

# THE Welcome Visitor

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## EDUCATIONAL.

### CHARITY'S MANTLE.

Do not seek another's faults  
Without looking for the good,  
Or you'll always fail to find  
Half the virtues that you should.

Try to credit good you find,  
Ever having Charity  
For another's faults when seen:  
In your heart let mercy be.

Mercy, love, and charity  
Can do more uplifting souls  
Than the criticizing tongue,  
Which ne'er seeks life's higher goals:

So when others' faults you see,  
Think what causes might have been  
To develop what you may  
Criticize and deem a sin.

Then look inward to yourselves.  
See how perfect you may be;  
Self examine, try to find  
Faults in you which others see.

Then the golden rule apply,  
Meting out to other souls  
All the mercy, charity,  
Which the love of Christ enfolds.

—Selected.

### WHY SHOULD WE ESTABLISH CHURCH SCHOOLS?

THIS is a subject that is not clearly understood by many, and is one that needs to be studied closely. In "Education" by Sister White we are told that "The aim of true education is to restore in man the image of his Maker; to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created; to promote the development of body, mind, and soul." This was to be the work of redemption; the great object of life.

Do you think that such an education can be obtained in the schools of the world when "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God?" In the public schools teachers are accepted whom God cannot indorse. They may not openly reject the Word of God, but instead of teaching its sacred truths, the works of infidel authors are recommended, as if they contained those sentiments which should be woven into the character. Inexperienced youth taken over this line of study receive impressions which lead their thoughts into channels that are fatal to piety." Test. Vol. 6.

It is often urged that this influence may be counteracted at home by religious instruction, but it cannot entirely. We read in the testimonies that the mingling of truth and error in this way is confusing to the mind of the child. So many parents think because they were educated in the public schools that this is sufficient for their children. They do not realize the influence that it really has had over their lives.

But are we as a people standing where the Lord wishes us to stand? Why could not the Children of Israel go immediately from Egypt to their promised home? It was because they were confused by false teaching, and by their long contact with heathenism. They had to be brought to a higher plane of education before God could place them in the position he was longing to. We are passing through the same experience as the Children of Israel. It is this that has delayed the coming of our Saviour. We are not ready. God warns us that "Besides the false theories gained in the worldly schools the children are daily exposed to many evils. They often associate with those more neglected than themselves, who have gained the greater part of their education upon the street. The hearts of the young are easily impressed, and unless their surroundings are of the right character, Satan will use these neglected children to influence those more carefully trained. Before Sabbath-keeping parents are aware of the evil being done, the lessons of depravity are learned and the souls of their little ones are corrupted.

God is calling us to come out from the world; to gather our children together and instruct them in the truths for this time. The message to us today is, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

God tells us that the school room is as necessary as the church building. Places are needed where the children may receive an all-round Christian education,—one that has for its foundation the Word of God.

"The little ones receiving such an education will be witnesses for Christ. Do you remember how Jesus when a child in the temple solved the myster-

ies which the priests and rulers had not discerned? So in the closing work of the world children who have been rightly educated will, in their simplicity, speak words that will be an astonishment to men who now talk of higher education. When Heavenly Intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the Truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the Truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up.

But it is only the children who are receiving a Christian education that God can use in this work. So he has ordained the church schools to prepare the children for it. Here children are to be instructed not only in the special troubles for this time, but also in practical missionary work.

Besides being the means of educating our own children, the church schools properly conducted will be the means of bringing many earnest souls into the light of present truth.

Others, besides ourselves are noticing the evil influences at work in the public school, and recognizing the value of our schools, will beg to be allowed to send their children to them.

These little ones repeating at home the lessons learned in the school room, will often cause a closer study of God's word by their parents and the acceptance of the Third Angel's Message.

Churches where schools should be established may well tremble as they see themselves entrusted with responsibilities too great for words to express. In educational lines everything is arranged for earnest reform;—for a truer, more effective education. Will our people accept this trust?

