

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

A CERTAINTY.

O, PASSING strange it seems to me,
That in a world so bright,
So many souls cry, wearily,
"O Father, show us light!"

Strange that so many questions rise
To which no answer's given,
And strange that doubts can ever come
Between a soul and heaven.

But there is one sure thing I know,—
I feel it more and more,—
That human sympathy is sweet
To hearts all shadowed o'er.

The friendly clasping of a hand,
The patient, listening ear,
The kindly glance of eye to eye,
The answering smile or tear.—

That these are gifts beyond all price
Must stand forever true,
And he who gives them to a soul
A noble work doth do.

Then if no gold is thine to give,
Though low thy lot may be,
There is a treasure all may give,—
The gift of sympathy.

—Mary H. Rowland.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

IN keeping with the recommendation passed by the Ohio Conference to share both her laborers and her tithe with the needy fields abroad, we feel impressed to make a general call for volunteers to carry God's closing message to the regions beyond.

If any accredited laborer of this Conference feels called of God to go to a foreign field (I here use the word foreign in an accommodated sense) to labor for the salvation of lost souls and will make his wishes known to the writer I promise to take the matter up at once and present the same to the Conference Committee and the Mission Board for consideration.

For fear of misinterpretation of motive, as an official of the Conference, I do not feel at liberty to solicit laborers for the fields abroad, but would much rather have the request come from the men upon whom God has placed a burden to go. Neither do I think it a good plan for anyone who feels impressed that he is called of God to labor in a distant field to make these impressions of duty known first to the Mission Board;

secure his appointment, and then ask the Conference Committee at home for their approval and financial support. Would it not be a better and a safer way to first counsel with the Conference Committee, the brethren who are best acquainted with the natural ability, disposition, and qualifications of the different laborers of the Conference, and who are, perhaps, best fitted to give wholesome counsel, before taking the first step toward a new and untried field of labor?

Personally I am a lover of order and system in every line of work. I admire it because I see it revealed to perfection wherever the work of God, unmarred by sin, is brought to view. We are also told in Holy Writ that "in the multitude of counselors there is safety."

This principle is recognized by the church, and at every annual session of the Conference an Executive Committee of seven is chosen by the people to have charge of the work, and upon the shoulders of this Committee will inevitably rest the success or failure of the Conference. This being true it is the duty of every member of the Conference to recognize and respect the judgment and counsel of this Committee. To ignore, condemn, or denounce this authority of the Conference, will breed disregard for authority which will soon manifest itself in the local churches and bring in an unhealthy state of affairs.

It often happens that this Committee is in possession of facts that it would not be wise to make public, and that would not be for the best good of individuals who are directly and indirectly concerned to know; so that the reasons for every action of this Committee cannot always be consistently given. And right here and now I want to make an earnest appeal to all brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference to teach both by precept and example, in the home, and in the church, and in the Conference, respect for authority.

If you have had part in placing men and women in responsible positions in the church school, the Sabbath-school, the local church, the Conference, or any other place, stand by these persons, and whenever opportunity presents itself show them by at

least a kind word or pleasant smile that they have your good will and support. Just how much such a course would help to lighten the burdens of others may never be known till revealed by the books in the final judgment.

It may be argued by some however, that if such a course is pursued as is outlined; some would very likely be deprived of the privilege of going to a foreign field. This may be true. But is there not also a shade of reason, to say the least, that it might not always be best for the fields abroad to send every one who has a burden to go. I believe in divine impressions. I believe that God calls men to engage in certain lines of work and in certain fields. I also believe that God will give the Conference Committee impressions of duty as well as individuals. I believe that if God calls a laborer of the Ohio Conference to go to a distant field to engage in labor for lost souls that he can and will make this known to the Conference Committee, that there may be harmony of purpose and uniformity of action in all we do.

So in concluding this call, I desire to say to the laborers of this Conference, if you have impressions of duty to labor for another people and thus help hasten the final triumph of the Message, let the same be made known and every such request shall receive the prompt attention of the Conference Committee.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE WOULD-BE MISSIONARY.

