

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## SPECIAL.

### GOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

THIS thing on which thy heart is set, this thing that can not be.  
This weary, disappointing day that dawns, my friend, for thee—  
Be comforted! God knoweth best, the God whose name is Love.  
Whose tender care is evermore our passing lives above;  
He sends the disappointments, so take them from his hand—  
Shall God's appointments seem less good than what thyself had planned?  
'T was in thy mind to go abroad. He bids thee stay at home—  
Oh, happy home, thrice happy if to it as guest he come!  
'T was in thy mind thy friend to see. The Lord says, "Nay, not yet!"  
Be confident. The meeting time thy Lord will not forget.  
'T was in thy mind to work for him. His will is, "Child, sit still!"  
And surely 'tis thy blessedness to mind thy Master's will.  
Accept thy disappointment, friend, thy gift from God's own hand.  
Shall God's appointments seem less good than what thyself had planned?

— Selected.

### THE SECOND DISAPPOINTMENT.

MY first article closed with our first disappointment, but had the prophetic periods failed? No. Prof. Olmstead, of Yale College, said Mr. Miller was correct in reckoning the periods, and so did other learned men. The coming of the Lord was indeed sweet in the mouth, but bitter indeed was the disappointment. Yes, we went home to meet, "Well, you haven't gone up yet?" and, "I thought John Place a man of more sense than to be led off into error." Bitter, O how bitter, was this experience! but what could I say? Only, "Yes, I have been disappointed in not seeing Christ come, yet God will make all plain in due time."

We sought earnestly for light, praying, "O, Lord, give us light; where is our mistake? After a time Mr. Miller saw that Roman and Jewish time differed about six months, and that March 21, 1843, Roman time, was really Oct. 22, 1844, Jewish time. According to the reckoning of the Caraites (a large company) the tenth day of the seventh month fell on the twenty-second day of October. Mr. Miller

wrote on October 6, "If Christ does not come within twenty days I shall feel the disappointment twice as much as I did in the spring." This explanation of the disappointment was generally believed. So we prophesied again, fully believing that this time Christ would come. God again witnessed to our efforts to wake up the *sleeping virgins*, church members and sinners: for the church members largely rejected the First Angel's Message.

Then the Second Angel's Message, "Babylon is fallen," went with a loud voice, and with power, for great was the number that gave it. "Come out of her"—Babylon—see Jer. 51:6, 9. The First Angel's Message would have healed Babylon—the nominal churches—had they received it; but they rejected it and turned Christ out in the person of his children.

My brother-in-law went into the first Methodist church to give out an appointment in the Tabernacle for the Adventist meetings, and as he arose the choir sung him down, and had him taken to jail for disturbing their meeting. The jailor invited him into his family. He gave them the First and Second Angel's Messages with power, for he could repeat Daniel and Revelation. He was the best speaker on the prophetic periods I ever listened to. He was with us in the tabernacle March 21, 1843. My oldest brother closed his school to give the Message. In answer to the call, "Come out of her" (Babylon), 56,000 left the nominal churches: and yet another disappointment awaited us. Oh, how bitter! for Oct. 22, 1844, passed as did March 21, 1843. Dear brothers and sisters, had not the "little book" had the Spirit of God in it, and we partakers largely of it, we could not have worked night and day so long. Jesus says, "My words are spirit and life," and I found it so. "The little book" thrilled my whole being, and others also. Again I ask, "Had God's word failed?" No, Oh, No. God always provides a man and gives him light to impart to others, so Elder J. N. Andrews wrote his pamphlet and book on the Sanctuary in heaven. This was light, clear light. Man said the earth was the sanctuary to be cleansed by fire, whereas the

sanctuary needed blood. Yes, how plain. Prophetic periods could not be broken. Even so, Amen. I believe the foregoing as firmly as I ever did and as soon as this gospel is preached in all the world for a witness, then, yes, "then will the end come," and not before, for Jesus says so.

In writing the foregoing I have lived over the stirring scenes, have gone into the school houses, and neighborhoods, and seen the old veterans as Elder Joseph Bates, David Arnold, and Hiram Edson. This last mentioned brother sold his farm for three thousand dollars and bought the first printing press we had. O, how sweet to my memory are those old days! Old men would kiss and hug, and shed tears of joy on meeting. O, how it lifts my spirit up, as I think over these experiences. Respectfully in love,  
JOHN PLACE.

