

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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SPECIAL.

THE ONE-TALENT MAN.

He couldn't sing and he couldn't play.
He couldn't speak and he couldn't pray.
He'd try to read, but break right down,
Then sadly grieve at smile or frown.
While some with talents ten begun,
He started out with only one:
"With this," he said, "I'll do my best,
And trust the Lord to do the rest."
His trembling hand and tearful eye
Gave forth a world of sympathy.
When all alone with one distressed,
He whispered words that calmed that breast,
And little children learned to know,
When grieved and troubled, where to go.
He loved the birds, the flowers, the trees,
And loving him, his friends loved these.
His homely features lost each trace
Of homeliness, and in his face
There beamed a kind and tender light
That made surrounding features bright.
When illness came, he smiled at fears.
And bade his friends to dry their tears.
He said, "Good-bye," and all confess,
He made of life a grand success.

—Presbyterian Journal.

BAROTSELAND.

Our New Mission in Africa.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN OHIO: The time is near for us to return to Africa. We are to go five hundred miles farther into the interior. A new "Memorial for God" is to be established. Another country is to hear the Third Angel's Message. One more light is to be kindled in "Darkest Africa." Another outpost will be planted in "the regions beyond." More souls are to be plucked as brands from the burning. Ohio has an interest there. The Young People of the State support a native worker in that field. The Young People of Columbus are planning to support another. Will we permit the Young People to excel us in well doing? Ohio is already doing much for missions. We must do more. We are not to stop until the work is finished. This Message must be preached to all the world for a witness.

I appeal to you in behalf of the benighted in Africa. Compare your homes with their hovels, your hope with their despair, your light with their darkness. Then read Luke 10: 25-37.

Listen to the young man's appeal for help. He wants his people to hear the truth. Give them a chance to enter the kingdom. Rom. 10: 13-15.

Whose heart would not be touched by the broken hearted child. His mother died. He asked, "Will I ever see my mother again? She never heard of Jesus. She did not know he died for her. She perished in her sins."

Let us rise as one man and finish the work God has given us to do. Already over \$100, has been given. Cannot that sum be raised to \$1,000? I believe it can. Let us try. Send all money to your State treasurer stating that it is for Barotseland. Let there be no delay. Your brother in Christ,
W. H. ANDERSON.

ACT AT ONCE.

If you have not signed the petitions remonstrating against the Sunday bills now pending in Congress, do so at once, and be sure to send the petitions to W. A. Colcord, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C. Petitions and communications have been sent from the Ohio Tract Society to every organized church and company in our State conference. If you have failed to receive this information write at once to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O.

Another way in which an influence may be exerted for the right would be to write a personal letter to the congressmen from Ohio. I would suggest that this matter be given attention by all our Conference laborers, and as many others as can do so. These letters should be written in a good, legible hand and the subject matter should be presented in a clear, concise form. Reference should be made to bills in questions as follows:—

H. R. 11,819.

AN ACT

Requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday.

H. R. 4,859.

A BILL

To further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia.

The Congressmen from Ohio are as follows:—

Senators: Hon. Joseph B. Foraker, Hon. Charles Dick.

Representatives: Honorable DeWitt C. Badger, Honorable Jacob A. Beidler, Honorable Theodore E. Burton, Honorable John W. Cassingham, Honorable Harvey C. Garber, Honorable Herman P. Goebel, Honorable Charles H. Grosvenor, Honorable Charles Q. Hildebrandt, Honorable Amos H. Jackson, Honorable James Kennedy, Honorable Thomas B. Kyle, Honorable Nicholas Longworth, Honorable Stephen R. Morgan, Honorable Robert M. Nevin, Honorable John S. Snook, Honorable James H. Southard, Honorable W. Aubrey Thomas, Honorable Henry C. Van Voorhis, Honorable William R. Warnock, Honorable Amos R. Webber, Honorable Capell Weems.

Mail will reach all these men if addressed to Washington, D. C., mentioning "House" or "Senate" as the case may be.

The time to act is NOW.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

DOING GOOD.

