

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE WIERD OF THE MORROW.

YOU 'LL be sorry to-morrow, sorry
For the harsh words said to-day.
You will wish you had waited a little,
Till the ill mood passed away.
You will grieve for the friend you wounded,
But you'll grieve till your heart is sore
For the strife and sin that entered in
When anger set wide the door.

You'll be sorry to-morrow, sorry
That an old face quivered and broke,
As if a blow had struck it,
At the hasty words you spoke.
You'll be low in your mind to-morrow,
That a little child with dread
At the glance of your eye went hurrying by,
With downcast, drooping head.

You'll be sorry to-morrow, sorry
That you played the cowardly part,
That you hid in a mask of silence
And the hypocrit's hateful art;
For silence is sometimes shameful,
And borne of the mean degree,
And it creeps away at the end of the day,
To lurk where the mean things be.

Sorry to-morrow? Truly
'Twere better to be content,
And have no guilt to atone for,
No willful sin to to repent.
The word, the look, the action'
By the help of God may wear
That light of heaven, forever given
In the hush of the answered prayer.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

WHY HOLD CAMP-MEETINGS?

THE camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money-making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut.

It is our work to give to the whole world,—to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,—the saving truths of the Third Angel's Message. . . . In our work we have been perplexed to know how to break through the barriers of worldliness and prejudice,

and bring before the people the precious truth which means so much to them. The Lord has instructed us that the camp-meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of this work.

AND our camp-meetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. The world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the loveliness, the goodness, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel through which it shall come to the world. The church has been constituted that channel. Christ reveals himself to us, that we may reveal him to others. Through his people are manifested the riches and glory of his unspeakable gift.

Every camp-meeting should be an object-lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. We must give careful regard to economy, and must avoid display; but everything connected with the grounds should be neat and tidy. Taste and tact do much to attract. And in our work we should present the discipline of organization and order. We should ever bear in mind that angels of God are walking through the encampment, beholding the order and arrangement in every tent. To the large number of people who come to the ground, all the arrangements are an illustration of the principles and belief of the people conducting the meetings. It should be the very best illustration possible. All the surroundings should be a lesson. Especially should the family tents in their neatness and order give a glimpse of home life and, be a constant sermon as to the habits, customs, and practices of Seventh-day Adventists.

It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meetings, and God calls upon you to number one in the

ranks of truth.

Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed." Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

ANCIENTLY the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship. They meet to recount God's mercies, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to his name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

If the children of Israel needed the benefits of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"THE best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought which it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tone, but in the echoes of the heart."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE following circular letter and instructions are published for the benefit of those going to the Conference at Mansfield, O.

LET all persons preserve and carry with them, a copy of this notice so that no agent can deny them their certificate of purchase.

Instructions to Those Who Desire to

Attend the Camp-meeting.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: Through the courtesy of the lines constituting the Central Passenger Association, persons attending the camp-meeting of the Seventh-day Adventists of Ohio to be held at Mansfield, Richland Co., commencing Aug. 10, to continue until Aug. 21, will be granted a reduction in their return fare only, under the following circumstances and conditions:—

1. Each person must purchase, not more than three days prior to the date of the meeting (Sunday not to be accounted a day), nor later than two days after the first day of the meeting (Sunday in this case to be counted a day), a first-class ticket, either unlimited or limited, to the place of meeting, for which he will pay the regular tariff fare of not less than seventy-five cents, and upon request the ticket agent will issue to him a standard certificate of such purchase (form on back hereof) properly filled up and signed by said ticket agent.

2. If through ticket cannot be procured at the starting point, the person will purchase to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and there purchase through to place of meeting, requesting a standard certificate, properly filled out by the agent at the point where each purchase is made.

3. It is absolutely necessary that a certificate be procured, indicating that full fare of not less than seventy-five cents has been paid for the going journey. It likewise determines the route via which the ticket for return journey will be sold, and *without it no reduction will be made*, as the rules of the individual lines provide that "No refund of fare can be expected because of failure of the parties to obtain certificates."

4. It has been arranged that the special agent of the railways will be in attendance to vise certificates on

August 17. You are advised of this, because if you arrive at the meeting and leave for home prior to the special agent's arrival, you cannot have the benefit of the reduction on the home journey; or if you arrive at the meeting after the special agent has left, you cannot have your certificate viseed for reduced fare returning. *No claim for refund will be entertained on account of holders of certificates returning to original starting point before the requisite number of one hundred certificates is in the hands of the special agent of the railways.*

5. Tickets for the return journey will be sold by the ticket agents at the place of meeting at one-third the first-class limited fare, only to those holding standard certificates signed by the ticket agent at point where through ticket to the place of meeting was purchased, countersigned by the secretary or clerk of the convention, certifying that not less than one hundred persons holding standard certificates are present, and that the holder has been in attendance upon the convention, and viseed by a validation paster affixed at the meeting by special agent of the railways.

