

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

O, WHAT is my need!  
That I may be freed  
From sin's great pollution and woe?  
O, what is my need!  
That each kindly deed  
May witness aright to my foe?

O, what is my need!  
That this poor bruised reed  
Will cease to contend for its own?  
O, what is my need!  
That I may sow good seed  
And partake of its fruit when grown?

O, what is my need!  
That all hatred and greed  
May be banished, never more to return?  
O, what is my need!  
That God's spirit may lead  
And my censor strange fire never burn?

O, what is my need!  
That every poisonous weed  
Be exchanged for heaven's gold?  
O, what is my need!  
That I will cheerfully heed  
The Message, and be safe in the fold?

Jesus is my need,  
For he holds the deed  
To my life, and all that I see.  
The price which he paid  
When Jehovah's demand was made  
Took the world, its contents, and me.  
—C. L. Shelton.

## EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(CAMP-MEETING.)

ANOTHER year has come and gone. It has brought with it its burdens and responsibilities, its opportunities for labor for the Master. God has held before us the needs of the great fields of the world, and the question has come, aye has been asked of us individually, "Who will work to-day in my vineyard?" Have our ears been trained to catch the faintest whisper from the throne of Grace? Have we labored unitedly for the salvation of precious souls? However that may be, the fact now confronts us that the year has flown never to return. The record is made. Will we be pleased to meet it when we stand before the great and august King of the Universe?

"Ah! well we know the work is great,  
Yet men stand idle all the day;  
The dial shows the hour is late,  
And what to us will Jesus say?"

My harvest field all wasting lieth,  
Yet folded are thy hands to rest;  
Thy brothers' blood unto me crieth,  
Thy sin remains still unconfessed.

Then rouse, Oh, rouse thou sleeping one!  
And gird thyself for service great,  
To battle on till Jesus come,  
Lest he should say to thee, Too late."

Now that we have passed another landmark in the history of our work, let us notice first,—

### The Sabbath-school Work.

This is no new work for we have recognized its importance for years; yet we have been able to see it grow in influence and power, and we have only to pause for a moment to see the magnitude of it. We recognize its potency in the work of the conversion of our youth. The statement has been given us that "when rightly conducted the Sabbath-school is a mighty power in the conversion of our youth."

The past year the average number of schools has been..	64
Average Membership.....	1,500
„ Attendance.....	744
„ No. of Classes.....	197
„ in Senior Division	758
„ „ Junior „	216
„ „ Intermediate „	156
„ „ Primary „	191
„ „ Kindergarten „	102
„ „ Home Department	97
Total Contributions.....	\$1,784.22
„ Expense.....	615.00
Donations to Missions.....	973.79
Orphans' Home.....	102.12
Expense of Office, Stamps, Visitor.....	93.31

Nine new schools have been added; while you will notice the gratifying increase in the donations of almost three hundred dollars. I believe this is an increase of which the Sabbath-schools may justly be proud. I see in this that our Sabbath-schools are opening their eyes and are looking across the border to the regions beyond. May this good work ever go on. May the money be sent that the laborers may go and thus hasten the work forward.

Nevertheless there are a few suggestions which I shall be pleased to make to the Sabbath-school workers here assembled. You will notice that the expense of the local school is quite large, and thus much of the money is

never sent for mission work in the regions beyond. While the work in the local fields is very important, let us guard most jealously the means the Lord has put into our hands that none of it may be used uselessly. I also would suggest that every school supply themselves with *The Sabbath-school Worker*. I believe that in order for a teacher to be really successful, he must study the plans and methods that are therein suggested. It is imperative that we do all in our power to become proficient in the work of God. Then we also shall refer to that often discussed topic as to whether or not teachers' meetings are beneficial. I wish to heartily recommend them to you all, and hope that no Sabbath-school will be conducted without teachers' meetings. Here we can assemble for prayer and study that our work may become so efficient that we shall see souls saved as the results of our labors.

