

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Is it worth while all the long weary years  
To toll in the vineyard with sweating and tears?

Is it worth while you should sacrifice so  
That strangers the love of the Father may know?

Is it worth while to forsake home and friends  
And all the pure joy that a home life attends?  
Is it worth while to endure all the sneers  
From lips that are coarsened by jesting and jeers?

Is it worth while to face hunger and cold  
With eyes that are closed to the glitter of gold?

Is it worth while so to struggle and pray  
That souls may be kept from temptation today?

Is it worth while those redeemed ones to  
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At the Holy of Holies, God's judgment seat?  
Is it worth while at that moment to know  
That God let you save them from eternal woe?

Is it worth while as the long ages roll  
To list to the songs of the blood ransomed souls?

Is it worth while all the rapture to see,  
Co-workers with God, is it worth while to  
thee? —Selected.

### THOUGHTS ON ISAIAH 43:25, 26.

"I, EVEN I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified."

Here Jehovah calls attention to himself, as the One who blots out our transgressions. We find in Isa. 44:22 that they are to be "blotted out as a thick cloud;" in Acts 3:19-21 that they are to be "blotted out when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord and he shall send Jesus Christ." So our transgressions are to be blotted out just before Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. In Jer. 50:20 we also read, "In those days and at that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and there shall be none, and the sins of Judah and they shall not be found, for I will pardon them whom I reserve." And this is to be done for

his own sake. Ah, here is a great light thrown upon the mystery of salvation! A flood of light from heaven's own gate where Satan was cast out.

Satan has said that the law of God cannot be kept; that God is unjust in his dealings with men. To prove that this claim is false God has chosen a people to keep his law. They have done so. There never has been a time since the fall of Adam that God did not have his loyal subjects. Ask these faithful ones if God deals unjustly with them and hear their reply — "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Mercy and Truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk O, Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all day." (Psa. 89:14-16.) Those who walk in closest communion with God are best qualified to give us a description of his character.

Again, when we think of the words "For mine own sake," what a blessed thought comes to us when we realize that we may be an honor to the cause. God forbid that we should give out to others a wrong impression of the love of God for his creatures or of the equity of his throne, to those who know him not.

"Put me in remembrance." These are the words of our kind heavenly Father. When we come from time to time before the Throne of Grace, we are to be able to repeat all that has been written in his word, of the good things Jehovah has promised to give to his obedient children.

Let us sum up some of these promises. "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. He is to be with us through life and be a protection. He says, "For I, will be unto her a wall of fire round about." Zech. 2:5. No enemy can pierce this wall. He is to guide us. "I will guide thee with mine eye." Psa. 32:8. He is to be our strength. "The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power to his people." Psa. 68:35. He giveth knowledge and wisdom. "For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth

cometh knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:6. He is to supply all our needs. "God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19. Further, "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Psa. 34:10. Last but not least is, "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins." With this brief summary I leave the reader to search the Scriptures for other good things promised to those who keep his precepts diligently.

RACHEL HESS.

(To be continued.)

### "COME YE, . . . APART, AND REST AWHILE."

THE wheels of time turn on and on; ~~the days, the months, the years come~~ and go on swiftest wings, bearing us on, and ever on, to eternity. Childhood and youth and the full tide of life—and then the ebb; and after that, the judgment.

The struggle for existence has become intense. Every fiber of our being is stretched almost to the breaking point to keep up with the demands made upon us. Whether on the farm or in the shop, or in a trade or profession, the same strenuousness must be maintained, or we are crowded out by the stronger and more daring.

On, and ever on, we rush, trying to keep pace with the maddened crowd, infatuated with the very strenuousness of the struggle. The insane asylums of the country are filled to overflowing; we see nervous wrecks all along our pathway; we hear the pitiful cry of the unfortunate importuning for help, but have no time to minister to their needs; for we must hurry to keep pace with our daily task.

Disappointed hopes end their career in suicide; jealousy and envy bathe their hands in human blood; robberies, both public and private, are everywhere, and the very thoughts of men seem "only evil continually."