6. For meetings held at points in the territory of the Central Passenger Association, to defray expense of special agent provided for the purpose of viseing certificates entitling persons to whom issued to purchase return tickets at the reduced basis indicated in preceding paragraph, the special agent at time of validation will collect from the holder of each certificate viseed a fee of twenty-five cents.

7. Tickets for return journey will be furnished only on standard certificates procured not more than *three days* before the meeting assembles, nor later than *two days* after the first day of the meeting (Sunday to be counted a day), and will be available for continuous passage only; no stopover privileges being allowed on tickets sold at less than regular unlimited fares. Certificates will not be honored if presented for return tickets more than *three days* after the date of adjournment of the convention. It is understood that Sunday will not be reckoned as one of the three days, either before the opening date or after the closing date of meeting. No certificate will be honored if issued in connection with children's half fare tickets, mileage, round-trip tickets, on account of Clergy, Charity, Employes, or at less than regular agreed full first-class fare.

8. Ticket agents will be instructed that excursion fares will not be avail-

able, unless the holders of certificates are properly identified, as above described, by the secretary or clerk, on the certificate, which identification includes the statement that one hundred or more persons, who have purchased full fare tickets of not less than seventy-five cents each, for the going passage, and hold properly receipted standard certificates, have been in attendance at the meeting, and by validation paster bearing stamp and signature of special agent of the railways. A violation of the rules in certifying that the stipulated number was in attendance, when a less number of properly executed standard certificates was presented, will debar the offending organization from further courtesies of the railways.

9. The certificates are not transferable, and the signature affixed at the starting point, compared with the signature to the receipt, will enable the ticket agent to detect any attempted transfer. A transfer or misuse of certificates or tickets authorized under this rule will forfeit all privileges granted.

10. A guarantee has been given to redeem at full fares any return tickets procured by persons in attendance at this meeting that may be found to have been transferred, misused or offered for sale.

N. B.—Please read carefully the above instructions; be particular to have the certificates properly filled and certified by the railroad agent from whom you purchase your going ticket to the place of meeting, as the reduction on return will apply only to the point at which such through ticket was purchased. Yours truly,

D. E. LINDSEY, Sec.

Green Spring, O., July 12, 1905.

LET each one see to it that they carefully regard the instruction contained in condition nine.

CONDITION NO. 10, forbids the transfer, exchange, or sale of any return ticket. To violate this makes the Conference responsible to pay for full fare, and cuts us off from privileges for another year.

Important.

CERTIFICATES will be issued from Monday, Aug. 7, to Saturday, Aug. 12, inclusive, for going; and the return trip may be made from Aug. 21, to Aug. 24, inclusive.

THE SUNDAY OBSERVANCE AT MANSFIELD.

THE agitation over the Sunday question at Mansfield continues. To show the VISITOR readers what some of the citizens think of the present Sunday crusade, I will let the editor of the Mansfield News in the issue of June 28, speak for himself.

"We can't all be of one mind in regard to what is a proper observance of Sabbath. What is one man's meat is another's poison. We are not all agreed as to what day really is Sabbath. Our Seventh-day Adventist brethren quote Biblical authority to the effect that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath, which they observe as such, but the first day of the week has no religious significance to them; and many of them engage in common labor on that day.

"But what constitutes true observance of Sabbath, or rest day? People may attend church. They may refrain from all work and every form of amusement, pastime, recreation on that day. They may even confine their Sabbath reading to religious literature, and still have less of true Christianity and real humanity than those who are not so punctilious in outward forms of Sabbath observance.

"We are even prone to believe that there is more real goodness, love, and affection and the milk of human kindness in the members of some families that go to the country and spend a Sunday in the woods amid the beauties of nature, than there may be in some other families who devote the entire day to church going.

"It is not what people may seem, but what they are that counts. It is what people do, not what they say, that makes character. Professed belief and contrariwise action do not furnish proof of the consistent life.

"Don't let's be pharisaical. We are firmly convinced that the person who never does anything worse than eat dinner in the woods on Sunday—even at other than camp-meeting times—who may indulge in a little golf or ball playing, (especially if he is a six-days-a-week worker) or who may even ride on a merry-go-round on Sunday, is not half as much in danger of future punishment as the professedly and outwardly good brother who will gouge his fellows in a business deal, who may not pay his debts or keep his word, and in whose head where the bump of benevolence should be, there is a deep depression."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"At the last report Elder Moon was rapidly improving under the sanitary treatment at Connersville."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Medina.

