

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR THE WORK IN CLEVELAND.

THIS is a question which I feel it my duty to bring before the brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference and any others whose eyes may chance to fall upon these lines. It is not my purpose, in what I shall say, to give a historical account of the work from the beginning but rather state the situation and what is needed to relieve the church of its present embarrassment.

It will be remembered that a new house of worship was erected in the year 1903, located on Hough Ave., a point easy of access from nearly all parts of the city, one too that can be reached with but one car fare, a matter of considerable importance in a city the size of Cleveland with but one house of worship.

From the accompanying cut it will be seen that the building is a substantial structure worth about \$15,000 yet it is very plain both within and without and none too good to stand as a memorial of the Third Angel's Message in the city of Cleveland. After lifting to the fullest extent the brethren and sisters of the Cleveland church find themselves in debt to the amount of \$4,000 on the building.

This amount with the annual interest on hired money and the incidental expense is more than they can raise. These brethren are in distress and have called upon the Conference Committee to consider their cause and suggest a way out of their trouble.

Sunday, Aug. 27 the Conference Committee met with the church for the purpose of studying the situation with them. This meeting proved to be a profitable one both to the Conference Committee and the church. The Committee found the brethren willing to be advised and ready to do anything reasonable to save the cause from reproach and to build up the work in the city. They are also willing to continue to sacrifice and do all within their power to free the church from debt. On the other hand it was clearly

seen that the Conference Committee were in sympathy with these brethren and would gladly co-operate with them in whatever way they could consistently. After further counsel the Conference Committee have decided to call upon our brethren all over the Conference to assist in lifting this debt by free will offerings.

It has also been decided to set apart October 21 to 28 inclusive as a week of prayer for the work in Cleveland. During this week we sincerely hope that God will move upon the hearts of many to make an offering to help lift the debt on the house of worship in Cleveland. It will be expected of every laborer in the employ of the Conference to so plan his work that he can spend this week among the brethren soliciting offerings and gifts. Let none be passed by. If every one will do something this debt may be nearly wiped out. The object for which this appeal is made is just as worthy as any other part of God's cause.

A column will be opened in the WELCOME VISITOR where the names of all who contribute to this fund, will be published from week to week.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE WORK IN CLEVELAND.

AS we rejoice in what the Lord has enabled his people to accomplish, and look forward with eagerness to the work yet to be done, thus on to the final home gathering, a glance back to the beginning of the work in this city may be taken with profit, if it serves to encourage our future effort. As we think of those early days when life was more simple, personal wants fewer, and faith perhaps stronger, with a truer devotion, a work, with whose history the names of William Miller, Charles Fitch, Joseph Litch, Joshua V. Himes, and others have been written, presses into and fills the mind.

In a Presbyterian church near where the court house now stands, William Miller and his associates with the eloquence of strong conviction proclaimed "the hour of his judgment is come," and gave the soul stirring invitation, "Fear God and give glory to him."

This building was removed to Erie Street where a few years ago it was pointed out to me. Later, those that esteemed it a privilege to "worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters," had the pleasure of erecting for themselves a church in the form of an octagon, on Wood Street near Superior.

A paper called *The Second Advent of Christ*, edited by Elder Charles Fitch, was published here from the fall of 1840 to 1844. That heaven approved of, and smiled upon his work, we have every reason to believe, not only from the history of those times, but from the following words from an author familiar to us all: "There was wonderful interest there in 1843-1844. Those who accepted the testing truths brought to them were happy in the faith. As they assembled to bear testimony to the truth, many were made to feel, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, . . . this is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven.' The great disappointment of 1844 was a trying ordeal. They had not the light that would have enabled them to discern the reason of their disappointment. Some gave up the faith, others adhered to their past experiences, but became bewildered in regard to their position after 1844. They were exposed to temptation, and received various errors as Bible truth. But I was shown that the Lord in his providence cleared away the rubbish of error and revealed to them gems of truth. These would be received gladly by many, and the harps that had been left tuneless would be taken from the willows, and again give forth sweet music. Many will discover the lost links in the chain of truth, and they will see a beautiful harmony in the whole. They will have a fresh experience, being assured that he whom they trusted has not forsaken them and left them in darkness. 'The Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me.'"

