

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## SPECIAL.

### BEYOND TO-DAY.

If we could see beyond to-day  
As God can see:  
If all the clouds should roll away.  
The shadows flee,  
O'er present griefs we would not fret,  
Each sorrow we would soon forget,  
For many joys are waiting yet  
For you and me.

If we could know beyond to-day  
As God doth know,  
Why dearest treasures pass away  
And tears must flow.  
And why the darkness leads to light,  
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright,  
Some day life's wrongs will be made right:  
Faith tells us so.

If we could see, if we could know,  
We often say!  
But God in love a veil doth throw  
Across our way;  
We cannot see what lies before,  
And so we cling to him the more:  
He leads us till this life is o'er;  
Trust and obey.

—Christian Worker.

### WHO IS LEADING?

OUR King is a great king; and of his throne it is said that it shall endure as the days of heaven. In the word are found many comparisons between the king of heaven and kings of the earth. Of Israel it was said: "His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted." Anciently when kings went to war, it was necessary to send an army of men before to prepare the way. It was sometimes necessary to dig down mountains and hills, and fill up valleys. Sometimes the effort was too great and had to be abandoned, and another course taken that was less difficult. But in the spiritual realm all this is reversed. The King precedes his army and makes the way plain for it. This fact is forcibly set forth in the poetic language of the one hundred and fourteenth Psalm, where we are told that "when Israel went out of Egypt, from a people of strange language (or that did not speak the language of Canaan); Judah became his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. (R. V.) The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs."

When God is with his people, there are no insurmountable things. The sea, the mountains, and the hills,—the things that the natural man must encounter,—are evidently used in this connection to teach the child of God that he can remove every obstacle from the path which he has marked out for him. Even when there was no water in the way, the Psalm continues speaking of our King: "Which turned the rock into standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters."

Deliverance came to Israel in every time of trial; but not until some had begun to murmur. God would even cause the earth to tremble at his presence, and yet some would say: "It cannot be done." If it is the work of God, it is well for us to do as he commands, and then see the salvation of the Lord. God never sets his people a work to mock them. Our King is not dependent upon his people for power. In this respect he contrasts himself with the kings of earth. God has said it, and the gospel can be preached to the ends of the earth in this generation. While his work is going forward, we, by faith, can give away some tracts, or sell some books, "Object Lessons" if necessary, or write a letter or converse with a friend; at any rate, let us not complain if the Lord does not remove the mountain, or hill, or sea, at our demand, but in his own good time.

ALLEN MOON.

### BEACON LIGHTS.

SATAN would fain make men believe that God is not love, that his law is one to which man never can conform, that God is severe in calling attention to the just and holy law. But God has so ordered things that man may, or may not conform to that law of liberty. His calling men (not forcing them as Satan does) is a revelation of his love.

The Lord has at all times had a people who were serving him and seeing Christ's character in the law of God.

And in the closing days of probation he will call out a people for his name—a people who will keep, and teach

the law of God—it being above all other laws. Then as never before will the dragon be wroth with the remnant who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. He will endeavor to make mankind believe that the law cannot be lived out in the flesh, and that man can never attain to that perfection of character which will enable him to meet Jesus.

The voice of inspiration says that when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear also with him. To attain unto this we must let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. But when he appears it is to all the living, not to only a few. But some of them have had their lives hid with Christ in God. He is life to them; to all others he is a consuming fire. Eternal death, banished from the presence of him who is chiefest of ten thousand, is their fate. What a sad thought—eternally lost!

"Ye (the remnant) are the light of the world." We must lift high the beacon light of truth, that others may see their way amid the moral darkness that is fast settling down upon the world.

God calls for men and women who will give their lives if need be—men and women who will take the light of truth and go out into this dark world and kindle other beacons for God. He calls for those who will seek out the honest in heart and prepare them for his soon coming.

To arrange and plan farther for this work the Young People's Convention was held and God added his blessing.

As the younger members of the Lord's family listened to the soul inspiring talks given by men of God, their desire to work for him was deepened and their determination strengthened.