What means this maddened chase? Whither are we drifting in this current of commercialism, and universal rush for wealth? Surely not nearer the kingdom of heaven:

Were the Master here, think you his voice would not cry out above the din of life, even as he said to the weary disciples of old, "Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile."

The week of prayer begins December 9, maybe the Master calls to you, weary one, "Come . . . apart, and rest awhile." Stop this hurry and rush, lay aside your cares and labors, and come . . . apart, and rest awhile."

The Master has somewhat to say to you. He has promises he would have you ponder; he has love he would bestow. Are you bruised and scarred with sin and sinning? He has balm for your wounded soul.

He longs to hear your voice in earnest prayer. Are your lips silent and speechless? He will quicken their life, and put a song in your mouth.

Come, brother, come, sister, let us go aside a little while with the Master, and rest.

I. H. EVANS.

#### TO THOSE BEARING RESPONSIBILITIES.

ARE you reading the articles by Sister White now appearing in the *Review* under the title of "Lessons from the Life of Solomon?" It seems to me they contain the most practical instruction to those carrying church and Sabbath-school responsibilities of anything that has appeared in years. For example, let me quote a single paragraph from one of these articles:

"The thoroughness and completeness of the organization perfected at the beginning of Solomon's reign: the comprehensiveness of plans for bringing the largest number possible of all the people into active service; the wide distribution of responsibility, so that the service of God and the King should not be unduly burdensome to any individual or class, —these are the lessons which all may study with profit, and which the leaders of the Christian church should understand and follow."

We have come to a time when heavy responsibilities must be borne by a large number of people. We are in the very midst of a great missionary movement that should grow as the days go by. That we each may the better do our part, let us carefully read and prayerfully study these articles.

H. H. HALL.

"It is better to do good to those who are in need than to bestow benefactions on the opulent."

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding."

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

Cleveland.

TO THE VISITOR: The Sisters of the Cleveland church have organized a Helping Band, and are anxious to help all the poor women and children in the great city of Cleveland that they can. They have asked me to write, through the VISITOR, to all the dear sisters in Ohio, and ask for contributions of bedding, clothing, and material to make into garments.

The society has two objects. First, to raise funds for the debt of the Cleveland church, and second to help the sufferers here in this great city. Please send all your donations prepaid to Prospect Sanitarium, No. 161 Prospect St., Cleveland, O.

Remember that every dollar toward our debt will be appreciated. The Cleveland church is largely composed of sisters, many of them aged, or widows, and others who have no help in their work from their husbands. They are not property holders. Our debt is about \$4,000.00. A mortgage of \$2,500.00 is on the building, and we are anxious to pay it and stop the interest. I assure you we will do all we can to clear the house from debt, and every dollar given us, will be put back in the cause in Ohio by the Cleveland church in the course of time. We will help any worthy enterprise in Ohio at any time; although embarrassed as we are, our constant prayer is—Lord help us to ever keep our ears open to the cry of the needy—and our eyes open to see what we should see; our hearts open to conviction, and our purses open to respond to every cry for help at home and abroad.

PASTOR D. E. LINDSEY.

Marion.

TO THE VISITOR: The promise is to every one that has left the things of this world for His name's sake, they shall receive an hundredfold.

I have been canvassing but a short time, but feel that I have already received the "hundredfold." I am only sorry that I did not respond "early in the morning" to work in the vineyard. I have been taught to trust the Lord from day to day as I never did before. "Take no thought saying, what shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewith shall we be clothed,—for your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. These words are faithful and true." God can work wonders for us if we will trust him and take him at his word.

While in Mansfield yesterday, delivering a few books, I met a young man who attended the tent meetings the past summer. I had learned from others that he was deeply interested in the study of the Bible and that he was convicted of the true Sabbath. The question of work seems to be the principle obstacle that is keeping him, as well as his wife, from keeping the Sabbath. I tried to persuade him to lay the matter before the Lord at once, assuring him that God would help him in this matter. I told him I had been praying for him; upon hearing this, his face lighted up and he said that he wanted our prayers in the future. Let us pray for this brother, and for all those that are in the valley of decision. Let petitions be borne to the throne above.