Do not only take occasions of doing good when they are thrust upon you; but study how to do all the good you can, as those that are "zealous of good works." Zeal of good works will make you plot and contrive for them; consult and ask advice for them; it will make you glad when you meet with a hopeful opportunity; it will make you do it largely, not sparingly and by the halves; it will make you do it speedily, without unwilling backwardness and delay; it will make you do it constantly to your life's end. It will make you labor in it as your trade, and not only consent that others do good at your charge. It will make you glad, when good is done, and not to grudge at what it cost you. In a word, it will make your neighbors to be as yourselves, and the pleasing of God to be above yourselves, and therefore to be as glad to do good as to receive it.—Richard Baxter.

"HAPPINESS does not consist in doing what we like, but in liking what we do."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

EARLY EXPERIENCE IN THE MESSAGE.

I HAVE always thanked God that I was born when and where I was, for as soon as I was old enough to fully comprehend the last great sign of the nearness of Christ's coming, namely, the falling of the stars, the event occurred. Mother woke us children up and said, "Get up, for I think the judgment day has come, for the heavens are on fire." I went out into the yard under an apple tree. Here pen or tongue entirely fail to describe the scene. The stars fell and continued to fall until daylight. O how many billions, trillions and quintillions! Its sublimity and grandeur still lives fresh in my mind. To describe more minutely, they seemed to me as large as a good sized lamp blaze, and came about as low as the top limbs of the tree I stood under, then went out with more to follow. This was Nov. 13, 1833.

I was born April 8, 1824, being then about nine years old. In 1842 and 1843 I attended the advent meetings. Many able speakers showed from Daniel 2 and 7 by chart and prophetic periods that Christ would come March 21, 1843, and I believed it, being at this time nineteen years old. Another young man and myself went to school houses and towns and told the people to get ready for the Lord was coming, and gave the prophetic periods as proof, and the power of God was present to convert as I never felt before; even the singing was full of spirit and power. People were moved to act now and thousands were converted, for meetings were held day and night. At first we would ask that the two front seats be vacated, and all those wishing prayers should come forward. Nearly all arose, so we said, "Bow where you are," and God came down our souls to greet, while we bowed before the mercy seat. We held meetings day and night in the city of Oswego, N. Y., up to March 21, 1843. Believing that prophetic time ended there, we all assembled in the large tabernacle and sang and prayed till the clock struck twelve. At that time a lawyer arose, holding an almanac in his hand and said, "March 21, 1843, is in the past and the Lord has not come. Go quietly to your homes and attend to your ordinary affairs." At this point Sister Oliphant, a beautiful singer, sang in a high key, "My Bible Leads to Glory." All joined in the song and made the heavenly arches ring with—

We'll have a shout in glory,
We'll have a shout in glory
Ye followers of the Lamb.

Just then the mob that had gathered in the street around a large bonfire with hot tar and feathers came rushing up the double flight of stairs hal-
lowing, "Old Miller, old Miller, tar pot and feathers." Just then all but one small light was put out, and two soldiers from the fort put a mantle over him, locked arms and crowded through, and soon all were out. I stayed to the last and thus ended our first disappointment.

JOHN PLACE.

WANTED.

At least one hundred men and women who are willing and able to go out for the salvation of souls are wanted. I have been out for the past two or three weeks among the churches hunting for such ones as have such a burden for souls as to make them willing to go anywhere and do anything. I am pleased to be able to report success in finding quite a number who see the importance of the work and feel a burden for it.

While at Springfield over Sabbath and Sunday, I spoke to the church on Sabbath on the importance of the work and announced the fact that there are whole counties in Ohio which have not a Sabbath keeper in them. The next day but one I called on two faithful sisters who have long been evangelistic canvassers in Ohio who were in the work when I went into it eleven years ago, but who have been compelled to give it up because of failing health. These sisters began to plan and asked questions about some of the counties I spoke of, to see if they could not go out and do a little more and raise up standard bearers in some of these needy fields. I thought, O, if some of our robust men and women in Ohio who have even more talent possibly, and far more strength, would only take hold with the same spirit of earnestness and love for souls that soon we would have one hundred where there is now one. I was much pleased to have the privilege of visiting these old sisters, tried soldiers of the cross, and to see their eyes brighten with joy as we talked of the work and its advancement and of old times in the canvassing work. It is hard work to find an old canvasser who can not see some soul who is rejoicing in the truth as a result of their efforts. Several in Springfield will attend our institute in March, to go out and to do valiant service for souls who are seeking after light. Dear reader, will you be one? Is God calling you to go labor in his vineyard?