The Spirit of the Lord was present and its movings will be felt in far off Korea, and it will strengthen the hearts of Brother Sturdevant and co-laborers in South Africa.

Many will soon leave here, and herald the message of the second advent of the Lord and Saviour. Let others come and take their places that there may always be light bearers who will respond, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

J. M. IRVING.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Cleveland.

**WELCOME VISITOR:** The first quarterly meeting for the year 1905 is now in the past. The election of officers for the church in all its departments passed off harmoniously, and the spirit of unity is growing among us. Yesterday before the celebration of the ordinances, three dear souls were baptised and united with the church. We had an unusually good attendance and the celebration of the ordinances brought the blessing of God in a rich measure. The interest in our Friday evening prayer meeting is growing. The vestry will scarcely hold the audience. We are hoping the good spirit may continue until we shall have to use the auditorium. With the excellent leadership of Brother Henry De Fluiter as chorister the young people are developing nicely as singers of praise to our God. The church school and kindergarten under the supervision of Miss Bell and Miss Mitchell are full of interest. The faithful Bible workers have hands and hearts full, and Brother Stahl at the sanitarium, with his fine class of helpers and students, is keeping well to the front in his efforts to educate the people to a better physical and spiritual life. I appreciate more and more the willingness of the entire church to assist me in my labors by their sympathies, prayers, and efforts. Others will soon be prepared for baptism.

PASTOR D. E. LINDSEY.

Ostego, Michigan.

**TO MY OHIO FRIENDS:** I enjoy the **WELCOME VISITOR** much better than I did when I had the responsibility of seeing that its columns were filled. Although I am working in the West Michigan Conference I am loyal to Ohio. Wherever my lot may be cast in the Lord's vineyard, there will always be a warm spot in my heart for Ohio, for it is there that my best earthly friend is quietly sleeping—waiting for the Life Giver.

I am enjoying the work in this conference and I desire to do faithful work for my Master. The Message is to be given to the world in this generation, and we know the time is short in which we have to do it. I can say with the Psalmist, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

### MISSION NOTES.

**BROTHER T. H. WESTPHAL** reports a safe arrival in Chile. He has already begun a series of meetings in Spanish and German.

**BROTHER BARLOW**, who is conducting a school in Simultala, India, has eighteen boys in his school, and others desire to attend. They came in from surrounding villages, some of them a distance of twenty miles.

Our first party of missionaries for India, H. E. Votaw and wife and J. C. Little and wife, reported from Port Said, Egypt, December 1. They were looking forward to the time of their arrival in Calcutta, about December 18 and wrote that they were beginning to call India home.

### En Route to Singapore.

A COMPANY of workers has recently located in Singapore, Malay Peninsula. Brother G. F. Jones, who worked so successfully in the island fields, has charge of the company. While en route, they stopped at New Guinea and New Britain. Of the latter place, Brother Jones wrote:—

"Work ought to begin at once. Real, living faith must be exercised by the workers who go among these cannibal tribes. New Britain offers an experience for our workers, among treacherous and hideous savages, that would exceed any experience of faith previously written by missionaries of other denominations, inasmuch as we hold the *very message* with which we can not fear to go anywhere. Only a few coastal tribes have been reached by the Catholics and Wesleyans. Twenty miles into the interior the country has not been entered by any one. I believe there are hundreds of our people willing to hazard their lives among savages of the worst type. What an infusion of new life would flow through every one of our churches, should these forbidding fields be entered now.

"I would deem it a privilege for the Christian experience and pleasure it would give, to go with the Lord into the bushes among these untamed people. But I trust others of our brethren will soon have this happiness, while we continue our journey to our appointed field in the Indies."

"HEARTS may be attracted by assumed qualities; but the affections can only be fixed and retained by those that are real."

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

### OHIO CONFERENCE DIRECTORY CONTINUED.

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*Credentials.*—H. A. St. John.

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The conference was held at Bowling Green.

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The conference was held at Bowling Green.

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*Ordained.*—William Cottrell.