### BE TRUTHFUL.

"LET not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart." Prov. 3:3.

In these last days when sin in all its various forms is abounding on every hand, this one—untruthfulness—stands out in bold relief from all the rest. Indeed it has become so prevalent that people cease to look upon it as being a sin, but rather as a necessity to succeed in life, hence one seldom goes to any place of business without the fear of being defrauded.

So seldom is an individual found in the world who is known to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," that when such a person is found he immediately becomes the subject of comment; he is known by those in the town, or community in which he lives as "Truthful George," "Honest Abe," or whatever his name may chance to be, and what an honorable title! Much more to be desired, it seems to me, than that of governor, president, or king. I would rather be a truthful man in the gate keeper's chair than an untruthful man on the king's throne; I would rather be a truthful man in the poor-house than an untruthful man in the costliest palace this world has ever seen.

I once visited the home of a poor farmer in one of the Eastern States. He rented the little farm and the little cottage in which he lived, but he was honest and truthful. This man received a letter from one of the wealthy men of that State in which he said, "I have heard of you and want you to come and take charge of my business." The point I wish to make from this is, that these two men, though entire strangers, heard of each other because one of them was honest and truthful. "I have heard of you." My dear young people, do you want the world to hear of you and know of you? Then be truthful, be honest.

"Honor and fame from no conditions rise.  
Act well your part; there all the honor lies."

It isn't necessary to hold some high position in order to have the world hear of you. What has made the great men of this world? Why do we hear so much said about Washington, and Lincoln? Why is it they live in our hearts' affections to-day? Surely not because they were presidents of our country, for many have held that position. This alone would not give them such a place in our hearts.

It is said of Washington, when a boy going to school, that the boys would point at him and say, "There goes the curly-headed boy who never told a lie." It is said of Lincoln, that in making change for a lady who came to his store he made a mistake of a few cents which he did not detect until after the customer had gone home, but that night he walked several miles in the rain to return to her the money that was hers. It is these traits—truthfulness and honesty—and not position that make us love them.

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time."

How we admire the young man or the young woman who is truthful! Such young people are constantly in demand, in the schoolroom, the office, and store. A thousand doors are open to honest, truthful young men and women; and as many are closed to the dishonest and untruthful.

Just as a person who is accustomed to tell the truth is known as such through the community in which he lives, just so with a person who is untruthful; he is soon marked by every person in his community as a falsifier. With some young people, it seems to be a second nature to tell untruths; and it is sadly true that some children have inherited this despicable trait of character, but to such let me say, do not despair, no matter what your hereditary tendencies, if you truly want deliverance from the "sin that doth

so easily beset you," there is victory for you; commit your case entirely to Him who has said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and He will give you the victory.

The Word tells us that "out of the heart are the issues of life." How appropriate, then, the instruction given us in our text, write truth upon the table of thine heart: when this is done then every issue of the heart will be truth, every word the mouth speaketh will be truth; for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Luke 6:45. "Dear young people, this must be our experience if we ever expect to live with Jesus, and enjoy the felicities of that hour when the gates of the holy city are thrown open to the people of God; for God says that the untruthful shall perish, and into that city shall never come he "that loveth or maketh a lie." Prov. 19:9; Rev. 21:27; 22:15; 21:8.

The Lord through the prophet Isaiah tells of a time when "truth is fallen in the street." Isa 59:14. Surely there never was a time to which this text was more applicable than the present. Again I appeal to every young man and woman who may chance to read these lines to "come up to the help of the Lord," seize the banner of truth which has so long been trailing in the dust, plant it upon the pedestal of your heart, and then go forward "to scale the mountain of difficulty lying in the pathway of life, to cross its deserts," and you will leave behind you the fragrance of a truthful life. Write your name in words of truthfulness and deeds of honesty upon the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year, and then when you are called to bid farewell to the ills, the sorrows, and the perplexities of this life, you will leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never wash away.

NED ASHTON.

