

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

TRUST YE IN THE LORD.

PRECIOUS Saviour thou art stronger
Than my habits and my foes—
Let me sin no more. No longer
Let my heart thy will oppose.

Better death than favor slighted—
Favor that my Lord doth send—
Better never had been lighted
Than the downward way to wend.

In the shades of Calvary's mountain,
Where no trusting soul can sink—
Let me find the healing fountain
And my soul forever drink.

There shall grace, and love and mercy
Sweetly fall, refreshing me.—
And my heart's deceitful murmurs
Turn to joys when laid on thee.

O, my Saviour draws me nearer
To thy pierced wounded side.
Let the bond grow sweeter, dearer
"Till I shall in the abide.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR; I have just finished reading an article in the *Sabbath-school Worker* touching upon Sabbath-school donations: more especially methods, and "Birthday Boxes." In some respects it is sad that it seems necessary to copy what Sunday-schools do which have in them the feature of "See what I do." The point I think we should strive for, is an honest devotion to God and his cause. This should be our motto and taught in the classes, as well as in the homes, at every opportunity.

Children should be taught the value of money, and how to earn it, and how to dispose of it as well, in their homes. Teachers however should familiarize themselves with the home surroundings of their pupils, and if the conditions are not conducive to the best results, take the matter in their own hands and see to it that their duty is fully done.

I am somewhat averse to suggesting anything that brings money into the treasury by the way of false pride or force. When our devotion to the cause reaches the proper point we will spurn any show of publicity,* and we will certainly not require force. A

*This does not refer to proper special occasions as Harvest Ingathering, etc.

brief statement of an enterprise or effort will be sufficient to secure the desired assistance. The "Birthday Box" method may not be wrong in itself, but it does not appeal to me as being the right way. God's power to withhold blessings is just as great as his power to bestow them; and when he sees a determination on our part to keep in touch with him by our freewill offerings, something is going to be done. In this way we can prove our co-partnership in the Heavenly enterprise of soul-saving.

The thought occurs to me that when a member is absent he should, on his return, contribute for the times absent. Some form the habit of contributing just one penny, or a few pennies,—this is right if they are clear in their conscience it is the best they can do. Others reason that because they attended some other Sabbath-school, and gave their donation there, it is not necessary to make it up in the home school. Now this may be a far-fetched idea of mine, but I believe that if we try the experiment we will be none the worse off by the extra investment, but will be signally blessed of God.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." We know we owe all to him. Not one of the mansions in our Father's dwelling can be bought with the wealth of the world, if it were ours to give. Let us adopt God's plan of freewill offerings and thank offerings before it is too late.

In the effort to buy a home, or any other laudable enterprise, when our weekly or monthly wages are received, our first thought is to pay our outstanding bills, provide for immediate necessities, and in order to advance our effort by adding to our savings, forego contemplated luxuries and pleasures. Now as we admit there is pleasure and considerable satisfaction in this, what about the true riches—the riches that do not perish with the using?

It matters not how rich we are in this world's goods, our riches can be dissipated, banished and we perish with them. Better, far better lay up our treasures in heaven by taking a just pride in swelling the Sabbath-school contributions, and wherever else

needed, than resorting to questionable methods to obtain means. "The days are evil," and the enemy is alert to take advantage where right principles are not taught.

By making a full surrender of our hearts to God (and it is in order that we make a special effort for the children, see Sept. number of the *Sabbath-school Worker*.) we will be in a condition to render to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings; our Sabbath-school contributions will have a healthy increase; our own souls will be watered, and laborers will be offering their services, saying, "Here am I; send me."

C. L. SHELTON.

WHAT YOU NEED.

If your school has never held a Sabbath-school Convention, you will need the "Convention Number", of the *Worker*.

If your school held a convention some time in the past, and it was not wholly successful, you will surely need the "Convention Number."

If your school has already held many successful conventions, you will appreciate the value of such a help and will know that you need the "Convention Number."