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*Licensed.*—A. M. Mann, George Smith, O. T. Noble.

The conference was held at Norwalk.

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*Licensed.*—A. M. Mann, O. F. Guilford, E. H. Gates.

The conference was held at Newark.

1878

President, H. A. St. John; Secretary, E. H. Gates; Treasurer, J. B. Gregory.

*Credentials.*—H. A. St. John, William Cottrell.

*Licensed.*—O. F. Guilford, E. H. Gates, S. Simonds, R. A. Underwood, A. A. Bigelow, G. G. Rupert, A. M. Mann, William Richardson, C. A. Stanford, A. A. Hussey, ——— Brigham.

The conference was held at Tiffin.

1879

President, D. M. Canright; Secretary, E. H. Gates; Treasurer, J. B. Gregory.

*Ordained at Clyde preceeding the 1879 Conference.*—G. G. Rupert, O. T. Guilford, R. A. Underwood, E. H. Gates.

*Credentials.*—H. A. St. John, William Cottrell, A. O. Burrill.

*Licensed.*—N. J. Bowers, William Bube, A. A. Bigelow, A. L. Hussey,

William Richardson, W. F. Crouse, A. M. Mann, O. Hoffer, J. C. Bartlett, D. E. Babcock, William Daniels, W. S. Boone.

The Conference was held at Spring Mills. D. E. LINDSEY.

(To be continued.)

Wauseon.

WELCOME VISITOR: I was very much interested in the good words of cheer from the dear ones who have stood so long and faithfully for the truth, that I will add a few words, although I do not suppose I can be counted a pioneer.

I was not yet seventeen years of age when I first heard the truth. Brother Underwood and J. C. Bartlett, who apostatized, at that time pitched a tent at Litchfield, O. The first night of the meeting my cousin asked me if we should go to Uncle Tom's Cabin which was in town that night or to the tent. I choose to go to the tent, and it was all so new and strange that I could not keep away. I belonged to the Disciple Church at the time, and had always wished to do right. My parents did not belong to any church, but when they saw that I was being carried away by the new doctrine, they did all they could to hinder me.

One point that I wish to make forcible is that the ministers gave away tracts each night treating on the subject they were discussing, and I believe that is a great help in getting people interested,—it was so in my case at least. I would sit for hours and look up in my Bible references which were found in the tracts, until I could find any thing I wished.

From the first the Sanctuary question was very beautiful and convincing in favor of the Sabbath.

After twenty-four years of study on this and kindred truths, I still love them; although I have been many times most discouraged, it has not been with the truth but with myself. I long for church privileges which I am denied as I am one of the isolated ones; therefore words of cheer through the WELCOME VISITOR are very precious to me. Yours in Christ,

MRS. CLARA LESLIE.

Hamilton.

JANUARY 7, 1905, was a most memorable day for the Third Angel's Message at Hamilton. The day was spent in attendance at different religious services resulting in the organization of a church of seventeen members. After a careful study of the different points of the Message we are called to live and give to this generation, it was found that the

members were sound in the faith and I believe will creditably represent the same to the world. The necessary officers were elected and qualified to serve in their respective places. The ordinance of humility was celebrated and the sacred emblems representing the suffering and death of our Saviour were administered. The Lord came near to us on this occasion and granted his special presence and blessing. It was indeed a rich spiritual feast for every soul where the Holy Spirit has created a hunger and thirst for the righteousness of God.

We are glad to say that this little company started by paying to the Lord \$24.95 tithe and giving as an annual offering \$15.60.

Brother C. T. Redfield, who recently located here, will remain to follow up the undeveloped interest and place the Message in many other homes where it has not yet entered.

May this newly organized company of believers continue steadfast in the faith and so live that God may add to their numbers many others such as should be saved.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

#### "THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRES HASTE."

WE would take this opportunity to urge upon all the importance of making haste in circulation of the petition remonstrating against the Sunday bills that are now before Congress, for the present session will be a short one, as it must close by the forth of March.