#### IDEAL HOMES.

SOME of the happiest and most ideal homes, where peace, contentment and harmony dwell, have been the abodes of poor people. No rich carpets covered the floors, no costly paintings were on the walls, and there were no pianos, no works of art, but there were contented minds, and unselfish and devoted lives. Each member of the family contributed as much as possible to the happiness of all, endeavoring to compensate by kindness and intelligence for the poverty of their surroundings.—*Success*.

GOD helps them who help themselves.—*Benjamin Franklin*.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Marysville.

WELCOME VISITOR: The interest here is increasing more than ever. We have showers of blessings. The Lord is good to his children. He encourages us, in letting us see some fruit of our labors, and of the prayers and tears which we offer in behalf of the people here. One morning, as I knelt in prayer, the angel of the Lord directed me to go three miles into the country to a family where I had been before. I went, not knowing what the Lord had in store for me that day. On arriving, I found the people just getting ready to go to a revival meeting which was being held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Milford Center, but as soon as I came in, the lady said, "Thank the Lord! we will stay home now. We are glad you came."

The man had never been a Christian before, but had attended some of our meetings, and had been touched by the sentiment of the good old hymn, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus." Also the things he heard there kept ringing in his ears. So I had a prayer with them; then we studied the promises of God together, after which he told me that he had fully decided to give his heart to the Lord. So he asked me to pray with him again, and he wept aloud, finally he also prayed, and the Lord came in in power. We had a feast of good things. There surely was joy in heaven over this dear soul more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

I was invited to stay all night, which I did. I heard him weep during the night, and he said to his wife that it was God that sent me there. In the morning we had another good prayer service and Bible study. He is quite well to do and used to be a very successful business man; but now lives on the farm. He is a man of principle, and will no doubt be a great help to the company here if he steps right out in all the light, which I hope he will, as he and his wife believe every thing as fast as I present it to them. They have promised to come to our meeting.

At another place in the country we have four families gathered together in one of their homes every Sunday and Wednesday night. They all believe the truth; but so far have not taken their stand; but we believe that most all of them will. We have a number of other promising Bible readers. We can only report two new Sabbath keepers as yet, and even these are keeping it more on the sly, for fear of

the Jews; but we hope they will soon be bold, as we are teaching them to that end. There are about fifteen or more of our readers who believe it fully to be the truth; but how many will have the moral courage to do, and obey, the Lord only knows, and in his care we leave them. Brethren J. O. Miller and B. L. House were with us for one week, and went with us to every Bible reading we held. It came just in the right time to encourage our readers and cause them to sense more fully the importance of obeying, of being doers, and not forgetful hearers. Brethren House and Miller gave all the instruction during the week they were here. We had blessed times together in the Master's work. In some homes the Bible readings are attended by thirteen to sixteen persons.

We now have an invitation to hold meetings in a schoolhouse. A young man promised to furnish the schoolhouse and the people if we would do the preaching. Another man asked me last Wednesday night if we would hold meetings in the Infirmary if he would get permission for us and gather in the neighbors. This man is a well educated school teacher. What the outcome will be remains to be seen.

I was also at Sidney lately and found the company there of good courage in the Lord. There are a few more who are contemplating joining the little band there. One lady in particular told me that she thought, that she would come out all right. I was there several days and had meeting with them and we studied the prophecies together. We have seven German readers of the *Christlicher Hausfreund*. We have sold several "Christ's Object Lessons" and other books, given away a number of the tract, "The Open Letter," also had articles about the Sabbath agitation printed in the city paper here.

G. P. GAEDE,  
MISS NETTIE GAEDE.

#### ROANOKE, VA.

MAN draws imaginary lines that separate into sections what in natural form exists as a physical unit. Within certain limitations and for certain purposes doubtless it is well so to do. But no division can divide up or separate the great field of God's harvest into sections that destroy its unity or make into many that which must remain one. We rejoice to see in what a practical way Ohio makes plain this divine truth in her help abroad, and pray God's abundant blessings upon each and all that have gone and upon every dollar applied in that line of

effort. I feel free to send in this report, too, from Virginia, and to say that Ohio and the cause of God within her borders are as precious to us now personally here, as ever the same were when personally present there.

We remain in this city of Roanoke in the southwest part of the State where we were at the time of our last report. For the past few months we have been alone in the work. As a result of the summer's tent effort a Sabbath-school was organized which has kept together all winter and not missed one Sabbath. There has been quite an amount of sickness of the kind common in this mountain section that has hindered cottage meetings somewhat. Still we are both kept busy and have managed to keep up the house-to-house work of which the Spirit of Prophecy speaks so much and so encouragingly, and hope for visible results in due time. God shall give the increase.