A recent letter from a good brother who has been devoting some part of his time to canvassing states that he is now ready to give all his time to working for others. It is high time that all shall have some part in soul saving.

A brother stated to me yesterday that he thought that if a man continued to live in a community that he testified by so doing that there was something there for him to do for the salvation of souls, and if he was not doing anything he was proving himself unfaithful. On the other hand, if he sought to justify himself by saying that all had been done that could be done, then if that be true, he should move out to some place where there is something to do. Brethren, lets do or move.

How many are seeking God with all the heart to-day to learn if God would have them take up the canvassing work and go out in the field to work diligently for the salvation of souls? *If we would be saved, we must work.* Be sure to read the article in last week's VISITOR on the canvassing work.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

Hamler.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We held meetings every day during the week of prayer. Elder E. J. Van Horn was with us part of the time, and while here he held evening meetings also, in which he gave us some very profitable lessons from his charts on Matt. 5: 1-16, and 6: 9-13. We all felt that we had received timely help in these lessons. We also realized a great spiritual blessing in our study of the readings for that special season. The Lord came very near us, and we feel strengthened, to go forward in the Master's service. Pray for us that we may be found in him "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." ELLEN FREDERICKS.

Springfield.

WELCOME VISITOR: Our Field Secretary has requested me to write of the canvassing work and my appreciation of it as a means of advancing the cause. The canvassing work has many blessings; I can truly say I love it, and I cannot be contented in any other work not connected with the Message. It means much to go from house to house and have a word of life to speak as the Holy Spirit shall give us utterance. I know God is with the earnest canvasser. The canvassing work has often proved a stepping stone to a higher position, and we long to see it come up and reach the place it should fill. JULIA A. TRACEY.

"THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRES HASTE."

My acquaintance with the work in Washington commenced in June, 1890. Our work in this city had begun but a short time before then. What do we see to-day?—The principal papers of this city are publishing the Sabbath truth as the leading topic of interest. Seventeen columns of matter have been published in the Washington papers since December 26. The larger portion of this has been most favorable. This city is deeply stirred over the Sabbath truth. While the world is moved with the spirit of feverish intensity, shall not we receive from above a baptism of such earnestness in finishing the Lord's work as we have never known before?

A spirit of intense activity has taken possession of the people of the world. We see thousands wholly engaged in the rush for wealth or pleasure. Shall we, with the mighty work and the short time before us, be less diligent in the Master's service? Are we to be among those whom God can use in finishing the work, and cutting it short in righteousness? "A short work will the Lord make in the earth."

There are to-day many calls for means and service, but "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." By his grace may we not do great things in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons"? Even a small effort put forth by many in the fear of God will accomplish great results. The truth may be placed in thousands of homes, our colleges freed from their heavy burden of debt, the general cause of education greatly enlarged, and a new, vital energy imparted to those who take part in this good work.

During the gathering of the General Conference Committee in College View last September, some time was given to a study of the work to be done in the future with "Christ's Object Lessons." There seemed to be a general belief that God would have us continue the work with energy and courage. Elder Daniells made the following remarks and suggestions:—

"I believe that the work that has already been done with 'Object Lessons' has put us in a position where we can now reap the best results from the enterprise that there are in it. The popularity that has been given to the book, and what has been demonstrated in its sale indicate that a strong effort now will bring better returns to the institutions to which the book is dedicated than ever before. When we first took hold of the work, it was an experiment; we knew not what could be done. But the fact has

now been fully demonstrated by thousands of people that the book can be sold, that people who have never sold books before can sell it, and that the book is appreciated by those who secure it.