There will be only about six weeks at most after the receipt of this issue of this paper before our opportunities to present the petition against these present bills will be over, so it will require special haste to secure the signature to these petitions and to return them in sufficient time for us to send to the Legislature, if possible before the bills are acted upon.

The following was said in substance to one of our brethren the other day, in a Western State, "We will not sign your petition for this concerns only the District of Columbia, but when Congress does anything to interfere with our State laws then we will sign a petition." A good answer to such an argument will be found in the leaflet that accompanies the petition blanks entitled, "Sunday Bills Now Before Congress" under a subheading "A District Law an Entering Wedge." The facts are that the city of Washington is unlike all other cities in the United States in that it is not a self governing city, that is, Congress legislates for it.

With this thought in view it will be readily seen that every citizen in this country is directly concerned in any action the government may take on a question of this character for the District of Columbia, for the national legislators are representatives of the people from the respective States from which they come, and are pledged to carry out the will of the people in harmony with the Constitution of the United States. Let it be remembered, therefore, that when once Congress commits itself to Sunday legislation in the District of Columbia, it then would without doubt take its stand for a National Sunday law.

Those who circulate the petition should be careful to fill in the name of the place where it is circulated in the blank space at the head of the petition and see that each person signing, signs both petitions, the one addressed to the House and the one addressed to the Senate.

K. C. RUSSELL.

#### THE WORLD'S MADMAN.

IT has been well said, "There never was anyone who spoke out the truth who was not called a howling idiot for his pains at first." They said Jesus was crazy, and his own family tried to quietly get him home. Paul was more than once adjudged insane. Luther was called a fool, a heretic, and a madman. The mission of William Carey to India was characterized as the "mission of a madman." The witty preacher, Sidney Smith, called the first batch of missionaries "a little detachment of maniacs." And when the brilliant Fanny Forrester turned her back upon the fame and fortune of literary distinction which were just opening before her to become the wife and helper of the missionary Judson, all America cried, "The woman is mad."

Nor does the truth apply alone to the religious world. Fulton's proposition to propel a boat by steam was met with jokes and sneers, and Stephenson was considered a fit subject for an insane asylum when he declared his purpose to run a railway train by steam.

If a man gives himself up to money-making, or the pushing of business plans, and drives at it year in and year out, he is a "very enterprising fellow." If he is carried away with political partisanship, he is "a wide-awake citizen." If he lives for pleasure and pursues it recklessly day and night, he may be called "a little fast." But if he is in dead earnest in his purpose to honor Christ and to save souls, then he is "a religious enthusiast," or a "fanatic."—H. Clay Trumbull.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Jan. 20 at 5:04 P. M.

MRS. W. E. BIDWELL and daughter have returned from their Wisconsin visit.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL is entertaining his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkendall, of Rows, O.

"EVERY promise we break makes a weak place in the self-respect which is our strong defence against the existing evils of life."

THERE are several Sabbath-school secretaries whose reports have not yet reached the office. We shall be pleased to receive these immediately.

BROTHER B. L. HOUSE and family are now located at Trinway, O., and desire that all communications intended for them be addressed to that place.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Will you please publish a request from me, for papers and tracts for use in rack? Late numbers of *Life Boat*, *Save the Boys*, *Instructors*, *Southern Watchman*, *Signs*, and health publications will be appreciated postpaid.

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.  
General Delivery, Youngstown, Ohio.

THE January number of *Life and Health* has reached us, and as usual is full of instructive as well as entertaining matter. It well deserves its increasing popularity, and should find a welcome in every home. Single subscriptions fifty cents. Special inducements are offered all who will canvass for or sell this good health journal. Address *Life and Health*, 222 N. Capital St., Washington, D. C.

OUR International Publishing Association at College View, Neb., has a few sets of the November issues of the German, Danish, and Swedish papers which should be circulated at once. Our subscribers pro-

nounce them to be the best religious numbers ever issued. Order a set for your German, Danish, or Swedish neighbor. A set will be mailed to any address for ten cents. Address the publishers, or your Tract Society.