DEAR VISITOR: We will write a few lines telling you how the Lord is blessing us. Satan has been working every way to keep the people away, and with some degree of success; but the tide seems to be turning the other way. We have had a good attendance at both of the meetings to-day. We have had a German meeting every Sunday forenoon since we pitched here.

We are now in the midst of the Sabbath question. Some are obeying, and we are certain others will. God, by his Spirit, is sending the truth home, and to him belongs the praise. The brethren here are faithful in attendance and are helping us. Some of the brethren from churches near, have come in at different times showing their interest in the work. Brother Kolb, of Cleveland, came down to-day staying until after the evening meeting. He brought a good supply of tracts and papers from the Cleveland church. We used many of them with several different tracts which we furnished from our stock.

We have more than we can do visiting, holding Bible readings, and selling books and tracts. Our sales and orders have amounted to over fifty-five dollars, mostly cash.

The Spirit of God came into our meeting Sabbath, melting hearts and causing tears to flow freely. The testimonies were full of courage and hope. While souls are hanging in the balance and Satan is putting all his energy into the work to overthrow them, we feel the need of, and ask, the prayers of all the brethren in the State in behalf of the work at Medina. We feel that God is with us and is blessing us personally; and even though Satan is pressing the battle sore, yet faith points to victory. Thus far our courage is good. Yours in hope,

W. E. BIDWELL,
G. P. GADE.

Bluefield, W. Va.

THE following letter was received from Brother J. Marion Campbell:—

"My order was for 107 copies of Bible Readings, and I have delivered all but twenty-two. I have collected part payment on each of them, and am holding them until the 12, 15, and 18 instant; but I am taking orders for the July 25, pay-day, and expect to have another good sized order to send in for the July delivery.

"I know the Lord is blessing me here, and I am pushing hard with all my strength to spread this great Message.

I have met with some difficulties, but have, by the help of the Lord, been able to stand firm for the Truth. I pray constantly for his divine guidance, resting assured that all things will work out for good if I'm faithful.

"The WELCOME VISITOR is a source of much encouragement to me, and I read each report with interest.

"I enjoy the work more and more each day, for I am beginning to see the effects of my labor, and I mean to work harder if possible."

Newark.

WE did not hold our Sabbath-school Convention at the appointed time, as circumstances would not permit our doing so. Sabbath, June 17, we opened our exercises by singing "Never Be Afraid," and a responsive reading of the thirty-fourth Psalm. The program was followed as near as possible, the subjects being presented by the following persons; Sisters C. B. Miller, M. Wintermute, J. Marchant, Gracie Guy, P. Mitchell, and Brother R. I. Francis.

The manner in which the various subjects were presented is worthy of praise, and many beautiful and precious thoughts were brought out, which will stimulate us to greater actual work in the Master's vineyard, and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. It was a day well spent in the service of God, and will long be remembered.

MRS. C. B. MILLER, Sec.

Walnut Grove.

THE day appointed for the convention being so rainy, the joint convention of the Mendon, Elgin, and Walnut Grove Sabbath-schools was postponed until June 17, when we met with a good attendance from the schools represented.

The program in the WELCOME VISITOR was followed, holding two sessions,—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. Brother Watts acted as chairman in the forenoon session and Brother L. R. Williams in the afternoon. The subjects were freely discussed by all. Many points of interest were brought out.

A good interest was manifested by each school in the singing of solos, duets, and quartets. The songs and declamations by the children were much appreciated. The meeting closed with a social meeting, which proved a time of refreshing, and the Lord gave richly of his blessings. Through the presence of the Spirit of God many hearts were touched and made tender by the testimonies that were given. All returned home rejoicing in the Lord.

LILLIE POTTS.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Camp-meeting, August 10-21,
Mansfield, Ohio.

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

SISTER DORSEY and family have the
pleasure of entertaining her father and
little neice of Pittsburg, Pa.

MRS. W. J. RICHARDSON and little
son, of Mansfield, made a short visit
with her parents, Elder and Mrs. C.
A. Smith.

BROTHER W. H. EDWARDS, the audi-
tor of the L. U. C. spent a few days in
the office and reports the conference
books in first class condition.

ALL the Sabbath-school secretaries
who have not sent in their reports for
the last quarter, will please do so im-
mediately, so we can complete the
State report before going to camp-
meeting.

MR. ELMER HOLDEN and MISS LUTA
ROSS were quietly married at the home
of her mother in Academia, last Thurs-
day evening, by Elder M. C. Kirken-
dall. The VISITOR adds its best
wishes to those of their many friends.