"Now, brethren, why can not our people in this country dispose of one hundred thousand copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons' every year? That would be less than an average of two books for each church member. I believe that we as a people, without any further large outlay of tithes or our conference workers, could from the sale of this book bring to our institutions one hundred thousand dollars a year to pay off their indebtedness and do aggressive work. If we as a people take advantage of the ground already gained, and move forward a little each year, the returns will be a great help to our institutions."

Reports from several of our conference presidents show that there are many books taken by churches and individuals that have not yet been disposed of, and that an earnest effort should be put forth to place these in the hands of the people for whom they are designed. The good reports of what has been accomplished should lead all to be of good courage, and press forward steadily in the work.

One fact has been demonstrated by some of the experiences that were related,—that is that this work has done a vast amount of good in training young people for service. Some whose life of missionary activity began with this book are now conference laborers, and are entering the work in other lands. It was also shown that the churches and individuals that had sold their quota some two or three times over are the ones who are most ready to sell this book yet.

While the effort had cost us something,—the time of conference laborers has been devoted to it, and means from the conference treasury has been expended,—yet the belief seemed to prevail that this money and effort has been well expended. The presentation of truth in the book has been a potent factor in removing prejudice from many minds, and opening the way for further investigation of the Message for this time. Liberal souls have been brought into the truth, and churches have been organized in various places as a result of the work with this book.

Success is largely dependent, not upon the few who are placed in positions of responsibility, but upon the united, persevering efforts of many earnest, self-sacrificing servants of God.

J. S. WASHBURN,
Secretary of the Relief of Schools Committee.

\$49,933.19.

THE above amount is still required to supply the appropriation of \$100,000 voted by the General Conference Council of October, 1903, for the Washington building fund. We believe that the many loyal friends of the Message will rejoice to know that we have passed the half-way point in answering this call to supply the necessary means to build up the work which the Spirit of Prophecy has so clearly stated should be established in Washington. In the closing struggle of the great conflict, it is certainly most encouraging to know that God is directly leading this people, that he has planted the headquarters of this work at the heart of the last great nation of history and prophecy. He has placed the work on vantage ground. He has called us to establish a fortress at the highest point of the world's civilization.

We rejoice at the liberal offering that has been made for foreign missions. Now that this offering has been taken, and we are just at the commencement of another year, and just at the beginning of the last half of this great work, we believe there will be one grand and united effort made that this work may be quickly finished. If each one who has already given could simply repeat what he has already done, the amount needed would be sent in immediately. But there are many thousands who have been hindered from helping in the work thus far, who will gladly help on the last half of the work. Are there not those in the Ohio Conference who will help us to open up the closing part of this work with donations of from \$500 to \$1,000, or even more?

The Washington Training College was opened November 30. About forty students were in attendance, and there is prospect that many more will attend when the buildings are more nearly completed. The school starts absolutely free of all debt, and we have something in hand toward the General Conference offices and sanitarium, which must shortly be erected.

A great agitation and combined effort is being made by the ministers' association of Washington in the interests of the enforcement of Sunday observance. The Lord has given us wonderful blessings during the week of prayer. Now, just now, is the time to work for Washington. Send all donations to W. T. Bland, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C., or, if preferred, through the tract society channels.

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

BROTHER E. C. PENN has a farm for rent. Any one interested can address him at Mount Vernon, O.

BROTHER IRA GAULT and wife of Jeromeville, O., were in Academia a few days last week on business.

CORRECTION.—The closing sentence of Brother Richardson's article should read—None will be entertained who do not intend to enter the canvassing work, instead of "Some will be," etc.

TWO good missionary letters that we expected to publish this week have been left over for our next issue through an oversight of those in charge of the printing and a lack of type in the office.

ELDER W. W. MILLER and company arrived in Calcutta, December 25. H. H. Votaw and wife reached there three days earlier. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."

DISTRICT NO. 8.

A GENERAL meeting for District No. 8 will be held at Alliance, O., beginning Friday evening, February 10, and continuing over Sabbath and Sunday. We are promised good help from the Conference and we bespeak an interesting and profitable meeting.

The Alliance church extends a hearty invitation to one and all within reach, only asking as many as can to bring one comforter and a pair of blankets. Take the street car at the depot and ask the conductor to let you off at the old Presbyterian church on Arch Street, where you will find a committee who will look after your wants.