The years that have come and gone have brought many changes, for in them has been the fulfillment of the promise that "knowledge shall be increased." The disappointment of those early days led to a further study of the Word, and the light of the

sanctuary question was given, followed by the truth that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath and not the first day. A study of the thirteenth of Revelation brought out the important information that not only have the nations of the past been mentioned, but that the United States *there* has her history traced, describing her rise, showing her principles, and exposing the plot to subvert the government from the foundation principles of civil and religious liberty, to a union of church and state.

The inspired penman traces the carrying out of this plot in spite of warning and opposition, to apparent success, with a view of the persecution that must result; then reveals the final triumph of truth over error, by giving a glimpse of the redeemed. "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

A. C. SHANNON.

Medina.

SABBATH and Sunday, September 16, 17, was spent with believers of the present truth at Medina, county seat of Medina Co. Brethren W. E. Bidwell and G. P. Gaede conducted a tent effort here the early part of the summer with encouraging results.

On Sabbath forenoon five adults were baptized in a beautiful lake a few miles out from the city, and two others would have been but were prevented by sickness. In the afternoon we met and carefully studied the cardinal points of our faith after which we organized a church of twelve adult members, concluding with the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. The Lord was with us by his spirit and made this occasion a blessed season to all who were present. This church with all the necessary officers qualified for active service starts out on her mission hopeful of future results.

They are sound in the faith, so far as could be determined, and we feel confident that if they walk humbly with the Lord they will exert an influence for good that will be both felt and recognized.

Brother Bidwell was present and took an active part in the meetings, and at the close of the day remarked, "This has been one of the best days of my life." We were somewhat disappointed in not having Brother G. P. Gaede with us also; but he was kindly remembered and his name was frequently mentioned by those for

whom he had previously labored. Brother J. E. Shultz was with us and gave an earnest and profitable talk on the object and possibilities of the Sabbath-school.

We separated from this newly organized body of believers feeling truly grateful we could leave representatives of the Third Angel's Message in the city of Medina, and praying for their prosperity in the work of the Lord, and for a part it the final triumph.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Dayton.

THURSDAY and Friday I spent with the Dayton church school. I was pleased to find that the teacher, Miss Ethel Pope, had begun school the previous Monday and that the school was well organized for work. I found twelve bright boys and girls in attendance varying in age from 7 to 15, representing six grades of work. The interest with which they answered the Bible questions I ask was pleasing to me, showing that careful work had been done by the former teacher. I am sure that eternity will reveal how earnestly they have labored. I could not but admire the neatness of the school room, which spoke of the sacrifice the parents had made that their children might receive a Christian education.

Sometimes the school work goes very hard and we are almost tempted to believe that we have wrought in vain; but let us remember the promise "That my word shall not return unto me void; but will accomplish the thing whereunto it is sent."

Judging from indications I bespeak for the Dayton school a successful school year. May the Lord bless the laborers that this may be the case.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

DEAR CO-LABORERS:—

DESIRING to speak for my Master, and say a few words which may be encouraging to some one in the canvassing work, I write you through the WELCOME VISITOR.

I am of good courage in the Lord and in his work. While not actively engaged in canvassing, my heart is in it, and my prayers ascend in its behalf. My heart is stirred as I read "Great Controversy" and remember that the Lord has spoken especially about this book. I wish I could tell you how he has blessed me as I canvassed for it, and how I have felt the presence of the angels as I entered the homes. He has said "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths." I know he can and will do as much for others as he did for

me, if they are submissive in his hands.

As for the financial part, he tells us to go and what is right he will pay us. He always paid me abundantly, and I had money for every emergency, and to spare. We should never question as to whether we could make a living; He says "Go" and the gold and silver are his, and he is able to give it to us.