THE OHIO HEALTH FOOD CO. have an excellent hygienic cooking oil,—Oliveoilisse,—for sale. It is free from animal fat, chemicals, and embalming fluid, and is well liked by all who have tried it. For further particulars address, with stamps for reply, Ohio Health Food Co., Academia, O.

### DISTRICT NO. 6.

A GENERAL meeting for District No. 6 will be held at the Walnut Grove church, near St. Marys, O., beginning Friday evening, January 27, and lasting till Sunday evening, January 29. Elders H. H. Burkholder, E. J. Van Horn, and James E. Shultz will be present with words of encouragement and counsel. We trust that there will be a good attendance. Come one, come all. Purchase your tickets to St. Marys, and at this station there will be private conveyances which will take you to the church. The Lake Erie and Western, and Ohio Central R. R. lines pass through St. Marys.  
A. C. SHANNON.

### FOUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES.

IT will be interesting to the readers of the VISITOR to learn how four little missionaries in Cincinnati earned their money to send to India. Their names are Helen, Paul, Marie and Eleanor Schuster, ranging in age from four to twelve years. They live about two miles from the place where the Sabbath-school and meetings are held. Last summer and early part of the fall, instead of spending the money their papa gave them for their street car fare, they decided to walk to and from the Sabbath-school and meetings and in this way earn money to help send the gospel of Jesus to the people of India. While attending services there not long since, this money was cheerfully turned over to me to forward to the desired field. The amount is not large, aggregating \$1.87, but when we consider the self denial required to earn this, it is a sum that does credit to the missionary zeal of children so young in years.

May the Lord bless these little missionaries and when the harvest is finally gathered in may they all be there to share in the reward.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### THE TIME TO KEEP SILENT.

WHEN occasion seems to justify a cutting speech, that is the time of times to consider—and keep silence. Words behind your lips are your own—with them you may do what you will but, once spoken, they have passed forever out of and beyond your power to control. No one ever regretted the sharp word held back in the trying moment, the stinging retort unsaid; but oh, how many have had sorrowful cause to mourn a moment's unwise lowering of the gates of the lips, to let through a flood of angry words!—*Selected.*

### A CANVASSER'S NOTES.

I MUST say that I have enjoyed the past few months in the canvassing work. I have found so many who had never heard the truth. May God impress the hearts of many more to take up this work in the new year is my prayer.  
EMILIE A. KAY.

### CANVAÏSSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Dec. 30, 1904.)

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$23.50; deliveries, \$67.90.

### OBITUARY.

FROST.—Mrs. Sarah Adella Frost was born at Albany, N. Y., March 27, 1844, departed this life, while living at Newark, O., Dec. 24, 1904, aged 60 years, 8 months, and 27 days. She was united in marriage to John G. Frost. To this union were born nine children, five of whom now live; four, with their father, having preceded their mother in death. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about twenty-one years ago and was baptized by J. B. Berman, of Columbus, O. Thus another life is ended. The trials and perplexities to which all are heir in this sinful world are over, and she awaits to receive her reward from the One who died that we might live. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 49: 15, 16.  
J. O. MILLER.

MILLER.—Alfred Miller was born in Canton, Stark Co., O., Oct. 9, 1821, and died in Litchfield, O., Dec. 25, 1904, aged 83 years, 2 months, and 15 days. Oct. 8, 1846, he was married to Rebecca Howenstine. To them were born six children, four daughters and two sons, three of whom, with eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, live to mourn their loss. Sister Miller, his wife, died May 17, 1900, and since then his daughter Eliza has cared for him. Brother Miller was very patient in his last sickness and said that he was ready to go, and as he expressed it, "When Jesus comes he will raise me and I from our graves." Before departing this life Brother Miller made preparation for his funeral, choosing one of the songs that he desired sung on that occasion and also choosing as a text for the occasion John 14: 6.

The funeral was conducted from his home in Litchfield, December 27. The service was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother L. L. Wright. Brother Miller has been a member of the Adventist church since 1897.

CHARLES A. MERRIAM.