALMAGE, who has been detained at home for some time on account of the illness and death of her mother, will soon resume her Bible work in Akron.

READINGS for the week of prayer are printed in the *Review and Herald* of Nov. 24, 1904. If you are not already a subscriber, send a postal at once to *Review and Herald*, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C., requesting a copy.

BROTHER JAMES E. SHULTZ was recently elected elder of the Clyde church. On the evening of the same day he and Brother John Rose, deacon, were ordained to serve the church in their respective offices, Elders Burkholder and Kirkendall officiating.

WHILE in Clyde a few days since, Brethren Burkholder and Kirkendall called on our aged and esteemed brother, Oliver Mears, who served the Ohio Conference as its first president. Brother Mears is in feeble health at present but greatly enjoyed the call and related many interesting experiences of pioneer days in the Message.

AT a recent meeting of the Conference Committee the following appointments were made for District Superintendents: Districts No. 1 and 7, R. R. Kennedy; District No. 2, J. O. Miller; District No. 3, D. E. Lindsey; District No. 4, W. E. Bidwell; District No. 5, Francis M. Fairchild; District No. 6, A. C. Shannon; District No. 8, C. C. Webster.

We would be glad to provide every organized and unorganized company of our people in the State of Ohio with a Conference laborer during the week of prayer, but we find this quite impossible. We have, however, arranged to furnish the following:—

Elder R. R. Kennedy: Columbus, Chillicothe and Wheelersburg.

Elder D. E. Lindsey: Cleveland, Greenspring.

Elder J. O. Miller: Killbuck, Newark.

Elder J. G. Wood: Springfield.

Elder E. J. Van Horn: Hamler, Bowling Green.

Elder B. L. House: Dresden, Coshocton, Pleasant Hill.

Elder A. C. Shannon: Sidney, Piqua and Bellefontaine.

Elder R. G. Patterson: Toledo, Liberty Center.

Elder C. C. Webster: Youngstown and Alliance.

Elder Francis M. Fairchild: Findlay, Cygnet, Dowling.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall and Prof. N. W. Lawrence: Mount Vernon, Academia and Waterford.

W. E. Bidwell: Rows, Spencer and Camden.

G. P. Gaede: Marysville, Delaware.

Floyd E. Gibson: Wilmington, Washington C. H.

Lewis K. Morgan: Dayton, Laura.

John P. Gaede: Defiance, Sherwood.

James E. Shultz: Clyde, Lagrange.

Fred M. Fairchild; Corsica, Mansfield.

C. A. Pedicord: Cincinnati.

C. T. Redfield: Hamilton.

Anna C. Rice: Chagrin Falls.

Almeda Haughey: Middlefield.

Ella M. Talmage: Akron.

I. D. Richardson: Lima, Elgin.

Other Conference laborers have interests that can not be left without danger of loss. Consequently they have been excused from this list.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

NOT too much can be said to emphasize the importance of all our young people taking advantage of the opportunity to attend a State meeting held especially for the young people of Ohio.

I trust that no one will say, "I can't afford to go so far." Think of how much it must have cost the children of Israel to attend the annual feasts. But it was esteemed by them a great privilege, and even the children accompanied their parents on certain occasions.

We see Jesus, at the age of twelve, travelling on foot all the way from Nazareth to Jerusalem and through him God revealed himself once again to the haughty Pharisees. Here Christ preached his first great sermon, yet no one so regarded it at the time.

We long for the time to come when we shall be able to preach the gospel so mightily that the world will be stirred, yet after doing his first great act Christ returned to Nazareth and worked at the carpenter's bench.

Although David gained fame while playing before King Saul, yet he was content to return to his father's house and care for the flocks until the Lord again called him.

God is now calling us forth, perhaps many of us for the first time, but he has a lesson for us to learn at this meeting. He has work for us to do now. Shall we respond?