I have not *stopped* canvassing; I am only resting for a little while. The Lord is near me. I can not find words to express his love. A sister once said to me "You do not need encouragement; you are having success." But success is not all. We need words of encouragement from those at the head of the work. Is. 41: 6, 7. Now is the time to canvass for the large books. The holidays will soon be here, and this time will bring a rich financial harvest to the faithful canvasser. I expect, with the help of the Lord, to make a good delivery at this place. Yours in the blessed hope,

MARY HUBBELL.

Seville.

WELCOME VISITOR: After pitching our tent upon a favorable site we began meetings in Seville Sept. 7.

Seville is a town of six hundred inhabitants, with three churches and no saloons. There were no Adventists here, the Message never having been given at this place; but already one young man has begun the observance of the Sabbath and hopes to enter Mt. Vernon College this fall to prepare for the work.

The attendance, small at first, has slowly but steadily increased. So far, those who come are deeply interested in the Message, expressing a desire to know the truth, and it is being given in no uncertain tones.

The M. E. pastor, upon whose flock we draw for the larger part of our audience, preached directly against us last Sunday, thus advertising our meeting free of charge.

When this reaches the readers of the VISITOR we shall be in the midst of the Sabbath question and we desire your prayers. We have confidence in God and in the power of his word. We know that the Message is going, Jesus is soon coming, and we are determined to triumph with it.

W. E. BIDWELL,
W. C. MOFFETT.

Farmer.

IN company with Elder Francis M. Fairchild, Sabbath, Sept. 23, was spent at Farmer, Defiance County, where Elder R. A. Boardman and the

writer held a tent meeting thirteen years ago. The Lord blessed us with a good day and a goodly number of brethren and sisters were also present from Hicksville, and Sherwood. It was an occasion of mutual gratification to meet again and clasp the hands of those for whom we labored in the past. The day was spent in recounting God's mercies, and in prayer and praise for his wonderful love for the children of men. There was one addition to the church on profession of faith, and a letter of transfer was granted another. Several members of this church were prevented from meeting with us owing to sickness etc, but they were not forgotten by those who were present.

A blessed season was spent together in celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house, and as the shades of night began to gather, and mention had been made by different brethren and sisters of the glad reunion just a little way in the future, we sang with joyful hearts:

O, there 'll be joy when the work is done,
Joy when the reapers gather home,
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun
To the New Jerusalem.

Joy, joy there 'll be joy by and by,
Joy, joy where the joys never die;
Joy, joy, for the day draweth nigh
When the workers gather home.

May the Lord keep us all faithful
to the end, and grant us apart with
the finally saved for his name's sake.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Clyde.

THE church school at Clyde opened Sept. 4 with an attendance of six, which has increased to ten with prospects of a larger attendance soon. This school is taught by Miss Bessie Acton.

The church, because of local condition, made no effort to have a school last year; but profiting by this experience, those that are alive to the situation have taken hold of the work in earnest and are doing all they can to make the work a success. I am sure that those who do not take hold of this work will suffer spiritually, if they have not already done so. Men can no more trifle with God now than they could anciently; and the ones who deliberately and willfully put their children in the public schools, where they are subject to all the temptations of the enemy will soon be caused to regret it by seeing their children whom THEY have ruined going into the world. Someday those children will witness against them, and God will call them to account for their stewardship, then they will be as the guest without a wedding garment,—speechless.

As I think of the sacrifice that some of our people are making, I can not refrain from exclaiming, "All honor to the man and woman that will take God at his word and sacrifice that his cause may be advanced. All honor to the ones that put forth their efforts in faith that they may co-operate with heavenly intelligences; but shame to the ones that will go from the church and try to discourage and dishearten those that have espoused the cause of church schools; that suggest doubts, and use their voices to tear down the work so nobly begun."

I am sure that all who will finally stand upon the sea of glass will be those who have cherished every ray of light; have advanced every time God said, Advance: and have taken their children with them.

Brethren! have we natural affection? Let us guard carefully the spiritual interest of our children.

J. E. SHULTZ.

MISSIONARY.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

DEAR FRIENDS: Let us plan a great surprise for our brethren in the Southern States, who are working for the salvation of the colored people.

Let us surprise the teachers of the mission schools with an assured support, and with means to open some new schools.