The "Convention Number" will contain a suggestive program. It will give substantial help to those writing papers upon the topics suggested in the program. It will give ringing testimonies from those who have held successful conventions. It will tell how to conduct a successful convention. It will mention details as well as general principles.

Any school desiring to hold a convention any time within a year should have this particular "Convention Number," for there will not be another for at least a twelve-month.

"God has invested his church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising; for in so doing he despises the voice of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 417.

"Let the Sabbath-school teacher be an example in faith, in charity, in doctrine, and deportment."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

I HAVE been made to rejoice as I have read the reports of the faithful work being done by our canvassers throughout the State. Surely God is with us in this important branch of our work. Only eternity will reveal the results of the good seed we are sowing as we go from home to home. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand" is the Lord's instruction to us, so we need not worry about results. We have the promise that his word shall not return void, "but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it."

Several new workers have entered the field since our last camp-meeting, and all are gaining many rich experiences. Only those who are, or have been, actively engaged in the Lord's great harvest field can appreciate the blessings which come from a life of service.

God has said that "if there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people." "Where there is one canvasser there should be one hundred." Surely this means that there are others in Ohio who should be scattering the printed page "like the leaves of autumn." This is the harvest time of the year. People are buying books by the thousands for holiday gifts. How important it is that we get on the ground early and give the people a chance to purchase those books which contain the last warning message to be given a doomed world. I was in a territory a few days ago where an agent had just been and placed three hundred copies of a book called "Sermons by the Devil." How much better it would have been if these could have been substituted by "Coming King," or "Great Controversy" which reveal Satan's true character.

Are there not others who will join the ranks yet this fall, and receive the reward that comes at last after a life of patient service?

I would be glad to hear from any who are desirous of entering this work. Yours in his service,

C. E. WEAKE, *Field Sec.*

Academia, Ohio.

Alliance.

DEAR FRIENDS: Thus far, I feel that God has been with me every day, giving me great encouragement and every needful blessing. I thought

for a while that I was not fit to be a canvasser, but I see that God has just been purifying and preparing me for his service, by giving me a few things to test my faith. I hope to become better prepared for the Master's work that I may do more effective service for him. In my strength alone, I realize I would perish. Hoping to progress in the work, I remain your brother in Christ,

L. H. WATERS.

Marietta.

LAST Friday I had the opportunity to attend the Washington Co. Fair. I did not enjoy the races because I was so sorry for the losers and kept saying "what a pity" while the others were cheering the winner. I feel certain that our Heavenly Father will look with infinite regret upon the losers in "the race set before us" and his heart will be filled with sorrow when the loser's doom is meted out. I saw the fine exhibits of stock and looked forward in faith to the time when the earth will be pure and fair and we shall see many noble animals at peace one with another.

There were exhibits of elegant needle work and fine carvings, not nearly so nice as those made under the direction of Jehovah for the earthly tabernacle. I watched the games—many of which no doubt have been handed down from our pagan ancestors. Then there were exhibits from our Island possessions. I longed to gather those dear little children around me and hear from their own lips about the home they had left so far behind. I wondered if they knew Jesus, and how he loved the little children. But there could be no chance for conversation during their wild orgies.

Then, seeing the people were preparing to leave, I went to my store of literature and taking it in a basket I put a paper in each buggy till my supply was exhausted. The owners were now gathering to their buggies. I did not meet with one refusal to accept literature. Many thanked me and proceeded at once to read the literature I had left.

When I handed out the last paper, I looked onward and saw a carriage load of people waiting with expectant faces. How hard it was for me to turn away from these, and to remember the disappointed look that came over their faces when I held up my empty basket. I wish I could have been there every day and supplied all willing hands with papers containing a message from Jehovah. I received a great blessing from this bit of work.

My heart is never lighter than when I am doing something to spread the Message.

Just another thought in closing. The soldier must not always drill. There are posts of duty to be held along the front of the battle lines—posts that are to be held against the fiercest onslaughts the enemy can bring to bear. Whenever the enemy attacks us fiercely we must bear in mind that we are holding a post that is doing much good for Jehovah. Satan knows it and has summoned all his legions to take it at all hazards, but take courage, O, tried one, for he has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

I am praying that Jehovah may "be gracious" to his people that we may "come to a knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:7)—and be able to stand approved before a just God while the seven last plagues are being poured out. Let us do as 'tis sung in our national song,

"Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there."