Owing to the work done in Mansfield during the months of August and September, it did not prove to be as ripe for the canvassing work as it might otherwise have been. But many were found interested in the Message, "and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things are true." The prospect is much brighter for the canvassing work in Marion County. "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." Shall we not rejoice for the opportunities of the present?

FRED B. NUMBERS.

#### PERFECT LOVE.

LIFE is another thing when once a great love has entered it. Who has not known how love turned pain to pleasure and made sacrifices sweet? Love never talks of crosses and of losses. It calls its losses gains and its crosses crown. "For my sake" makes even death a delight. When we so love the Lord with all the heart, then to follow Him fully is our own choice. There comes an end to all mere theoretical consecration, in which we recognize solemnly the claims of God and pass on our own way. There comes an end, also, to all testing of ourselves by suppositions of future claims.

But another work begins—the constant cultivation of the conscience to see those claims. It is a little thing for love to respond to an uttered wish. It studies and anticipates the pleasures of the beloved. The loving heart escapes a thousand difficulties which others meet, and a truly devoted life is not often puzzled by details of duty. Such perplexities are often the simple result of a discordant will, seeking at once to please itself and avoid displeasing God. The soul that so loves walks in holy law, but moves in perfect freedom. When the Lord has enlarged the heart, then it "runs" in the way of his commandments.—Selected.

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

All matter for this department should be sent to D. D. Rees, Mt. Vernon, O.

### LIBRARY FUND.

I PRESUME the readers of the VISITOR are anxiously waiting to learn the results of the efforts of the students and teachers in securing funds for the library. We are glad to state that the Lord has greatly blessed us in the efforts, and we trust He has richly rewarded those of you who have contributed so liberally to this needy cause.

Up to the present time (Dec. 3) we have received \$83.44 in response to the letters that have been sent out. But we have been greatly blessed in another way.

In response to one of the letters Prof. M. W. Newton, late of Union College, who has traveled over a large portion of Europe, visiting Germany, Denmark, Norway, France, Italy, Greece, Palestine, and Egypt, kindly offered to donate the proceeds of two stereopticon lectures to the library. These lectures have both been given, and we have been highly pleased with the way in which our people responded. We are sure that every one who attended was greatly repaid for the time and money expended in coming. The stereopticon was one of the highest grade, dissolving type, fitted with lime light. The result was that the very best pictures were reproduced upon the screen. At the first lecture we were taken on a trip across the ocean to England, Paris, then to Germany, where we formed a slight acquaintance with the nobility, but spent the most of our time with the peasantry in places unfrequented by tourists, and it was indeed entertaining and instructive to learn so much of their ways and customs.

We then started north through Denmark and Norway for the land of the Midnight Sun, passing by beautiful cities, wild rugged mountains, magnificent cascades and waterfalls, along roads chiseled through mammoth snow banks in June, over snow-capped summits, down to the ocean to the steamer which carries us for hundreds of miles along that wild and beautiful Norwegian coast, till we finally reach the land where the sun does not set for six months. We visit the Laplanders in their native huts, their flocks of reindeer on the mountain sides; and finally take six glimpses of the sun shining at midnight.

During the second lecture we get a splendid view of Rome, both ancient

and modern, which is both extremely interesting and profitable. Then those long buried cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii, which have been and are being unearthed, loom up before us in all their solemnity and grandeur. We see casts of the people and animals writhing in their death struggle with the fumes, ashes, and lava. We then climb to the top of that old volcano, Vesuvius, which is responsible for all the loss of life and property. As we climb its gigantic sides, we cannot help but feel that we are in the presence of a power that we cannot understand; and as we reach its summit, we gaze with reverence and awe into the seething abyss below us.

But we must hasten on, and soon we find ourselves beholding the ancient ruins of Athens and Mars Hill, where Paul declared the unknown God to the wise men of Greece. They rise before us in magnificence and beauty.