Let us surprise the managers of the Huntsville Training-School with sufficient means to complete their unfinished cottages, to repair the old mansion house, and to build suitable treatment-rooms, and fit them up for the training of nurses.

Let us surprise our brethren of the Southwestern Union Conference with the means that they need to help to build some small meeting-houses, and establish some mission schools.

Let us surprise Brother Sheafe by helping to provide the means for the opening of a Worker's Institute in the V St. meeting-house in Washington D. C.

Let us surprise our brethren at Nashville by furnishing them with means for the carrying forward of a Christian medical missionary educational effort in that great center of influence.

Let us take an earnest, honest look at the great need of Christian education and true medical missionary work among the eight millions of colored people in the Southern States, and surprise everybody by the liberality of our gifts. Let us make an actual sacrifice, denying ourselves of things that we need, in order that

those who have long been left to suffer may have the education that they need in order to make them intelligent workers for the Master.

Let us surprise the holy angels by the heartiness with which we endeavor just now to do unto others as we would have them do unto us were we in the same suffering need.

W. C. WHITE.

AN APPEAL TO THE COLORED RACE.

THE proclamation that freed the slaves opened doors through which Christian workers should have entered to tell the story of the love of God. In this field there were precious jewels that the Lord's workers should have searched for as for hidden treasure. But though the colored people have been freed from political slavery, many of them are still in the slavery of ignorance and sin. Many of them are terribly degraded. Is no message of warning to reach them? Had those to whom God has given great light and many opportunities done the work that he desires them to do, there would to-day be memorials all through the Southern field,—churches, sanitariums, and schools. Men and women of all classes would have been called to the gospel feast.

The Lord is grieved by the woe in the Southern field. Christ has wept at the sight of this woe. Angels have hushed the music of their harps as they have looked upon the people unable, because of their past slavery, to help themselves. And yet those in whose hands God has placed the torch of truth, kindled from the divine altar, have not realized that to them is given the work of carrying the light to this sin-darkened field. There are those who have turned away from the work of rescuing the downtrodden and degraded, refusing to help the helpless. Let the servants of Christ begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

The "Testimonies for the Church"
Vol. VII, page 222.

BROTHER PERCY TUTTLE who is canvassing in Cleveland writes: "I am still of good courage and growing bolder in the Lord. As I go from home to home, I meet so many who are hungering for the bread of life. This alone fills me with courage to press forward. May the Lord put it into the hearts of the young to respond to the call for workers. I am so glad that the Lord has put it into my heart to say, "Here am I send me."

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Sabbath begins Oct. 6 at 5:36 P. M.

Elder W. H. Granger's address is
1526 Walsh Ave., Columbus, O.

THERE was a new member added to
the Wheelersburg church last Sabbath.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL and
family are entertaining his mother.

BROTHER JAS. ROWE and wife are
visiting their old home and friends at
Clyde.

THE Home Department in one of
our Sabbath-schools contributes more
than half the donations to missions.

THE church clerks are requested to
send in their quarterly reports IM-
MEDIATELY after the quarterly ser-
vices.

MRS. N. W. LAWRENCE and Burton
Jacobs, a student in the College, made
a short visit with friends in Grays-
ville, Tenn.

THE Mt. Vernon Sanitarium and
Hospital is in immediate need of a
graduate lady nurse. Any one desir-
ing further information can address
U. S. Clymer, Mt. Vernon, O.

PROF. W. L. SECOR, wife and son
have returned to Academia. The
Professor however remained only for a
short visit with his mother and has
gone to Philadelphia to continue his
studies in the Jefferson University.

WE regret that the cut of the Cleve-
land church does not appear in this
paper, as called for in Elder Burk-
holder's article. The cut was bor-
rowed by the pastor of the church and
not returned. It was impossible to
get it here in time for the first page
without delaying the paper. Look for
it next week.

THE remains of Sister Laura Ulery,
accompanied by Dr. Washburn, ar-
rived in Mt. Vernon, from Boulder,
Colo., Tuesday evening. Her death
was a great shock to her many friends.
Sister Ulery never permitted an oppor-
tunity for doing good to pass unim-
proved. Her amiable disposition, kind
words and deeds, endeared her to
all with whom she came in contact.
"Blessed are the dead which die in the
Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the
Spirit, that they may rest from their
labors: and their works do follow
them."