Yours in good courage,

RACHEL HESS.

FROM THE FIELD.

Chillicothe, Marshfield.

THREE more young ladies were baptized at Chillicothe on last Sunday.

We believe that their names have been written in the Lamb's book of life. We trust that their influence will lead others to go and do likewise.

The Lord came precious near at the quarterly meeting service at Marshfield. One more brother was made happy by connecting with the remnant church, that is soon to be "presented unto Himself a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

We missed dear old Sister Hewitt who had just been laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the sound of to the last trumpet to summon her home the mansions of eternal rest. Brother Hewitt of Battle Creek and Brother Camie Greenup from the Mount Vernon College were at the services, having been called home to attend the funeral of their grandmother. Both returned on last Sunday to join their classes at their respective Colleges.

R. R. KENNEDY.

Springfield.

SABBATH Sept. 30 was a day long to be remembered by the Springfield church. The weather was fine. Our Sabbath-school at 9:30 was largely attended and very interesting, being a review of the lessons for the closing quarter.

At 11 A. M. our church was well filled with an attentive audience. A call was then made for those who desired baptism to take the front seat. Nine responded, five adults and four of our Sabbath-school children, ranging from eleven to thirteen years of age.

After a forty-five minute discourse from Eph. 2: 8, in which the Lord gave great freedom, showing that faith and works are inseparable, it was our privilege to once more administer this solemn rite. Buried as they were "by baptism into His death and raised to walk in newness of life." Rom. 6: 3, 4.

All united with the Springfield church. To the Lord be all the praise.
J. G. WOOD.

Waynesburg, Ky.

WELCOME VISITOR: I will write a few lines letting you know that we are getting along all right, rejoicing in the Truth and for the privilege of having a part in giving the last Message of warning to a dying world.

This is a hard field to labor in but the people are learning something about the Third Angel's Message in this vicinity. The ministers oppose us very much but the only argument they can successfully use is for the people to stay away. We are using the *Signs Leaflets* with good success. Brother Mediary and family from Dayton are with us now and we will with the Lord's help give a series of reading in the school house near here.

We were glad of news of a successful camp-meeting in Ohio, and missed the privilege of attending very much. We are glad to know that the work is onward. We know that the time of refreshing is at hand and the Lord is working with a mighty hand. Remember all of us in your prayers, and may the Lord's blessing rest on your labors. Yours in the fast closing work,

HARRY and MARY JACOBS.

Youngstown.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I will write a few lines to inform you that the members of our little church are still of good courage and are trying to hold up the light of present truth.

We held our quarterly meeting Sabbath Oct. 7. We celebrated the ordinance of humility, and also partook of the emblems of our dear Lord's broken body. Elder C. C. Webster was with us and all present were more determined to live better lives, and desire to get up on higher ground,

and have a closer walk with God. One dear sister was buried with the Lord in baptism, and we have the promise of another soon, for which we all feel to praise the Lord.

Praying that many more will see the truths which God has given us, and that we all will stand true and faithful, and at last receive the crown of life. Your sister in the truth,
MRS. T. A. KAY.

Defiance.

JAMES E. SHULTZ: I thought I would write and tell you how our Young People's Society and Sabbath-school are progressing. Since we returned from the camp-meeting the young people have purchased two racks, and have put them in the depots, and fill them each week with our literature. We also have been working with the special number of the "*Bible Training School*."

Last Sunday evening we had election of officers which resulted in Miss Mary Gaede being President, and Miss Eva Nestleroad Secretary.

Our donation during the quarter was three dollars and fourteen cents, and our expenses were ninety cents. We have no Home Department in our Sabbath-school but I hope that we will soon. Your sister in Christ,
MAMIE TELSCHOW.

COME OVER AND HELP US.