Shall we not all come to this Young People's Convention praying God to give us a blessing for service? May God help us at this time to respond.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

TO OUR CANVASSERS IN OHIO.

WHAT about our canvassers? Wake up, wake up! What are we about? Has not the Lord promised great things to the true, God fearing canvasser? Surely a great work is to be done by the canvasser. Now then, who will vindicate the glory of God? Please read the article in the *Review and Herald*, No. 10, by S. N. Haskell, entitled, "Help in a Crisis," and see if this is not also your opportunity in gaining for you a great and everlasting blessing?

The canvassing work in Ohio surely needs help and who will vindicate the glory of God as he has said that a great work, not only a little, is to be done and will be done. But Satan, as in every great crisis, wants to defeat the Lord's cause. Souls are at stake. Come, let us put on the armor and go to battle.

I find in my experience that the Lord is just as willing as ever to bless the canvassers with success, for I have tried him. A few days ago I went out with books for holidays, and in nearly every home the Lord gave me some orders. In some I took as high as three. But let me tell you the secret of success,—it is earnest prayer. Elijah's God is our God. He will arise and vindicate his glory as soon as he finds the consecrated Gideon's army: Let's prove the Lord. What say you? "Launch out into the deep and let the shore lines go." Don't be afraid to let loose of every other business and try the Lord.

Now just before the holidays, people are looking for good books, and we have them. Shall we withhold them and let Satan gain vantage-ground and thus destroy many souls? God forbid!—Their blood will be required at our hands just the same. Paul says, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." And how can we preach better and louder than through our good literature? We are drilling one canvasser here. Wake up! wake up! Your brother,

G. P. GAEBE

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

EN ROUTE TO INDIA.

DEAR VISITOR: Sabbath, November 5, was a day long to be remembered as that was my last Sabbath with the Cincinnati church for some time. Three souls expressed their desire to be baptized and unite with the church, but the notice came too late for baptism that day; however, Brother Pedicord will look after that as he is now the local elder of the church, and we bid him God speed in his new field.

That afternoon we went to Hamilton and baptized Brother and Sister Rief who have now kept three Sabbaths, if I mistake not. They will unite with the Cincinnati church. That makes five persons that I have baptized: three have united with the church and Brother Pedicord will take the other two into the church.

The work is onward in Cincinnati and Hamilton. We disposed of twenty-three "Christ's Object Lessons" twenty-four "Daniel and the Revelation," and three "Coming King": many *Life Boats* and *Bible Training School*, besides giving many treatments and visiting with the *Family Bible Teacher*. We canvassed quite a little in Madisonville and it seems ripe for the Message. "Christ's Object Lessons" sold well there.

I sold my household goods, packed up and went by Springfield to be with my family before my departure for India. Mrs. Miller went to Painseville, Ill., to visit her family and Miss Della Burroway to Mount Vernon and Canton. We joined at Washington, D. C., November 14. I spoke at Springfield November 12; this is the church I joined eleven years ago, accepting the truth in 1893, and kept my first Sabbath in a hotel in Zenia. There were quite a number of strangers present at the meetings and bid us God speed the same as the church members. I am glad to say that the work is onward there; quite a number are interested.

Sunday all my family came together to be with us awhile before we left. We discovered the true love that was lurking in each heart as we separated. We then left for Columbus and found a few members of the church waiting to escort us to the church where we held a farewell service. The Lord was present and we had an enjoyable time. All expressed their interest in India, and I received a donation of \$59.84. One little boy said he would shovel snow and make money to send to India: another would sell papers. We then came to the train, took a sleeper for Washington, leaving our dear

friends of Columbus waving their hands as far as they could see us. All these things served to make us happy as we journey along.

A little incident that was quite touching was when I bid one of our dear aged sisters goodbye; with tears coursing down her cheeks, she said, "Brother Miller, my little property is all paid for, and if you get in a tight place let me know and I will do what I can to relieve you." A young lady who is a cripple wanted to go with us to India, saying she would pay her own way there and back. My heart is made glad as I see interest now manifested in both the home and foreign fields.