MRS. H. S. MILLER has returned from
Wisconsin, having been called home
by the serious illness of her father, who
died during her stay. In all these af-
flictions, we can know that there is
One who understands, and will soon
banish all cause of such sad experi-
ences.

DR. HARE of Washington, D. C.
spent Sabbath with friends in Aca-
demia. He gave an interesting talk
to the church, which was indeed help-

ful to all who had the pleasure of
listening to his words of counsel and
admonition. We shall be glad to
hear the Doctor again.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE forty-fourth annual session of
the Ohio Conference will be held in
connection with the camp-meeting at
Mansfield, Richland Co., August 10-21,
1905. The first meeting of the session
will be held Friday, August 11, at
10 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

THE Ohio Conference Association of
the Seventh-day Adventist church will
hold its annual meeting for the elec-
tion of officers, and to transact such
other business as will be necessary at
that time, on the Fair Ground at
Mansfield, Richland Co. The first
meeting will be held Monday, August
14, 1905, at 11:30 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

D. E. LINDSEY, Sec.

THERE will be a meeting of the
patrons of the Mount Vernon College
on the Fair Grounds at Mansfield,
Richland Co., Tuesday, August 15 at
10 A. M. The election of officers and
other necessary business will be trans-
acted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

C. E. WELCH, Sec.

Very Important.

LET each church clerk send me at
once, the names of their delegates
chosen, certifying the same by their
signature. This must be done at once
so that I can prepare for the opening
meeting of the Conference. Send to
D. E. Lindsey, Green Spring, O.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending July 7, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—
Great Controversy: 24 hours; value of
orders, \$2.75; helps, \$.50; total, \$3.25.

Raleigh French, Franklin Co.—Bi-
ble Readings: 20 hours; value of orders,
\$48; helps, \$4; total, \$52.

C. E. Weaks, Athens Co.—Bible
Readings: 21 hours; value of orders,
\$39.50; helps, \$1; total, \$40.50.

Frank Potts, Madison Co.—Coming
King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$12.50;
helps, \$1; total, \$13.50.

John I. Hughey, Champaign Co.—
Coming King: 23 hours; value of or-
ders, \$23; helps, \$.75; total, \$23.75.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Com-
ing King: value of deliveries, \$105.75.

Howard W. West,* Muskingum Co.—
Bible Readings: 25 hours; value of

orders, \$9; helps, \$.75; total, \$9.75.

J. O. Young,* Wood Co.— Miscel-
laneous: value of deliveries, \$82.

*For week ending June 30.

OBITUARY.

COOPER.—Emmett E. Cooper was born near
South Bend, Indiana, Dec. 25, 1889; and died of
tuberculosis at Academia, Ohio, June 29, 1905.
Brother Cooper was converted and accepted
the truths of the Third Angel's Message at the
age of twenty-one. He soon entered the can-
vassing work, in which the Lord blessed him
with good success for about ten years. He
lived an earnest, conscientious, and helpful
life, and in his last illness, sought the Lord ear-
nestly that every fault might be pardoned and
put away, and that he might know and do his
will. At his request, the elders were called to
his home for prayer in his behalf, at which time,
and ever afterward, he submitted himself
faithfully to God's will. We believe he is at
rest in hope of the first resurrection. He leaves
a wife and little girl to mourn the loss of a kind
husband and father; also his mother, three sis-
ters, and a brother survive him. The funeral
service was conducted in the Mount Vernon
College chapel by the writer.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

OUR FELLOW WORKER.

BROTHER E. E. COOPER, who was re-
cently laid to rest until Jesus comes to
call forth his sleeping saints, was a
faithful worker in the canvassing work
for many years. It was the writers
privilege to be associated with him in
about my first labors in the canvass-
ing field. It was from him that I
learned many good practical thoughts
about the work which has helped me to
be successful.

The truth came to Brother Cooper
and his mother through a book (Bible
Readings) sold him by a canvasser;
this, when converted, led him to take
up this line of work. His labors as a
canvasser in God's cause began about
1890; many souls have had the light
of truth brought to them by his
hand. I remember that one winter
while we were working in Butler Co.
of this state, five souls stepped out
to obey from Bible readings held by
Brother Cooper principally.

His work was always faithfully and
thoroughly done; it was of him that
I learned never to skip a home.

Many of us who knew Brother Cooper
as a worker are made sad to learn
of this loss to the cause; but we are
encouraged by his hope of the res-
urrection, and in the words found in
Revelation, "Blessed are the dead
that die in the Lord from henceforth;
yea, saith the Spirit, that they may
rest from their labors; and their works
do follow them."

Let us remember Sister Cooper in
her bereavement that God may sustain
her.

I. D. Richardson.