BESSIE E. ACTON.

### RESULTS OF CHURCH SCHOOL WORK.

AS I take up this subject, let it be clearly understood that I speak of church schools that are properly conducted and are carried on by those who are led by the Spirit of God; men and women whose hearts are in the work; who can be trusted; who are sound in the faith; who have tact and

patience: those who walk with God, and abstain from the very appearance of evil.

And with a teacher who possesses all of these most desirable qualifications we must unite parents who will give their moral support and hearty co-operation in order to secure perfect results.

Our schools are modeled after the schools of the prophets, and we learn from the pen of Sister White that the principles taught in the schools of the prophets were the same that moulded David's character and shaped his life. The Word of God was his instructor. "Through thy precepts," he said, "I get understanding. I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes." It was this that caused the Lord to say of David when in his youth he called him to the throne, that he was a man after his own heart.

Solomon, also, followed in the footsteps of his father, and as a result of his true education, he asked above every earthly good a wise and understanding heart; and the power of his understanding, the extent of his knowledge, and the glory of his reign became the wonder of the world.

See Joseph and Daniel, the greatest statesmen the world ever produced; Moses, the wisest legislator; Elisha, the most faithful of reformers; and Paul, with the exception of our Saviour, the greatest teacher ever known. They are illustrations of the results of true education. Such men were a blessing to their fellow creatures, and they stood before the world as representatives of God.

Let me quote from "Education" p. 18 "Such an education provides more than mental discipline; it provides more than physical training. It strengthens the character so that truth and uprightness are not sacrificed to selfish desire or worldly ambition. It fortifies the mind against evil and instead of some master passion becoming a power to destroy, every motive and desire are brought into conformity to the great principles of right. As the perfection of Christ's character is dwelt upon, the mind is renewed and the soul re-created in the image of God. What education can be higher than this? what can equal it in value?"

"Higher than the highest thought of human beings is God's ideal for his children. Godliness is the goal to be reached. The student is to attain to the standard that includes everything good and pure and noble; and doing this will have an education that will secure to him his passport from the school of earth to the higher grade; the school of eternity.

With such a standard to reach; with God for an instructor, the student in our Christian schools will be benefitted in his daily life. Correct habits in eating, dressing, and caring for the body will be formed, and we will see traits of neatness establishing themselves in the student's character, and he will regard obedience to the laws of health, not as a matter of sacrifice or self denial, but as it really is, an inestimable privilege and blessing.

Again permit me to quote from "Testimonies" Vol. 6. p. 203. "When Heavenly Intelligences see that we are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this work. By them God's message will be made known and his saving health to all nations."

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men who will not be bought and sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." Such a character comes only through educated and constant self discipline.

I have no statistics to offer for the schools of the State, but would call your attention to the fact that in La Grange in June, eleven dear young people were buried in baptism, all of whom were members of the church school, constituting the entire school with the exception of three under ten years of age and three who were already members of the church.

I feel safe in saying that had they not been under the influence of a Christian school and had they not been studying their Bibles and learning the sweetness of a Saviour's love; had they been attending the schools of the world, they would not have taken this step.

Do you find such an army of youth coming into the church at one time? No. It is a sad fact that we are losing more of our young people, then are being brought in. Who shall answer to the solemn question "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

O, may God help us to stand shoulder to shoulder in this work and not to watch too closely for results here; not to be discouraged if all things do not turn out exactly as we had planned, but "direct our energies for the fitting of living stones for the building of

God's temple;" and when the great temple of God is finished, when his people are gathered home, examine the living stones of this temple and there, shaped by hands divine, polished by contact with trials and tribulations in the work of God, there, O, my friends, you will find your children safe and secure forever.

RUTH C. SWEET.