Our next trip is to Constantinople, the home of the Turk, then to Palestine, the land to which he soon expects to be driven; and as we visit Joppa, Jerusalem, Olivet, Jerico, the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, back to Bethlehem and Joppa, we realize that we are viewing the very scenes that the Saviour and disciples viewed nineteen hundred years ago.

After a short visit to Egypt, where we obtained another glimpse of ancient life and works in the Sphinx, Pyramids, Nile River, and other places, we feel that we have really visited all of these things and seen the objects themselves.

Five-hundred views were thrown upon the curtain, and by carefully meditating upon them we surely should be better acquainted with the world and better prepared to perform the duties of life.

After taking out the expenses of the lectures we have \$48.50 to add to the \$83.44 which gives us \$131.94 with which to increase our library, and nearly every mail still brings in more money. Let the good work go on.

We all extend to Professor Newton our heartfelt thanks for his kind and liberal donation which adds so much to the library, and which will be of untold benefit to each individual who attended.

We wish him success and prosperity.

CHAS. E. WELCH.

### THE LIBRARY.

ALL connected with the school are being most agreeably surprised by the liberal returns for the Library Fund. The following extracts from letters

will tend to show the interest manifested in this cause by the friends of the institution:—

J. G. WOOD: Enclosed you will find one dollar to assist in a fund to help supply a library for the Mt. Vernon College. I have been personally interested in the prosperity of that institution from its rise. I hope the necessary helps may soon be supplied. We trust that the work done there may be thorough in every respect.

HESTER KNAPP: I am in hearty accord with the project, and only wish that I could send more, but hope this will be of some service. I trust there will be a liberal response.

D. W. REAVIS: As an expression of my interest in the school at Academia, I enclose \$1.00 to be applied on the Library Fund. Would be glad if it were a thousand dollars instead of one. Judging from the circular sent me, the library is not a very complete one. We sincerely hope you brethren there will be able to accumulate sufficient funds to establish a first-class library.

LOUELLA FAIRBY: I will send this small gift of one dollar now, as I have been attending to some of the most urgent needs of the cause in other places. I thank our Lord for a good school in our state to train our youth. I know it is the Lord's will to have them so trained that they will make efficient workers in the cause we love. I hope our brethren will help in this good cause, and that you may have a well equipped library of good books.

### ELDER GILBERT'S VISIT.

AMONG the many things for which we should offer praise and thanksgiving to God is the visit of Elder Gilbert to our school. He held in all five meetings. Two of these were devoted to the explanation of the Sanctuary Question and the comparison of the earthly with the heavenly Sanctuary; the others, in showing the attitude of the Jews and the Christians toward flesh-eating and Sunday-keeping; the need of both money and workers for the spreading of the Third Angel's Message among the Jews; the spreading of the Passover Supper; and showing how Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us. God is blessing us richly in permitting us to enjoy so many good meetings as we have had the opportunity of attending in the last three weeks, and by giving us so many manifestations of his love and kindness.

HARRIET M. FROST.

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Sabbath begins Dec. 8 at 4:41 P. M.

BROTHER WALTER MOFFETT spent last Sabbath and Sunday at home.

BROTHER JOHN SHULTZ made a short visit with friends in Academia.

ELDER F. C. GILBERT gave several very interesting sermons in the College chapel last week. The attendance was excellent, and the instruction given, highly appreciated.

THE property formerly occupied by Elder M. C. Kirkendall is for sale, and anyone interested should address Elder Smith, the present owner, at Mt. Vernon, O., R. F. D. No. 1.

BROTHER F. E. WAGNER writes, "There is an epidemic of diphtheria in our town and our little daughter Ruth has it. We earnestly request the prayers of our brethren that the Lord will hinder the disease from attacking any other member of the family."

SABBATH morning Dec. 2, the Mt. Vernon church was favored with an address from Elder G. A. Irwin. He based his remarks upon Eccl. 1:9 and 3:15, by which he proved that the same instrumentality that God used in the church in the beginning would be used until the close of time.

He then proved that God can use a human instrument, it matters not how feeble, if consecrated to his service. By this he showed that God still speaks through Mrs. E. G. White.

