

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### IN THE BOOKS.

AN idle word at random dropped,  
I fain would call it back;  
But it is gone, and others swift,  
Still follow on its track.  
O angel with the pen of fire!  
How many idle words  
Have been set down against my name,  
Thy book of truth records.

And angry words, a bitter train,  
And unkind, sinful, vain,—  
How black the list grows as I gaze,  
How filled my heart with pain!  
The angel's eyes are sad to know  
The record he must keep—  
Nothing left out—a fearful list  
With which my God to meet!

O Heavenly Father! For his sake  
Who loved humanity,  
My sinful words, my every act  
Of dark iniquity,  
Blot from thy books! and in their place  
Write "Pardoned," O my God!  
So shall I know, not guilt, but grace,  
Saved by his precious blood.

—Selected.

London, England.

WELCOME VISITOR: We want to inform our friends at home of our safe arrival in London. After a stormy sea voyage of eight days we are glad to be on land again. Upon arriving here we learned we could not sail from Marseilles before December 9. This was a great disappointment; for we are anxious to get to our field of labor. The time can be spent profitably getting acquainted with the customs of the people under whose rule we will be in India.

While crossing the Atlantic we witnessed one of the most terrific storms the "Oceanic" has ever encountered. Nearly all on board were sick. During the entire voyage the sea was more or less rough; but notwithstanding all this the Lord gave us opportunity to call the attention of several passengers to the truth for this time. Sabbath day Elder Miller talked with a young man who became very much interested. Several times during the voyage he sought Elder Miller and asked questions concerning our faith. He left his address with us that literature might be sent him. Dr. Miller had a long conversation with a woman

who thought our belief was reasonable. The first day on board while surrounded by a number of young English women I had opportunity to call their attention to the denomination which I represent. One young lady said, "I never heard of your people, tell us what you believe." A few days later she came to me, and wanted to know more of our faith. We give God all the praise for these opportunities. He has told us to sow the seed and he will give the increase. We are of good courage; and glad to be on our way to India.

DELLA BURROWAY.

Nov. 25, 1904.

Dowling.

WELCOME VISITOR: At the beginning of the last tent season Brethren F. M. Fairchild, J. P. Gaede and myself went to Dowling, Wood Co., O., to put forth efforts to plant the truths of the Third Angel's Message in that place. After the tent was pitched and the necessary preparations made, the first public service was held on Friday evening, June 10. From the beginning there was a good attendance at our meetings. It was not long until some opposition was made to our work by the ministers and some of the members of the United Brethren church. In the course of three or four weeks this opposition became more open and determined, and was carried on by circulating literature against us. A pamphlet purporting to be an expose of Adventism and the book written by D. M. Canright against the work of Seventh-day Adventists were both brought into use by our opponents. Several reviews of these books were given publicly at the tent with good effect. During this effort I was engaged in visiting from house to house, doing personal work and selling our literature, and assisting in other ways.

There is a large settlement of German Lutherans here, and although this hindered my work to some extent, I was enabled by the blessing of God to do some personal work with them, and to place a goodly number of our books in the homes of the people. After continuing our efforts for seven weeks, twelve persons took their stand to keep the commandments of God

and the faith of Jesus. On Sabbath, September 24, eight of the twelve went forward in a baptismal service, and eleven were united in the sacred bonds of church fellowship, one of the original number having moved away from this place. Thus the truth of God for the last generation has gained a foothold here.

I have recently spent a few days in this place. I found the brethren and sisters of good courage and growing in the truth. Some of the people I canvassed last summer thought they would be prepared to buy some books this fall. Therefore I promised to call upon them again. I succeeded in selling more books to some who had purchased before and to others who had not. I rejoice in the privilege of having a part in giving the light to those who sit in darkness.

J. O. YOUNG.

Toledo.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Sabbath, December 3, was indeed a precious season for the church in Toledo. The day was all that could be desired, and the attendance of the membership was very good; and also a number from outside being present.

We were pleased to have with us Elder Anderson, of Africa; Elders H. H. Burkholder, Francis M. Fairchild, and Brother R. G. Patterson, our new pastor. We heartily welcome him in our midst. Sabbath-school was held at 9:30 A. M. Elder Anderson occupied the eleven o'clock hour; and also spoke at two o'clock in the afternoon. All listened with intense interest. Our hearts were made sad to hear him tell of the hardships the dear ones have to pass through in those heathen lands.

The children were very much interested in hearing him tell of the poor little children they had taken into their home, the mode of traveling and manner of living.

The meetings were most profitable to all present. All left for their homes feeling that it was a day well spent. Let us be faithful in paying our tithes and offerings to help support the dear ones that have left homes, and those that are near and dear by the ties of nature. May our prayers constantly

ascend to God in behalf of these earnest and consecrated workers. Yours in his service,

NORA B. FLEMING, *Clerk.*

#### Locust Point.

WE closed our meetings at this place the night of December 3 with upwards of seventy-five in attendance. There was a good interest all the way through and perfect order although at the United Brethren church they have very much confusion every meeting.