DEAR BRETHREN THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE: In the last several issues of the VISITOR your attention has been brought to the matter of the indebtedness which our dear brethren of the Cleveland, Ohio, church have on their property.

Cleveland is the largest city in the State and has many large and attractive churches. The Seventh-day Adventists, while but few in number, are represented by a church building which, while it will not compare with many others in point of size or appearance, furnishes our people with a house where they can worship, and where they may invite their friends who have not yet embraced this truth which is so dear to all of us.

While the Cleveland church is not an expensively built one, yet the cost has been such it is found to be impossible for the dear brethren there to meet the obligation which the building of the church has placed upon them, and in their extremity are now calling upon their friends throughout the Conference to help them. What shall we say?

When our General Conference brethren located at Washington, D. C., and the head quarters became fixed in that

city, the first thing found to be necessary was a place of worship. A suitable place was found but the brethren of that church, like the brethren of the Cleveland church, were not able to buy, so an appeal to our brethren everywhere was sent out stating the need of a church building in Washington. The result was money came flowing from every direction; every mail brought donations until there was no necessity for more, and the Washington, D. C. church was dedicated to the Lord free of debt.

Now, brethren, the Cleveland church stands in relation to the work in the Ohio Conference just the same as the Washington, D. C. church stands in relation to the work in the General Conference, and it stands us in hand, as members of the Ohio Conference to come to the help of the Cleveland church and clear from debt the property of these our brethren.

In the issue of the VISITOR for next week will be started a list of subscribers to the CLEVELAND CHURCH RELIEF FUND. May we not hope that your name will be among the first to be published as a donor to this fund?

C. V. HAMER.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

BROTHER JOHN FREEMAN, of Deshler, Ohio, has sent to this office a very generous offering to the Mission Board, to the Washington building fund, to the Orphan's and Old People's homes, and to the *Ohio Conference*. We are expressing to our dear brother sincerest thanks.

This donation to the *Ohio Conference* is the only money that has been donated directly to the use of the *Conference* for a long, long time. Brethren, has the fact ever been brought to your attention that the *Conference* has absolutely no source of income other than that of donations? have you ever stopped to think that while you are sending your money to the *Conference*—and "praise God from whom all blessings flow" your money has been pouring into the treasury quite liberally—you always stipulate the place to which you would have the money go, but *invariably fail* to have any portion of it placed to the credit of the *Conference*?

All of the many places to which you have directed your funds sent, are worthy objects and the dear Lord is pleased: but, brethren, can we not, in future, when giving to the Lord's work, remember that the *Ohio Conference* is in need of funds, and increase our donations, even if but a little and thus include with our donations a sum for the *Conference*. Think of this matter. C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

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

ELDER C. C. WEBSTER desires to give ALL his time and attention to his ministerial work, and wishes to sell or exchange his farm in Geauga Co. Any one desiring further particulars, can address him at Middlefield, O., R. F. D., 4.

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BETTER THAN WAS EXPECTED.

THE long-looked for "Convention Number" of the *Sabbath-school Worker* is now out. It is all that was promised, and even more. In order to make it a complete compendium of convention work, four additional pages were added. Its full worth can only be properly appreciated by those who read it carefully.

A well-arranged Convention Program is given, as a suggestion. In addition to this, substantial aid is given those who wish to follow this program. Under the heading "Helps for the Inexperienced" each topic is outlined and suggestions given which will be of material help in the preparation of papers.

"How to Write a Paper," and "How to Read a Paper" ought to be preserved by everybody. If the suggestions are followed, a vast improvement will be noted in the future conventions.

Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth, Elder G. B. Thompson, Miss Fannie Dickerson, Mrs. Jessie L. Adams, Miss Ella L. Merickel, Miss Edith Starbuck, — all Sabbath-school workers of experience, — have contributed helpful articles.

A missionary exercise for nine children is another excellent feature.

From the first page to the last the "Convention Number" is brimming with, up-to-date, helpful suggestions pertaining to conventional work.