John was above ninety when he prophesied. Daniel had long passed the zenith of life ere he was given the visions recorded in Dan. 8 and 9.

At 2:30 P. M. he addressed a large and interested audience, and read several very recent testimonies from the Spirit of Prophecy, which warn the elect of future dangers.

All present were edified and strengthened.

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Nov. 24, 1905.)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of Ages: value of orders, \$26.

J. Marion Campell, Mt. Vernon.—Ladies Guide: 8 hours; value of orders, \$16.

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings; value of orders, \$29; helps, \$1.25; total, \$30.25.

R. W. Van Nest, Lucas Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$24.

Fred C. Webster, Circleville.—Bible Readings: 35 hours; value of orders, \$52.75; helps, \$15.50; total, \$68.25.

F. B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: 32 hours; value of orders, \$20; helps, \$1; total, \$21.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$7; deliveries, \$1.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 39 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$9.50; total, \$34.50.

Chas. Dunham, Columbus.—Coming King: 17 hour; value of orders, \$21.

L. R. Williams, Shelby and Auglaize Co's.—Coming King: 28 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$1.25; total, \$25.25.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$16.05.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$12.45.

Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$17.

"LIKE a bad tenant, the devil tried to do as much harm as he could when he got notice to quit."

## OBITUARY.

FELTON.—Died Nov. 5, 1905, at Locust Point, Ohio, Mrs. Sarah Felton, daughter of Brother Nathan Eakeley. She was born Dec. 15, 1864, in Licking Co., Ohio, and was married to William Felton, Feb. 1, 1906. She leaves a husband, father, and two brothers to mourn her loss. She died, after speaking words of encouragement to each of her friends, and believing that she would come forth in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Cor. 1:3, 4, to quite a number of friends who had gathered to perform the last sad rites for the dead.

W. E. BIDWELL.

SWAN.—Our dear Sister Louisa Swan, died at Cleveland, O., Nov. 11, 1905, aged 41 years. She was a faithful Christian wife and mother; faithful in her devotion to the church and to all the trusts that the Lord imposed upon her. She leaves a husband, daughter, and a son, besides many relatives, friends, and neighbors to mourn her death. After words of comfort by the writer, in the midst of a severe storm we laid her to rest in beautiful Lake View Cemetery at Cleveland. The room was packed with beautiful flowers from loved ones and friends. The funeral was at the home, and the house was closely packed in every room and hall way. What a blessed fragrance the life of a pure soul leaves behind to be cherished in the memory of loved ones. The storms will soon pass over, the mists clear away, and then "We'll understand."

D. E. LINDSEY.

WILEY.—Susanna Matilda Wiley, was born June 15, 1832, and died Nov. 4, 1905, aged 73 yrs. 4 months, and 19 days. Sister Wiley joined herself to the Saviour in the year of 1869, and followed all the light which shone upon her pathway, deeming it a great privilege to follow her Saviour in all things, and to be transformed into his image day by day. In the year of '94 or '95, when Elder Lindsey held meetings at Newark, Ohio, she was convinced that she should follow her Divine Lord in keeping the Sabbath, and in harmony with her convictions began to do so at once. She joined the church at Newark, and remained a member of the same until her death. During the last eight months of her life she was a great sufferer, being afflicted with cancer of the stomach. Yet she was patient believing that all things work together for good to them that love God. She submitted to her affliction without a murmur, and always had a kind word for those who came in to comfort her during her illness. Her family witnesses that she was always a loving wife, a tender mother, and a kind neighbor, endeavoring to lead all she met to the way of everlasting life.

She has passed death's chilling billow  
And gone to rest;  
Jesus smoothed her dying pillow,  
O, slumber blessed.  
Sleep, dear mother, kind and tender;  
To friendship true:  
While with feeling hearts we render  
This tribute due.  
When the morn of glory breaking  
Shall light the tomb,  
Beautified will be thy waking  
In fadeless bloom.

The writer was present upon the funeral occasion and spoke comforting words to the sorrowing family and the many friends and neighbors who came to pay their last tribute of respect to one they had learned to love.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.