C. C. WEBSTER.

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"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; . . . say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. Behold the Lord God will come." Isa. 40:9, 10. Please read also Isa. 35:3, 4 and Rev. 18:1. J. S. WASHBURN.

AN IMPORTANT PUBLICATION.

SUNDAY, January 1, was a day set apart by the ministers of Washington, D. C., for special services in all the churches on the question of better observance of the Lord's Day. At the same time there is before the Congress of the United States legislation for the better observance of Sunday in the District.

In view of these things, an "open letter" was prepared by our people and published in the *Washington Post*, setting forth in its true light the Sabbath and Sunday question. This has caused no little comment. The matter is being agitated throughout the city, and Elders Warren and Thompson spoke on last Sunday night to a crowded hall upon different phases of the subject.

Requests have come from those in different parts of the field who have seen this article to have it printed in tract form. In consultation with the leading brethren here, the Review & Herald Publishing Association has decided to issue the matter in tract form and it is now in the hands of the printers. The price will be 1 cent each; 40 cents per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand.

This will make an excellent tract for general distribution. It will appeal especially to those who are Bible students, while those who are not cannot help but see the matter in its true light. It ought to be circulated by the thousands, especially at this time when the Congress of the United States is being called upon to enact Sunday laws. Orders may be sent through the usual channels.

REVIEW & HERALD PUB. ASSN.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

THE *Bible Training School* is full of choice matter. The lessons on the book of Esther will continue through the winter, and also the valuable Bible readings on the Sanctuary Service. There are articles from Sister E. G. White, Elder J. N. Loughborough, and Elder S. N. Haskell every month together with many others.

Send twenty-five cents to the *Bible Training School*, South Lancaster, Mass., and it will visit your home every month the coming year.

NOTICE.

THE Newark Sanitarium, Newark, O., is now in a position to furnish our people throughout the State with the Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Foods at the following low rate:—

On all orders amounting to \$15 or more, we will allow you twenty-five per cent. discount from list price, plus the freight, if receipted freight bill is sent us.

On all orders amounting from \$3 up to \$15 we will allow twenty-five per cent. discount from list price.

On all orders less than \$3 we will allow twenty per cent. discount from list price.

These very low rates place our foods in the hands of our people at reasonable prices.

In ordering please write plain, stating how you want the foods to come, either by express or freight. Remember we don't pay express; and only pay freight on orders amounting to \$15 or more. Also remember that these foods are strictly fresh.

In remitting please don't send personal checks. Send for price list at once. Address all communications to Newark Sanitarium, 103 East Main St., Newark, O.

OBITUARY.

HOLLENSHEAD.—My mother, Mary A. Hollenshead, was born in Morgan Co., Ohio, Dec. 7, 1827, and died Jan. 3, 1905. She was united in marriage to John Hamler on Dec. 20, 1843, and in the year 1846 they removed to Henry Co. and settled in Marion township, then a low, swampy wilderness. She lived to see this changed into well cultivated farms, and beautiful homes, and the thriving village of Hamler, which derived its name from the Hamler family. She was the mother of six children three of whom, with their father preceded her to the grave. She was a faithful wife, loving mother, and a kind and generous neighbor. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. July 27, 1904, she fell and fractured her hip, and from that time was unable to walk. Dec. 25, 1904, she was taken ill with la grippe, and death resulted from a complication of paralysis and pneumonia. Three daughters are left to mourn the loss of a loving mother, Mrs. M. C. Hitt, Mrs. Sarah Ebersol, and the writer; also seventeen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. D. Brandeberry, Methodist, from 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

"Weep not that her trials are over,
Weep not that her race is run.
God grant we may rest as calmly,
When our work like hers is done.
Till then we yield with gladness,
Our mother to him to keep,
And rejoice in the sweet assurance,
'He giveth his loved ones sleep.'"

ELLEN FREDERICKS.

"GENUINE greatness is marked by simplicity, unostentatiousness, self-forgetfulness, a hearty interest in others, a feeling of brotherhood with the human family."