I am glad to report that during the past year we have had one general convention day for the State, at which time a large majority of our schools held Sabbath-school Conventions, and the results were most gratifying as the letters received will show. New efforts are being put forth by the schools where these conventions were held, that their work may become more effective. Beside sending out the usual number of circular letters, a special effort has been made in behalf of the isolated and shut-in Sabbath-keepers. You notice that the membership of the Home Department has increased to nearly one hundred. This has taken much persevering labor as these people are very modest about reporting. One year ago the work of the Home Department was not self-supporting. Now half of their donations are going to foreign missions.

Having thus surveyed the work of the past, may we not bespeak for this work a successful future? I believe that this work will grow, and continue to grow, until it shall become a mighty factor for the conversion of those who know not God.

Having caught simply a glimpse of this great work which is going steadily forward let us now turn our

attention for a few moments to—

### The Church School Work.

This work had a small beginning in Ohio about eight years ago. Its importance has never been fully realized and therefore it has not reached the proportions in Ohio that it has in her sister states.

The words have come to us as they did to ancient Israel just prior to the exodus. A message was sent to the people anciently which was "Gather thy children into thine own house and out of the houses of the Egyptians." This call has been repeated. We profess to have come out of Egypt, but have we brought our children out with us? Are we going to recognize God's call to us? If we do, we must provide schools for our children where they can be instructed in the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

It was God's plan originally that the parents should be the teachers of the children; but now that parents have failed to do their God given work, are we willing to say that these children should be taught by those who know nothing of God? No! Let parents heed the word of God and gather their children into their own homes. What will be the result to those who obey this call? It would be easy for us to answer this question, but what of those who heed it not? As the first born of the Egyptians were slain, so will it be with those who heed not the words of God today. We have only to glance at the youth of the world today to tell where they are going. One mighty army is sweeping on to destruction. Will you halt them a moment to see whether or no your loved son or daughter is among them? Remember this is your opportunity. Are you willing to sacrifice the luxuries of this world that your children may be trained up in the way they should go? We have in our midst consecrated teachers who await your bidding. They are willing to work long and arduously to help you. They ask for simply the necessities of life. Surely they are a consecrated set of God fearing workers.

During the past year we have had eight church schools, four home schools, and one kindergarten in operation, with a total enrollment of one hundred and fifty pupils. I am sure that those who have watched this work from year to year, that have understood its environments, will say that the last year's work has been the most satisfactory of all.

A summer school was held at Mt. Vernon College for the benefit of the teachers, and we are confident that it resulted in good. This work is still

formative, and in order for our teachers to keep pace with the work, it is necessary that they should study the plans and methods that are being worked out by our successful teachers. All the teachers in attendance will testify to the good they received while at this school.

At the close of the school, the questions that have been prepared by the L. U. C., Educational Committee were given. Those who have passed a satisfactory examination will be given credentials to teach. Thus you see that our work is gradually taking shape, is being unified; and we hope to have something in the near future.

Our teachers are paid the lowest salary of any of our laborers, and yet a great deal is expected of them. Some are not willing to give them even their moral support. These teachers work for from ten to fifteen dollars a month and are asked to board around. They are also asked to attend institutes and to subscribe for educational journals. I ask you, how can they do it? The Lake Union Conference Committee voted to ask the several conferences to pay their transportation to these institutes, and as this had always been the policy of the Ohio Conference heretofore, she readily acquiesced in this matter at this time. Indeed at all the institutes that I have attended as a church school teacher my entire expense has been borne. I could not pay it myself, as by strict economy I found that after paying my tithe, I only had money to provide for the absolute necessities of life.

Thus far an educational secretary has remained in office but one year; and thus just as the secretary began to understand his work he was called upon to leave it. In this way the work has greatly suffered. The one coming in did not understand the working of the plans of his predecessor, so the work had to be picked up every year. Do you wonder then, that we have found it difficult? Teachers have been discouraged by these continual changes, for as they became able to work with me one he was asked to take up another line of work. I make one plea for my successor. That you give him a chance to develop himself and his work. That you give him your united support and not do as was done with me on the eve of my election to this office, have one of our committee men tell me that he was opposed to my work; that he regarded it as a squandering of means; that this department should be done away as the means that was being devoted to the church schools should go to foreign missions. Brethren was this statement calculated to build up the

work? I leave this question to be settled by this intelligent audience.