I now want to thank the Ohio Conference Committee for their kindness and love to us while here with them, and will go away feeling that their prayers will follow us. Neither do I forget the kindness shown me by our people as I went among them. All these experiences are happy reminders that there is some friendship in the world to-day. I am writing this in New York, but we sail for Liverpool Wednesday, November 16, on the steamship Oceanic. Our address in India, for a time at least, will be 39-1 Free School St., care J. L. Shaw. Thanking all, and wishing all much of the blessing of God, and that we may all finally meet in the earth made new, I remain as ever, Your brother in hope,

W. W. MILLER.

Zanesville.

DEAR VISITOR: I am glad to have something good to report through your column. The Third Angel's Message is stirring some honest hearts to keep the Sabbath. I will relate a few instances of how the Lord is working. While out with that noble book, "Christ's Object Lesson's," I met a man that wanted to investigate the Sabbath question. After four or five hours of searching he decided to keep it. In the weekly visits that I make each week with the *Family Bible Teacher* a lady met me at the side walk, and said, "Are you the gentleman that is slipping those readings under my door?" I replied that I was. "Tell me, why do you keep Saturday in place of Sunday for the Sabbath," was the next question. "I am very anxious to know," said she. After a little conversation she made arrangements for me to give her the Bible truth in behalf of the question. Since then I have held one reading with very satisfactory results. The 26th of this month I received the same request to come to the home of two families living neighbors to teach the Sabbath

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EDUCATIONAL.

"NOW WE SEE THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY."

I KNOW not what shall befall me;
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes.
And each step in my onward path
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy he sends me
Comes as a sweet surprise.

I see but a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future his mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

It may be he has, waiting
For the coming of my feet,
Some gift of such rare value,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips shall only tremble
With the thanks they cannot speak.

—Selected by R. R. H.

HOW TO TEACH THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON.

THE word of the Lord has said, "If any man thinketh that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing as he ought to know it;" and again, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally."

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me," therefore prayer for help is the first step a teacher will take toward the preparation of the lesson.

How thankful we should be that we have One to whom we can go for wisdom; for it is no easy task to learn the secret of meeting heart to heart—the secret of binding erring souls to us, so strongly by the cords of love that we may steadily lead them to the throne of God.

The purpose of the Sabbath-school is to lead all, both old and young, to know God. Primarily the pupils are not in the Sabbath-school to recite the lesson. They are there to become acquainted with God—to become acquainted with the eternal principles of truth, which govern right conduct and lead to life eternal.

One cannot teach the lesson unless he has a clear idea of what teaching is. One of the best definitions is "causing another to know" that which we know and he does not; that which we want him to know and which we seek to have him to know. Such teaching includes the mutual effort of two persons to the same end. The teacher endeavoring to cause the pupil to know a truth—the learner endeavoring to learn that truth. Until the two are at this common work, the process of teaching has but begun.

The teacher's work can best be done by means of pointed questions and illustrations. As a rule, an intelligent

questioner will so direct the pupil's mind that he can soon discern the truth the teacher has in mind and is seeking to transfer to him.

In preparing to teach a lesson, the teacher should seek:—

1. To find out the great, important, and practical truths of the lesson.

2. To have a clear, well defined plan of teaching those truths in the class—before he goes to Sabbath-school. This should include original, well-founded questions and such verbal or black-board illustrations as will aid in making the subject plain and in fixing the truth in the mind. This requires careful study and thorough preparation; but these are essential to their success and no teacher should ever be satisfied with any thing else.

Then having made such earnest preparation, let us come before our pupils with faces full of sunshine—reflecting the love of God—letting enthusiasm for our work take full possession of us. Let it glow in every movement of our hands, our eyes, our lips—that the interest of our pupils may be enlisted—for this is the first essential step in teaching.