#### FROM THE FIELD.

I WILL now submit a report of last winter's school work to the columns of our loved Visitor. I left Cincinnati Nov. 15, 1904, for Manchester, Tenn. going by the way of Graysville, where I spent one night. I was pleased with the Christ-like spirit with which I was received, and with the school work in progress there. It reminded me of Academia. I arrived at Manchester Wednesday night, and began work in the school the next Monday morning.

I found the Adventist children far behind in their studies, considering their age, with no knowledge of the Message. I set bravely to work procuring Bibles for the pupils, and assigned lessons according to the grades. By the close of school the children could find the references and read in their Bibles, and could repeat from memory many verses of the Message. In this work I made free use of the third and last Sabbath-school quarterlies of 1904. "Studies in the Gospel Message".

We did lively work in the sciences. My greatest hinderance was the fact that I did not have one good reader in the school, and these pupils were of an age that they *must* take up work in the sciences. Searching into the cause of this condition, I found that the parents of these children, rather than to take the trouble of teaching them to read, had been in the habit of reading the Sabbath-school lesson, etc. to them. Well I taught them in the sciences, the reading of problems, and paragraphs in Physiology, Geography, History, Grammar, etc.

Those who came into the school (not of our faith) were attracted by the work offered in the grades. I gave them permission to take up their own studies. All joined the Bible class which took the first hour of the morning. Besides reading in their Bibles they memorized many verses of the Third Angel's Message. They were quiet, obedient children, studied faithfully, and so advanced rapidly in their studies, thus being a means of bringing the school into good repute among the people of the surrounding country. One exceptionally bright

lad of sixteen wrote the verses of the Message on his typewriter and sent them to his friends. He had been attending high school and came to our school on account of the nearness of his home. I was so glad that I could receive and teach him. His quick, appreciative mind grasped many Bible truths while in school.

The text books we used were those from the public schools of Tenn., except reference books and the readers, which were Sister White's. We found many proofs of the truth of the Message in the public school books written by unbiased authors; also many errors and pagan ideas which ought not to be found in the books placed in our children's hands for study. There were thirty-nine books bought in the school as follows; twelve Bibles, seven Testaments, and twenty of our denominational books.

At a meeting after the close of school all the patrons, with one exception, expressed themselves well pleased with the work of the school, and extended hearty thanks to the teacher for the interest she had taken in the welfare of their children. The "exception" complained about paying his tuition and advanced the idea that the Conference should support the church school.

As to the supplies for the comfort of the pupils and teachers they were of the crudest sort. It is a deplorable fact that some in our ranks regard the church school teacher as a modern Lazarus.

The need of this part of the field is certainly great. The hardship proved too much for my strength, considering the amount of work I carried.

I am not writing this to arouse sympathy for my self among my much beloved friends in Ohio. Far from it. I only hope that this truthful report of the chances for the education of the children of our Southern brethren, may arouse in your hearts a desire to plead with Jehovah that he might send forth teachers to his schools in the South land and open the hearts of those who are called by his name to supply their needs. There is a burden on my heart for the education of our children. We as a people do not sense the need of the hour. We are too much absorbed in the affairs of this world, and the enemy noting our pre-occupation steals away our children. When the Righteous Judge, shall enquire of us, "Where are the jewels I committed to thy care?" our woeful answer must be, "As thy servant was busy here and there he was gone." 1 Kings 20: 40. My courage is good in the Lord. By his strength I

will work under his glorious banner till Jesus comes. Yours in the Blessed Hope,  
RACHEL R. HESS.

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

"EVERY child born into the home is a sacred trust, God says to the parents, take this child and train it up for me, that it may be an honor to my name, and a channel through which my blessings may flow to the world.

"To fit the child for such a life, something more is called for than a partial, one sided education, which shall develop the mental at the expense of the physical powers.

"All the faculties of mind and body need to be developed; and this is the work which parents, aided by the teachers, are to do for the children and youth placed under their care". Special Test. on Ed. pages 36, 37.