TENT WORK.

SIX tent companies have been in the
field since camp-meeting, located as
follows:

No. 1. Mansfield, Richland Co., El-
ders, A. C. Shannon and B. L. House.

No. 2. Yale, Portage Co., Elder C.
C. Webster and John Shultz.

No. 3. Powell, Delaware Co., Elder
J. O. Miller and F. E. Gibson.

No. 4. Chandlerville, Muskingum
Co., Brethren C. T. Redfield and Ken-
neth R. Haughey.

No. 5. Haskins, Wood Co., Breth-
ren John P. Gaede and Fred M. Fair-
child.

No. 6. Seville, Medina Co., Brethren
W. E. Bidwell and Walter C. Moffett.
H. H. B.

COLLEGE NOTES.

AMONG the new arrivals of this week,
are Miss Paullin, of Jamestown, O.,
Miss Hottes, from Dayton, O. and
W. E. Barr, of La Grange.

A FEW of the home students spent
Sabbath and Sunday with their par-
ents at their homes. Mabel Andre,
at Mansfield; Hazel Sheridan, at Cin-
cinnati; and Mr. Handley, at Lexing-
ton.

MISS EDNA DOWDELL, of Bellfoun-
taine, spent Friday evening and Sab-
bath at the College. She is thinking
some of taking up the Nurse's work,
and is here to investigate the possibil-
ities.

THE winter's supply of coal is being
placed in the bins at the of rate two cars
a week. We are favored with an ex-
cellent grade of coal this year, and
thirteen cars of it are being provided
for the season.

IT is the remark of all present that
the school work has begun with more
promptness, better order, and more
earnest work this year than for some
years before. A very creditable grade
of work is already attained, and a
spirit of earnest effort is everywhere
prevalent.

BROTHER CLAUDE WHITE from It-
hica, Michigan has returned to the
College during the past week. It is
something of a question as to who re-
joiced most, Claude to be back, or the
other boys to welcome him back. We
are all glad it is possible for him to
continue the work so well begun last
year.

WITH the European plan of board-
ing in the Home, some of the young
people are taking their first lessons
in measuring the cost of living.
Some are surprised at the little it costs
while others are even more surprised
at the amount they are able to spend
just to gratify their appetite. But it
is well that this experience comes thus
early in life, ere extravagant habits
are so firmly fixed they are beyond
reform.

ANOTHER precious season was en-
joyed at the Friday evening prayer
meeting. Prof. Welch led in the meet-
ing, and two hours quickly passed
while the members, one after another,
bore their message of faith and trust.
One testimony was borne by letter.
It was from Brother James Irving,
now engaged in tent effort at Sturgis,
Mich. We are always glad to have
our absent members share with us,
even by letter.

A MISSIONARY service was held
Sabbath morning in the interest of
the work for the Colored people of the
South. Special matter prepared for
the occasion was presented. Mrs. A.
E. Shepherd read the article in the
Review entitled "The Collection for
the Colord Work," by Sister White.
The offering will be taken up next
Sabbath. We all want to share in the
offering, and in the results in the com-
ing kingdom.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 22, 1905.)

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—
Bible Readings: 36 hours; value of or-
ders, \$39.50.

J. A. Maxam, Cleveland.— Bible
Readings: 28 hours; value of orders,
\$6.50; helps, \$2.60; total, \$9.10.

F. B. Numbers, Mansfield.—Com-
ing King and Best Stories: 16½ hours;
value of orders, \$12; helps, \$.50; total,
\$12.50.

W. M. Campbell, Massillon.—Com-
King: value of orders, \$51.50; deliver-
ies, \$25.

Percy J. Tuttle, Cleveland.—Com-
ing King: 16½ hours; value of orders,
\$2.50

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.— Coming
King: 30 hours; value of orders,
\$26.50,

C. R. Smith, Holmes Co.— Coming
King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$24.50.