The few brethren were faithful in their attendance and helped in every way they could, and God blessed our efforts with fruit. Three signed the covenant and said they would obey; while others are on the point of obeying.

We preached thirty-one sermons, held twenty-four Bible readings, made 125 visits, and sold over \$17 worth of books, tracts, etc., besides taking four subscriptions for papers.

The donations amounted to about four dollars and I had more calls than I could make. There must be more work done there I am sure. On my way home I had the privilege of visiting Brethren Stanford and Watrous of Norwalk church. They speak encouragingly of their meetings there.

W. E. BIDWELL.

#### Hamilton.

NOVEMBER 18 on reaching this place, we found all the dear brethren and sisters of the best courage. On investigating the reason for such strong faith on their part, we found they had ample room for rejoicing.

Last March we left a family of four here as representatives of this precious truth, and as a result of their constant realization of the responsibility resting on them, and with a burning desire to live it in every act of life, believing God would give them wisdom and strength to prove themselves true representatives of the truth, their efforts have not been in vain.

As a result of this faithfulness on their part God has given them four earnest souls to help them in raising the standard of truth still higher. One brother is shaping his business so he can spend a little time in the Academy to prepare for the ministry.

The Lord is stirring up the honest heart in this place, and we hope soon to see our company double its number again. May we have your prayers that this may be true. Yours in the work,

C. T. REDFIELD.

"A WICKED messenger falleth into mischief; but a faithful ambassador is health."

WELCOME VISITOR: A most generous gift was made to our patient Paul last week for which we devoutly thank our heavenly Father and the dear friends who so kindly contributed to its purchase. Paul's dear friend, Ethel Halfrich, of Toledo, raised funds and with the generous discount of the Gendson Wheel Co., of Toledo, a wheel chair was purchased for him. It is rubber tired, ball bearing and a most admirable piece of workmanship. We cannot measure its value in dollars and cents. Such acts of kindness help to hold us in the faith of Jesus and faith in our common humanity. We wish to thus publicly thank the dear friends for this generous gift. Paul is delighted and will find much comfort and pleasure in his chair and his burdened mother will find her burden very much lightened.

D. E. LINDSEY,  
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#### Trinway.

THE title of our State paper is made such on account of the news it contains. Nothing appeals to us so keenly as the reports and short articles from our co-laborers, in the various parts of the State, as we all have one common aim, and our highest ambition is to learn to do the will of our Maker, and by precept and example teach others the same.

It gives us pleasure to know to what extent God is blessing our efforts in the various lines of work he has given us to do. Presuming others view it thus we cheerfully and encouragingly say God has wonderfully blessed in the Trinway meeting in sending the good angels to the homes of the people, inviting them to our meetings.

Some two weeks ago I came here, and joined Brother C. A. Pedicord who had held two meetings in the town hall, which has been well filled each evening with an intelligent class of people who seem eager to learn the better way.

On account of District work I have not been able to be here much of the time. Since my coming here Brother Pedicord has been invited to fill the place made vacant by Elder W. W. Miller in Cincinnati. From now on I have the pleasure of laboring with Elder B. L. House, who contemplates moving from Coshocton, his old home, to Dresden about January. Trinway is a small town on the Pan Handle railroad between Newark and Coshocton; the C. M. V. and C. A. C. short line railroads cross here. The W. L. E. R. R. runs back of the town, so this is a railroad town. But the people are kind and friendly, and there is no visible opposition from the clergy.

We have but fairly begun and hope soon to see some walking in the light. Let us hear from you, brethren, from all over the State. J. O. MILLER.

#### Coopersville, Michigan.

DEAR OHIO FRIENDS: For a short time it has been my privilege to read, from week to week, the encouraging reports in the WELCOME VISITOR, and just as often have found memories return of the pleasant times had in Ohio. It is indeed an inspiration to read good news from those with whom I was so closely associated while there. So thinking that a few words from this place may be equally acceptable, I use the WELCOME VISITOR as the best means of reaching you all.

The Lord has been very near to me during the three years since I have been in Michigan, and has given me many rich experiences. For these, I thank God and take courage. One year ago this fall my wife and I came to this place, and I commenced teaching the Wright school.

We found but little spirituality manifest among the students, but the Lord blessed our efforts and touched hearts, and at the close of the year, six of the young people followed the Lord in baptism. These have remained faithful and are consecrated earnest Christians, devoting their time now to preparing themselves for active missionary work.

We are thankful for the privilege of being co-laborers with God in training the minds of the young in his service. This year more youth have entered from the public schools and we pray for more conversions.

We are glad to see the interest taken by Ohio its foreign missions, and in sending workers to the needy fields. May God prosper them is our prayer. November 12, our school rendered a missionary program, in connection with the Sabbath-school work, on the subject of India. This included a discussion of our work there and its needs, and noticed on the list of workers a goodly number from Ohio. We had the pleasure of having with us our Conference Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss Haughey, and donations to the amount of \$9.03 were taken up for the work in that field. May God help us all to be more earnest in our labors for him, that Jesus' coming may be hastened and we be all united in one unbroken circle around his throne. Your brother in Christ,

GILBERT J. ILES.

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