"The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not, in attending school, or in any other association, be influenced by those of corrupt habits. The world is full of iniquity and disregard for the requirements of God. The cities have become as Sodom, and our children are daily being exposed to many evils. Those who attend the public schools often associate with others more neglected than they. Those who, aside from the time spent in the school room, are left to obtain a street education. The hearts of the young are easily impressed; and unless their surroundings are of a right character, Satan will use these neglected children to influence those who are more carefully trained. Thus before Sabbath-keeping parents know what evil is being done, the lessons of depravity are learned, and the souls of their little ones are corrupted."

When we read from the one hundred and twenty-seventh Psalm that "the children are the heritage of the Lord," it suggests the sentiment expressed in the first sentence which I have quoted. We look upon the Lord's money as sacred. We say the tithe is the Lord's. Now do we recognize that the children given us are also his? If so, how are we caring for the Lord's treasures. Men will carefully protect their stock from the elements of nature and from danger. Jealously will they regard them; but their children are dependent upon the State for their training. Their lives are corrupted, and their future usefulness is impaired.

My brother! My sister! can you kneel before the family altar each morning and ask God to protect your child when you voluntarily send it into the midst of perils? Is this a

consistent course to take? Will you stand clear before the judgment bar of God? The Lord help you that you may ponder these questions seriously.

J. E. SHULTZ.

#### BE UP AND DOING.

By a study of the great image that Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream as recorded in Dan. 2, we can see that we are nearing the end of the world, when we shall see Jesus coming in his glory in the kingdom of heaven. This image takes up the history of the world from the time of Babylon down to the Coming of the Lord, and we know by history that it has all been fulfilled to the letter up to the present; and we are living in the time of the toes of the image, and have been for some time. Now we Seventh-day Adventists professing to be the people to spread the Third Angel's Message ought to be up and doing every thing in our power to give it to every creature upon the earth. If all the Seventh-day Adventist would lay hold of this work. It would be surprising to see how quickly it would be finished, it makes my heart thrill when I hear of and see so many in darkness, both in our home country and foreign fields. When there are so many calls for foreign missionaries, I think we should do all we can to send workers. Of course every one can not go as a missionary, but the ones that can not go to a foreign field, can go down in their pockets and help raise money to send the ones that are willing to go. Let us all do with our might what our hands find to do. H. STANLEY BROWN.

Ada.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We have cause for rejoicing over the good camp-meeting which we had; and I believe the Lord would have us tell it. For we read in Ps. 107: 1, 2, "O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so; whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Our meeting together was a season of refreshing.

There is rejoicing here around Ada, and in the village, over the vote on the question of prohibition of intoxicating liquor. The township around Ada voted to-day, 198 to 41 wet. This is a great victory for the cause of temperance, because the liquor sellers had already established a beer garden just outside of the corporation, and had planned to locate in three other places in the township. Ada is now dry.

Let us pray that a harvest of souls shall be gathered from this place.

WILLIS MEEKER.

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A PAIR of spectacles was found on the camp ground at Mansfield. If you lost a pair, send a description to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

THE Missionary Convention appointed for October 7, has been postponed one week on account of the collection for the South which is to be taken October 7.

SEVERAL of the Conference workers have not acknowledged the receipt of credentials. Please do so as soon as possible. Report also if you have not received them so that duplicates may be sent.

K. R. HAUGHEY, Sec.

DEATH has once again entered our ranks at this place and taken one of the mothers in Israel from us. Few knew but what Sister Cook was in her usual health, which has been poor for some time, until the day before her death. We feel that a faithful servant of the Lord has been permitted to rest until the coming of the One whom she loved and served with pleasure, will call the redeemed into his presence. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved daughter, Miss Anna Cook, whose sorrow is brightened by the Christian's hope.

## OHIO CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Continued.

### Missionary License.

C. V. Hamer, N. S. Miller, N. W. Lawrence, James E. Shultz, Carl E. Weeks, Robert B. Thurber, Della Burroway, Karmater, India., Bessie E. Russell.