Oh, we have been told that the children in our midst should be educated for service in the Master's vineyard. That when the voices of the ministers are hushed, then will the children proclaim the Message with power. Brethren are we preparing them for this work? What are you doing my brother, my sister? How are you helping in this work? May the Lord arouse us to activity that the banners of Jesus may be unfurled. That the prayer of Jesus may be fulfilled,—"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

### Young People's Society.

Several years ago there lived with the servant of God a humble servant girl. Her's were the menial tasks which so many despise, yet she loved the Lord and while her hands were busily engaged, her soul held communion with its Maker. She prayed that as she passed through this sin cursed earth she might be the means of lightening some burden, of cheering some disheartened one, of directing some alien to a Friend who sticketh closer than a brother. Presently it was her privilege to enjoy the happiness anticipated, and her heart welled up within her as she contemplated the thought of working with God for souls.

She visited a sick woman who was the mother of several children, and after she had nursed her back to health, she organized the family into a Sabbath-school; others joined until their school numbered twenty-five. Then a minister was called and organized them into a Seventh-day Adventist church. It was this experience that caused the statement to be written, "Let the youth be organized and trained as a well disciplined army, for service. Young men and young women, can you not organize upon some plan and order of action? Can you not form companies that you may work for the salvation of your fellow youth?" Also "let those who really love Jesus organize for service."

Acting upon this testimony we have moved out. A mighty work has been begun. Even the dark and heathen Korea is awakening to the result of our efforts. Two hundred and fifty souls witness for the Truth. The Young People's Society is supporting one worker in Korea for one year. Two workers are being supported in Africa. A church was bought for the believers in Chenampo, Korea. India has received her share of assistance, while the great needy South has not

been overlooked.

Financial help has been given the following countries with the amounts as follows:—

The South.....	\$ 85.00
Africa .....	86.99
Korea .....	131.59
India .....	171.46

Total.....\$475.04

Beside this a great deal has been done in the home field. One society equipped one bed for the ministers tent, another society equipped part of another. Thousands of pages of literature have been scattered, and Bible readings have been held.

We have fifteen societies at the present time. The highest number of any conference in the Lake Union, yet be it far from us to boast. Our work is simply begun; but we are organizing for service. Why? Because our youth are leaving us at an alarming rate. Statistics show that in the East Michigan Conference only five per cent of their membership is below the age of thirty-five years. More youth are leaving us than converts are being brought in by the united efforts of our ministry. Does not this great need plead most eloquently in behalf of this work. God's prospering hand has been upon it. All the laborers have been paid up to date, yet we must still broaden. We must annex new territory. While Japan and Russia are warring over territorial lines in Korea, we have entered and have begun to conquer it for Prince Immanuel.

A shout of victory is heard throughout our borders as we see new recruits come marching on the field. Ah! watch that enthusiastic throng advance. They have been trained and disciplined as a well organized army and nothing can resist their advance as Prince Immanuel is at their head. As we listen we hear them say, "There shall be delay no longer."

"Yes, on they come, that mighty throng  
And evil host's despairing wail.  
On every lip the victor's song,  
Through Christ our leader we prevail.

Yes on they come, and shall we join,  
And with them wage the battle fierce?  
Oh men arise! Gird up thy loins,  
That light each darkened land may pierce.

Till victory crowns Jehovah's arm,  
And we at rest with him shall see  
The souls we saved by the alarm  
That sounded loud o'er land and sea."

J. E. SHULTZ, *Educational Sec.*

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind,"

#### GREETINGS FROM INDIA.

THE Ohio Conference assembled at Mansfield, O., greeting. We feel very thankful indeed to our kind Heavenly Father for giving us a safe journey to India. While it is true that it looked at times on the great Atlantic that we would go down, and although some prayed for it to go down that they might be relieved of their distress, we prayed that we would reach Liverpool safely, and the Lord answered our prayers. Ps. 107:23-31.