Mrs. Babcock uses the *Family Bible Teacher* with other literature in regular course among many families in the section of the city where we live and I use them in sets among business men with other suitable printed matter.

From signs fulfilling all about us and over the earth we know the end is near. We earnestly desire to stand among the overcomers and give God, our Father, all the glory through Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Deliverer. We join in greetings to one and all in hope and growing courage.

M. S. BABCOCK.

#### TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

DEAR FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS: No doubt you all have read the article which appeared in the VISITOR two weeks ago from Professor F. W. Field, of Japan. No doubt you will be pleased to know that others are watching with interest the advance steps taken by the young people of Ohio. Were you to read the good letters I am receiving every week, you would see the truthfulness of the testimony of Paul in Rom. 14:7, where he says, "For none of us liveth unto himself." "We are a spectacle unto the world, unto angels, and to men."

About six years ago there was an effort made to enlist the co-operation of the young people of the State in an effort to save souls. That was a good move, but it was not entirely successful, because those who joined the organization failed to comprehend the real object for which they were organized. The motto taken by that organization was, "The gospel of 'Present Truth' to every nation, and kindred,

and tongue, and people, as soon as possible." This was a grand motto, should each member have done every thing possible to fulfil the principle of it, we should have seen a great awakening and a mighty work accomplished.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the only reason for our organization is to put forth united efforts for the salvation of perishing souls. This will call for a consecration of every thing to Jesus; both time and means are to be freely given. Nothing is to be withheld. No money should be lavished upon ourselves while we have a brother who is toiling in Korea to save souls for Jesus, while we sleep, who is dependant upon us for his support. Remember we are not too young to sacrifice for Jesus. The first great sacrifice made in this world was by a young man. When Satan saw the ardor, zeal and determination manifested by Abel, as he cheerfully acknowledged his belief in a coming Saviour by an acceptable sacrifice to God, he caused envy and malice to take possession of his brother who by the presentation of the "fruit of the ground," showed where his treasure was. He arose and slew his brother, who by his life testified that his lot had been cast with those who loved God. Yet Abel was a young man. Perhaps he had done nothing that would be lauded by the people of this earth, but his sacrifice was regarded by God and the voice of his blood caused the Holy One to descend from heaven and witness before that cruel brother that recognition was taken of the sinful deed.

This is one of the rare instances where Christ personally appeared to vindicate his apparently vanquished witness. Then was the curse pronounced upon the one, who, failing to do the work assigned him by God, permitted his heart to become vain and exalted thus opening the way for Satan to enter, who filling his heart with folly, ultimately caused his ruin. Which example shall we follow? Which experience will we choose? Shall the earth groan more heavily under the curse of God as the result of a course which we choose to follow? May we follow the example of Abel and glorify our Father thereby.

J. E. SHULTZ.

"THE most dangerous foes are those which attack from within our own nation, our own household, our own hearts."

"GOD is love."

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"THE blows against sin that count are not made with the mouth."

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

THE elocution and music classes gave a very enjoyable entertainment the evening after the Sabbath.

THE sad news of the death of Brother J. K. Sauder, of Akron, O., reached us last Monday. Our love and sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and friends. We hope for further information soon.

"FLJI is open just now to the Message," writes Brother Parker, "and now is the time to give it. I can understand something of how the Saviour felt as he stood by the well of Samaria and pronounced the fields already whitening for the harvest. All things are encouraging for the work in Fiji. The only drawback is the scarcity of laborers."

### GOOD NEWS FROM HAYTI.

In this town we have gained a victory for the truth recently. An influential native schoolmaster has accepted the Sabbath. He kept the first Sabbath with his boarding scholars at home, and last week with us. There is a great stir among his friends, on account of the stand which he has taken. The pastor to whose church he was attached as a member has taken away his son from this brother's school, saying he has gone to "become a Jew." The water is stirred in Hayti.

HENRY WILLIAMS.

### NOTICE.

MISS EMMA DOGHERTY, of Cleveland, who offered flower seeds for sale desires a silver dime and two-cent postage stamp sent for the seeds. She cannot use so many stamps as are coming. You can wrap the dime in a small piece of tissue paper.