### Treatment Rooms.

Mansfield, O., 108 West Second St., Marcellus Andre, in charge.

## SHANG TSAI HSIEN, HONAN, CHINA.

Continued.

Daily meetings are held in the evening for inquirers. As yet we have not organized a church here, feeling that we are not sufficiently acquainted with the Chinese to be safe in doing so. It is not difficult to organize companies professing Christianity. Already we have had many who desired baptism before they had ever heard a sermon on the subject. God must change the heart, and we are glad that we see evidences of thorough work in the conversion of a few.

The work for children and women which Mrs. Miller was carrying on, has had to suffer, as my hands have been full; and furthermore, I am not prepared to carry on this work for the needy children. With the aid of Mrs. Miller's Bible woman we have been able to help quite a number. But according to Chinese custom only a woman can properly work for the women. It has been a source of continual grief to me to have women and children come daily to call on Mrs. Miller, and there is no one to teach them. They need a shepherd who can help them to find the true Saviour. The women in China are in a pitiable condition. Marriage is a lottery, and nearly every wife is bought by either the husband or his family.

## China's Present Condition and Attitude

### Toward Missions.

It is a commonly reported fact that China's door is opened wider to missions than ever before, and it will not be long before every city of over 10,000 inhabitants will have either a Catholic or a Protestant mission. Russian influence, which had gained such a strong foothold in all northern China, is fast disappearing, and this means the removal of a blight to Protestant missions. We can only look upon this as a very strong indication that God is preparing old heathen China for the reaping of the harvest. And we shall soon see this Message proclaimed with power in all of the eighteen provinces.

The Protestant missions are taking advantage of every victory to strengthen their position with the government. Already many favors have been granted them; the Empress Dowager donating a large sum for the establishment of a Christian Medical College. Sunday is observed as a rest day by all of the mail-carriers. There is scarcely one of them knows why they rest on this day. Just lately the government schools have been or-

dered to close on Sunday, while this government is still pagan.

These movements should stir us to greater activity in these fields. Remember that you cannot send workers to China, Japan, and Korea, and they begin work at once, or in a few months as in European countries. They must spend two or three years in learning the language. So the thing to do now is to get workers on the ground.

It is with great confidence that I send you an appeal for more workers for China. I believe God is turning the hearts of the brethren and sisters in the home land to the millions in heathen darkness. And judging from the number of young men and women volunteering for service in China, we have reason for encouragement.

I have also been pleased to learn from reading an article in the WELCOME VISITOR to-day that the object of the Mt. Vernon College is to train young men and women for the foreign missionary work. I want to tell you that these notes have a ring in them when their vibration reaches as far as old heathen China. Let us take renewed courage and go forward, and take a long step in scattering this Message in the regions beyond, this coming year.

Your co-laborer and brother,  
HARRY W. MILLER.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 8, 1905.)

J. A. Maxam,\* Cleveland.—Bible Readings: 28½ hours; value of orders, \$16.75; helps, \$9.80; total, \$26.55.

C. E. Weeks, Athens.—Bible Readings: 15 hours; value of orders, \$32; deliveries, \$131.25.

Charles Dnuham, Columbus.—Coming King and Desire of Ages: 12 hours; value of orders, \$11.50.

F. B. Numbers, Mansfield.—Coming King and Best Stories: 26 hours; value of orders, \$20.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: helps, \$2; deliveries, \$91.50

Percy J. Tuttle, Cleveland.—Coming King: value of orders, \$2; helps, \$.25; total, \$2.25

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 21½ hours; value of orders, \$16.50; helps, \$.70; total, \$17.20

L. R. Williams†, Shelby Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$20; deliveries, \$130.

Gurnie Young, Wood Co.—Practical Lessons: value of orders, \$33.

\*Two weeks.

†Since last report to the VISITOR.