Because we were one day late in reaching Liverpool the report went abroad that the *Oceanic* had gone down with its human freight; and this report was in the Springfield papers, the place where I lived, and of course caused consternation among my friends and relatives, but a later report said we were all safe.

We would feel most happy to be with you in camp at this time, for truly we always enjoyed these annual gatherings as it was a refreshing time to us all. However we will be contented where we are and be very thankful that we have one tent in all India, Burma, and Ceylon. We express our thanks to this Conference for its willingness to support us in this far off and needy field, and we hope and pray that as a result of our efforts here you may some day meet some of these souls in the kingdom.

Many of our people wonder if those who go to these difficult fields are happy; or if they become homesick and discouraged. We speak for ourselves only. From the day that we decided to come to India until this present writing we have been of good courage and just as well contented as we ever were at home. To know that the Lord is with you is more than any thing else in this world, I care not how dear it may be.

Since coming here the Lord has blessed us manifold more than we deserve. We have received many letters from our friends in this State; even from the children come words of cheer and comfort, saying that they are praying for us.

India needs more workers and prayers from our people at home; but of all the needs, it needs men and women that God can reveal himself through. God manifested in the flesh will bring every other need into operation.

These poor heathen know not God as he is revealed in the Word, therefore they must learn his character through his servants. Most every day they come to our home to know about the truth. A man was sent from East Bengal begging us to come there

and start our work. A village of 8,000 has offered to deed us land free of cost and help erect a building if we will start a girls' school. We told them plainly who we were, asked them what they would think if their children turned Christian. They said that rested with the child. A man who is a teacher in the E. M. S. said that if we would give him one hundred workers he would give us one hundred churches inside of a year. Another said that there were five hundred that believe in the Sabbath and would keep it if they had proper instruction; but where are the instructors and where is the means to build these schools? We are very glad that Ohio will send a worker to join Brother Miller in China; and we would be very glad if Ohio would send us a young man and his wife that would get hold of one of the languages, for this is a part that is sadly neglected. I cannot say more now, but I am sure that this Conference will keep up its record in sending workers every year to some foreign field.

Praying that this Message, which has bound us all together in Christian fellowship, may soon finish its work and that we all triumph with it, we remain as ever your brother and sister in Christ,

W. W. MILLER,  
RUTH M. MILLER.

*Calcutta, July 6, 1905.*

#### COMPLAINERS, READ THIS!

A CLAPPER in an old church tower professed to be greatly grieved because the bell it hung in was cracked. It was ever and anon telling of its grief in most dolorous tones, and excited the sympathy of many unsophisticated people. But the ghost of Diogenes coming along said, "Cease your whining, Master Clapper; remember in the first place that you cracked the bell, and in the second place nobody would know it was cracked if you didn't tell them." When you meet a man who is always complaining of the coldness of the church and the want of harmony among its members, tell him this fable. Those who make the most complaint are often the most to blame. How is it with you, anyway? Is there a cracked bell in your church? and are you the clapper?—*Southean Watchman.*

"THERE are briars besetting every path  
That call for patient care;  
There is a cross in every lot,  
And an earnest need for prayer;  
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee,  
Is happy anywhere."

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

MRS. H. C. COYL and children of Washington, D. C. are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fisher of Greenspring, O.

THE kindergarten children made a missionary offering of about three dollars to Sister Burgess, for the work in India.

CAMPAIGN—CHAMPAIGN. We regret that in our Missionary article last week the word was not spelled as in the original article. However on second thought it is not an unpardonable error. Champaign means an open field; and if ever the field was open for missionary effort that time is now. Therefore let this missionary campaign enter the "champaign" and prepare its occupants for the coming of the Lord.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

THE College year begins Sept. 6, 1905, and closes May 16, 1906.

THE prospect for a full school is excellent; in fact, the majority of the rooms in the home are already engaged.