Teach promptly. Be in your place before the time for the opening exercises to begin.

Teach punctually. Be there every time. The Sabbath-school teacher, who remains away from his class without providing a substitute is not fit to be a teacher. He lacks spiritual honesty.

Teach pleasantly. Make each scholar feel, "My teacher likes to teach better than anything else in the world."

Teach earnestly. Enthusiasm is contagious.

Teach independently. Don't depend upon the lesson sheet or book. We cannot teach others to walk, if we ourselves lean upon crutches. Let us throw away our props and in the name of the Master, stand erect and walk.

Questions should not be asked, which can be answered by "Yes" or "No." Do not make the mistake by giving attention chiefly to the bright pupils. Give especial attention to the slow and backward ones and such art and skill that they will not be aware of it.

Never single out one of the class to catechise, but ask every question of the whole class, expecting one to answer, the others to listen.

Keep in touch with every member of the class—every minute of the recitation.

Never answer a question unless compelled to do so, by the ignorance of the entire class. Teaching is not "pouring in" but "drawing out." Not the "funnel" method as one has

said—but the "cork-screw." Seldom repeat a question. The teacher who is always ready to repeat the question for the benefit of the inattentive and listless scholar is simply helping to confirm him in his habit of inattention. If they know that the question will be put but once, they will be alert.

Remember that repetition is necessary to fix knowledge in the mind. Try to find some point in each lesson at which it may be naturally linked with the previous lesson or lessons. In some way connect each new fact with knowledge that the pupil already possesses.

It is not always best to test simply the memory of the learner. Challenge his judgment and understanding by getting an expression of his opinion in regard to points and facts of the lesson. Vary your method of asking questions. Bible lessons are like a kaleidoscope. The same lessons can be taught in many different ways to bring out life giving principles.

Many teachers make the mistake of commencing every recitation with the question: "What was the subject of our last lesson?" Don't do it. Christ, the ideal Teacher, not only taught his disciples as a class, but individually. He studied the natural traits of each and taught accordingly. To the rash and self confident Peter, we often find him talking and trying him with questions, which he knew would reveal to him the very things that Peter needed the most to know. And although he knew Judas was a traitor, he did not manifest toward him a distrustful disposition, but taught him as faithfully and patiently as the rest. The Peters require great patience. A doubting Thomas must be met with over-powering faith. The Johns can be won by love.

Illustrate whenever possible. An object, a picture, a map or a rough drawing will impress a lesson as no amount of talking can do. We should learn from the great Teacher. His teachings were largely composed of illustrations. He took them, too, from what was at hand and impressed practical truths from things in their every day lives.

Study the teachings of the Saviour. Make him your example in this respect as in all others. And above all seek the aid of the Holy Spirit, that the words you speak may make a deep impression upon the heart of the child.

MRS. C. C. MORSE.

"BLESSED is he who has learned to make the best of everything and everybody."

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Dec. 2 at 4:35 P. M.

WE now have a Young People's Society of sixteen members at Clyde, O.

THE address of Elder R. R. Kennedy is 273 North Nineteenth St., Columbus, O.

WE are glad to say that Sister Alice Edwards, of Findlay, who has been critically ill, is at present in a fair way to recovery.

SISTER IDA JAYNES, of Columbus, O., has been very sick with peritonitis. A little child of Sister Lindsey has had a severe attack of pneumonia. Both are convalescing.

MISS RACHEL R. HESS, one of Ohio's worthy and respected young women, has accepted a call to labor in the Southern field and will teach a church school at Manchester, Tenn.

ELDER W. W. MILLER and wife, and Miss Della Burroway sailed from New York November 16. Their address in India for the present is No. 39-1 Free School St., Calcutta, India, care J. L. Shaw.