The regular yearly subscription price of the *Worker* is thirty-five cents singly. In clubs of two or more to one address, twenty-five cents each. Realizing that there will be a demand for extra copies of this special number, the publishers will furnish them at the rate of five cents for two copies. Send all orders to the Review and Herald Pub. Association, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington D. C.

COLLEGE NOTES.

BROTHER R. D. Bolter of Rome New York, together with his wife and three children are temporarily stopping with the school family while looking for a home. His daughter Florence has entered the College, and his son will attend the church school. We are glad to welcome these friends to our midst and to our association, and we trust their purpose in coming may be fully realized.

THE outing mentioned in last week's notes proved a decided success. The old "Skein Woods" on the farm occupied by Professor Lawrence became a lively scene of merriment and good cheer. Rumping, swinging, ball playing, nutting, etc., etc., etc., afforded a decided change from the more prose work of hard study. Teachers and students alike shared in the details of pleasure and sport, and all returned to school duties in the evening refreshed.

MANY willing hands put the needed coal house in readiness during the forenoon before the outing. Our young men and teachers have earned in the past an enviable reputation for rendering willing and efficient help in time of need. So again, on this occasion, we were not disappointed, but found the same hearty response to the simple suggestion of urgent need. And while we feel grateful for the work done, we feel much more grateful for the spirit of helpfulness that prompted the doing of the work.

ANOTHER entertainment was held in the College Chapel, Saturday evening, composed of both literary and musical numbers. This was made the occasion of rendering some of the required work in Forensics. Papers were read by three of the Senior class. "Friendship", by Miss Debora Secor, "An Aim in Life", by Miss Bertha Spolin; "Man's Moral Worth", by Miss Grace Stienbaugh. The papers showed literary ability and an appreciation for the good and true in hu-

manity. They were well written and and well delivered and did the young ladies credit. Miss Stella Kennedy gave a recitation entitled, "The Minority", that was very much appreciated by all. Musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered with much credit to the performers, and show faithfulness on the part of both instructors and pupils. On the whole, a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent, and all will look forward to the next occasion of this kind with eager anticipation.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Oct. 6, 1905.)

A. T. Hulstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$47.75; helps, \$10.25; total, \$58.

F. B. Numbers, Mansfield.—Coming King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$17; helps, \$1; total, \$18.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 38 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$4.75; total, \$10.75; deliveries, \$64.

C. R. Smith, Holmes Co.—Coming King: 15 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$1; total, \$5.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$18.50.

Gurnie Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$26.75.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$52.25.

OBITUARY.

MEDAIKY.—Bertha Matilda Medairy, daughter of G. and Charlotte Medairy, born May 21, 1904 died Sept. 29, 1905 aged 1 yr. 4 mos. and 8 days. The sympathies of the people are with the bereaved parents. We laid her away, sleeping in Jesus, with the hope of meeting her in the first resurrection. The funeral service was held at the Olive Baptist church conducted by the writer. HARRY JACOBS.

MILLER.—Another Dear Saint asleep in Jesus. Our beloved brother S. L. Miller was born in Seneca Co., Ohio, Sept. 24, 1832, and died at Cleveland, O., Oct. 3, 1905, aged 73 years and 9 days. On Feb. 22, 1857 he was married to Anna Bartmes. Three sons and a daughter were born from this union all of whom survive their venerable father. The funeral was held at Bloomville, Seneca Co., the early home of brother Miller, and six of his old schoolmates acted as pall-bearers to carry him to his silent resting place in Oakwood Cemetery. Two sons and a daughter with Sister Miller were in attendance at the funeral. Many relatives were there to sympathize with the bereaved family. The funeral was held from a brother's home and the discourse was delivered in the Reformed Church. The resident pastor kindly assisting. Our hearts rejoice in the midst of sadness in the thought that the dear brother is asleep in Jesus and will appear again in the first resurrection. The scripture used as a basis were found in Rom. 8: 18-23. The Cleveland church have missed Brother Miller's counsel since his affliction and his brethren and sisters in Christ are glad for the hope before him, and assure the bereaved family of their sincere sympathy. PASTOR D. E. LINDSEY.