ALL students planning to attend the Mt. Vernon College this year should be present, if possible, by Tuesday Sept. 5th.

STUDENTS beginning their work any time during the first school month will be charged full rate for the month: therefore come early.

ALL members of the Faculty are on the ground preparing for their work, excepting one; and all are looking forward to the coming year's work with pleasure.

ONE week only remains for the preparation for the opening school year. This means a busy time for those planning to come, and for those preparing to entertain those who come.

ONE thing "to bring" not mentioned in the Calendar is a pillow; other necessities will be found on page 12 of the Annual Calendar under heading, "Special Requirements for the Home."

A NUMBER of the old students have already returned. Raleigh French, Frank Potts, Burton Jacobs, Christie Fritz, John Hughey, and Sam Frost. These all express themselves as glad to be home once more, and are full of courage and good cheer, and anxious to take up school work once more.

BROTHER BEN COOK has been a guest of the home family for a few days since camp-meeting. He expects to continue in the canvassing work for the present. At the Friday evening meeting, held in the College home, he gave an interesting and profitable talk in regard to his summer's work, and especially emphasized the need of thorough preparation while in school along the lines of Bible knowledge, and practical experience in conducting services, etc. Brother Cook appreciates his training at Mt. Vernon. He goes out to his work with the prayers of all present at that meeting.

## LIFE AND HEALTH.

THE September number of *Life and Health* contains special practical information applicable in every day life treating upon,—

The Use of Flesh Foods, The Daughter in the Home, Giving Up Tobacco, The Progress of Medicine Away from Drugs Toward Hygiene and Rational Methods, Cheerfulness, Useful Hints for the Household, Preserving Our Children Pure, Questions and Answers, The Cause of Physical Degeneration, Sanitarium Treatment of Epilepsy, Fresh Air for Surgical Tuberculosis, Medical Inspection of Schools, Health Foods, How Much Water to Drink, Lung Affection, etc.

The progress of *Life and Health* is far beyond all expectation. The public in all sections of the country appreciate it, and those who are working with it have very rich experiences and excellent success financially.

Regular subscription price, 50 cents per year; twenty-five, or more, copies of any issue, 2½ cents each. Liberal discounts to agents for annual subscriptions.

## WHAT A PAPER DID.

WHILE at Conference I had a talk

with Brother W. C. Sisley, Manager of the International Tract Society, London, during which he told me the following story:—

"An agent who was somewhat discouraged, but who was selling the *Present Truth*, accosted a gentleman whom he soon found was interested in the coming of the Lord. After purchasing a paper, he learned from the agent that tracts could be secured on the same subject. The result was he ordered fifty thousand copies of a pithy leaflet on the Sabbath question and hired the agent from whom he had received the paper to circulate them for him. Later he ordered fifty thousand more of the tract treating on the subject of the Sabbath, and the Second Coming of Christ. He also hired these distributed by the same agent.

"One of these leaflets was put through the door of a house where lived a man who had become somewhat interested in our Principles through reading our literature. The leaflet so fully convinced him of the Truth of our Message that he in turn ordered fifty thousand copies of another tract and hired a regular commercial agency to circulate them for him. Both of these gentlemen are now fully in the Truth."

So we see what a bountifully harvest a small sowing will sometimes bring forth.

H. H. HALL.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Aug. 4, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—Great Controversy: value of deliveries, \$79.30.

Raleigh French, Franklin Co.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$214.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$56.

Frank Potts, Pickaway Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of deliveries, \$90.50.

E. R. Numbers,\* Fairfield Co.—Coming King: orders, \$62.50; helps, \$2; total, \$64.50; deliveries, \$146.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$25.75.

\*Four weeks.

(For week ending Aug. 11, 1905.)

William Campbell, Massillon.—Coming King: value of orders, \$50; deliveries, \$30.

(For week ending Aug. 18, 1905.)

E. R. Numbers,\* Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 63 hours; value of orders, \$50; helps, \$2.45; total, \$52.45.

\*Two weeks.