SABBATH, December 3, will be the day for the consideration of the Young People's work throughout Ohio. Ere that time each elder will have received a letter to be read to the church in which will be found full directions to enable all to lay definite plans to attend. We trust the church officers will urge as large an attendance as possible and that all the churches and companies throughout the State will be represented.

ACADEMY NOTES.

MR. BEN ASHTON spent Thanksgiving with friends in Newark.

THE Thorton brothers had a pleasant visit from their brother Ned.

MR. CASTHINES, of McArthur, O. has joined the family at the Academy.

THE Misses Platt and Rudolph were visiting friends at the Academy on Thanksgiving.

MR. REED, who has been with his son Robert for a few days, has returned home.

MR. MCLELLAN of Springfield, O., is at the Academy overseeing the work of the new smoke stack that is being built.

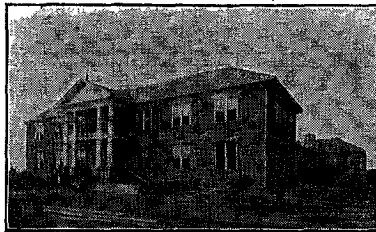
THE students of the Academy were invited to Thanksgiving dinner in the various homes in Academia. A very enjoyable time was spent by all. In return the home students invited the people of Academia to a musical entertainment given in the Academy chapel.

A REPORT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW.

WE are beginning to get settled.

This morning's mail (November 6) brought us orders for nearly 7,000 sets of the Special Signs.

In their convention yesterday the San Francisco church ordered more than 1,000 sets.



THE NEW BUILDING OF THE PACIFIC PRESS.

The young people of New York City have ordered 700 sets.

Last Sunday morning at chapel service our office employees ordered 775 sets, but are using many more.

The Superintendent of one of our busiest rooms ran out between quitting-time and the beginning of the Sabbath last Friday, and secured four orders for sets out of five homes visited.

Another employee who is setting type secured twenty-three orders for sets one day last week.

Total orders up to date demand an edition of 85,000 sets. Truly our friends are celebrating with us.

MUCH of our strength in prayer and effort is exhausted in striving to induce God to agree with us and come to our assistance. Some one asked Abraham Lincoln to appoint a day of fasting and prayer, that God might be on their side. "Don't bother about that," said the man of common sense. "God is now on the right side; you simply get with him."—*Selected.*

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truth. I am being more and more impressed that there is no better method of finding out the honest ones than the *Family Bible Teacher*. I find that it opens the homes for other reading matter. Many times I find some one of the family that objects to my coming in their home to hold Bible readings, but they are anxious to know the truth, therefore they will buy books for further knowledge on the question.

I am selling quite a large number of "Object Lessons." I hope to sell \$50 worth before Christmas. I can say that I do enjoy my work better here in this new field than in any place that I have ever labored. I ask an interest in the prayers of all my co-laborers that God may bless the seed that is being sown here and that we may see a few of the precious sheaves gathered in from this part of the field.

F. H. HENDERSON.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

PLANS have now been perfected for a Young People's Convention to be held December 6-8 in the Mount Vernon Academy. The school faculty are giving this meeting their hearty support and they, with the students who are in attendance at the school, will accord a hearty welcome to all the young people of the Conference who will attend this Convention. The Mount Vernon church have also demonstrated their interest in this work by voluntarily opening their homes and extending an invitation to free entertainment to all those who attend. Every provision has been made necessary to a successful gathering of the youth in State Convention and everybody seems delighted with the plan. We are looking forward to this season of mutual prayer and counsel to mark a new era in the young people's work in the Ohio Conference. May we not hope to see a goodly attendance at this important meeting?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Nov. 18, 1904.)

Emilie A. Kay, Youngstown.—Coming King: 10 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$3.25; total, \$8.25.

G. A. Hopkins, Ashland Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: 15 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$5.50; total, \$2.50.

A. L. Hussey, Mercer Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: 30 hours; value of orders, \$13.

*Two weeks.

HONEST labor bears a lovely face.—*Dekker.*