D. E. LINDSEY.

ON Monday, March 6, I received a call to return to Cleveland and preach the funeral of the child of our dear Brother and Sister Banderburg, but was just ready to start to Academia to meet the Executive Committee and the School Board of Trustees. It was a disappointment to the dear friends. How we all desire sympathy in time of trial!

D. E. L.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 10, 1905.)

Kittie M. Halstead, East Liverpool. — Bible Readings: 7 hours; value of orders, \$14.55; helps, \$2.25; total, \$16.50.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster. — Coming King: 56 hours; value of orders, \$28.50; helps, \$2.95; total, \$31.45.

\*Two weeks.

### THE NEW YEAR BOOK FOR 1905.

In Many Respects Superior to Any Heretofore Published.

THE matter usually published in our Year Books, such as Table of Contents, Introductory Notes, Statistical Tables, Directories of the Denomination by Union and State Conferences, Public Institutions, Constitution and By-laws of various organizations and institutions, is given in better and more complete form; for instance, the addresses of all officers and ministers in each Conference are given in the Conference Directory and all lines of work carried forward in each Conference excepting sanitariums, educational and publishing institutions, which have special boards and separate directories, are represented in connection with the Conference in which the work is done. Cable addresses are given with the directory of each organization instead of one general list of cable addresses.

In addition to these important improvements, the new Year Book will contain the fundamental principles of the belief of the church, and a clear concise review of the rise and progress of the denomination, with the historical data pertaining to the organizations and the institutions of the same.

These fundamental principles together with the history of the rise and progress of the denomination will be of great service in missionary work, for there is a constant demand from honest, inquiring people not of our faith, for "a statement of the belief of Seventh-day Adventists," which could not heretofore be supplied in a condensed form, but can now be furnished

in the form of the statement of the fundamental principles of the denomination, separate and apart from any semblance to a creed.

Those who secure the new Year Book from which to obtain the belief of the church will also have with it a history of the rise and progress of the denomination together with a display of its present thorough, systematic organization in all parts of the world. These facts will cause them to consider more seriously and favorably the divine origin of the denomination and the importance of its present work.

The new book, therefore, will be a good pamphlet for missionary purposes, and the very best ever issued for our own people. Not only every worker, but every family in the denomination should have a copy for reference and study, and thousands of copies should be placed in the hands of honest, inquiring people not of our faith. The price is 25 cents postpaid. Order of the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O.

### OBITUARY.

WHEELER. — On February 25 the infant son, aged 3 weeks, of Edgar and Eva Wheeler, of Clyde, O., died of erysipelas. The funeral was held in the church house at Clyde. How true the text, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." Job 14:1, 2. But the valley of the shadow of death is lightened by the exceeding great and precious promises of God's word. "They shall come afar from the land of the enemy" are words most cheering in hours of darkest trial.

D. E. LINDSEY.

BOLEN. — Mrs. Ella Bolen, daughter of Lewis and Almira Van Nest, was born in Athens Co., O., Nov. 18, 1859, and died at Mount Healthy, Hamilton Co., O., Feb. 10, 1905, aged 45 years, 2 months, and 22 days. July 16, 1878, she was married to David Bolen, to which union was born one son who preceded his mother in death. Before her death she expressed firm belief in the Third Angel's Message and asked her friends to meet her on the morn of the first resurrection. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Elder C. A. Pedicord of the Cincinnati church. The text used was 1 Cor. 15:1.

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WAGNER. — Fred Wagner was born in Saxony, Germany, in the year 1845. He came to America in 1849, living in Jeffersonville, N. Y., until the year 1861, when he came to Cleveland which has since been his home. Mr. Wagner was a soldier in the Civil War and was badly wounded. He has suffered all the years since the war from his wound and finally died of Bright's Disease. He was a member of the Cleveland church at one time but became discouraged. His devoted niece, who cared for him through his illness, informed me that he frequently called upon the Lord to forgive. And I am sure that God will hear every cry that his Spirit prompts one to make. A number of our singers assisted with hymns. The Grand Army and Relief Corps were present also. We rejoice that all warfare will soon be over.

D. E. LINDSEY.