"MISSIONARY timber should be thoroughly tested at home before sent abroad. The sensational and romantic soon wears off, and the missionary is confronted with grave and complicated problems sufficient to test him to the core. The mere enthusiasm often seen in a "rousing" missionary meeting is no proof that the participants therein are equipped for the field. A. T. Pier-son's daughter, a missionary in India, shortly before her death wrote the following weighty words to a prospective missionary, and we commend them to our readers:

'MY DEAR BROTHER: I write words for you to ponder and pray over. Do not go to any foreign field until you know beyond a doubt that God has Himself sent you to that particular field at that particular time. If you marry any mission field in haste, you will repent it at leisure. There is a romance or halo about being a missionary which disappears when you get on the field, I assure you. And, believe me, from the first moment you step upon shipboard upon your way to the field, the devil and all his agents will attack, and entice, and ensnare you, or try to do all these, in order to defeat the purpose for which you cut loose, and launched out. Nothing but the fullness of the Holy Spirit will carry any one through; and if you do not know that you have received this, do not fail to obey the command to tarry until you be endued with power from on high. Believe me, the foreign field is already full enough of prophets that have run, and He did not send them. Because of this, things are in a sad state in India, in the missions themselves.

"If you know beyond a doubt—and you may—that God is empowering and sending you there, and now, go, and fear not; and when, through the days, months, and years of suffering that are sure to be in the cross-bearing life, the question arises again and again, 'Why is this? Am I in God's plan and path?' the rock to which you will hold in this sea of questionings and distresses is, 'God sent me here, I know beyond a doubt; therefore I may go on fearing nothing, for He is responsible, and He alone.'

"But if you have to admit, 'I do not know whether He sent me or not,' you will be thrown into an awful distress of mind by the attacks of the great adversary, not knowing what will be the outcome, and you will find yourself crying out, 'O, that it were time to go home! What a fool to run ahead of the Lord.' Do not think, my brother, that God sends us to the field to sweetly tell the story of Jesus, and that is all. He sends us there to do what Jesus came into this world to do—to bear the cross—but we will be able to trudge on, tho bowed under the weight of that cross of suffering, and even of shame, if our hearts are full of Him, and our eyes are ever looking upon One who is invisible, the One who sent us forth, and therefore will carry us through. Forgive me for writing thus plainly. I pray that this message may shake in you all that can be shaken, and that that which can not be shaken may remain as firm as the Rock of Ages." *Selected.*

PLANS FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK IN OHIO.

The Necessity.

WE must educate the masses regarding true freedom and the possibility of true believers in Christ Jesus losing their liberty by heeding the teachings of the National Reformers.

The causes of reform as taught by these modern scribes has had a wonderful impetus in our State by the election of one of their choice as our next governor. All over the State is heard the cry, "Now we'll fix them." Sunday base ball, Sunday theater, in fact every thing that competes with the Sunday preacher must close up, and stop business.

W. B. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, voiced the sentiment of a majority of religious voters when he said, as noted in the *Springfield Sun*, Nov. 27, 1905, "A new type of Christian citizenship is forging to the front, which will see that all candidates for public office stand right on moral questions."

Last Sunday morning, the Rev. Mr. Shepherd of Pilgrim Chapel, Cincinnati, preached in favor of Sunday laws. After quoting the fourth commandment and denouncing all who broke it by working or going to places of amusements on Sunday, he said, "I trust that Mr. Patterson, our governor elect, will come up to the demands of the law and the honor of God in the early days of the new year, that we may see our State honoring the laws by having them enforced, and that God's name will be glorified in the stand that his people will take on the the Sabbath day amusement question."

In view of the earnestness of the opponents of religious and civil freedom, it behooves the Lord's people to more perfectly organize themselves for active work.

Plan of Organization.

The Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference recommend the following, (which is also endorsed by the president of the Ohio Conference,)—"At the regular election of church officers, a Religious Liberty Secretary, be chosen whose duties shall be to keep posted on movements for and against freedom of conscience in his territory, to keep in correspondence with the State Religious Secretary, and with him plan for aggressive work."

It is also recommended that a Religious Liberty Convention be held in each church during the coming year, time to be determined by correspondence with the State Secretary of this department.

Now, if each church will attend to this matter it will be a double aid. Our people will all become educated on this subject and many honest people will read or hear of the Message.

Please attend to the election of the Secretary and send the name to the Conference office along with the other church officers. C. A. PEDICORD,

Conf. Sec. R. L. Department.
2617 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

WELCOME VISITOR: Fearing lest some might be misled concerning recent occurrences in Cleveland, Ohio, I write the following: A man by the name of Schmidt has been advertising himself in the Cleveland papers as a Seventh-day Adventist Missionary. He has had his picture in the daily papers and some statements as to his faith and purpose. I wish to say that he is in no way connected with us, neither does he represent us. A German who was with us a few months, but is now disfellowshipped, advertised himself in the City Directory as the Pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Cleveland. Such things occur in our large cities and attract attention like a flashing meteor, but should have but a passing notice, while we keep our eyes on the fixed stars of God's bright heaven of hope and light.

PASTOR D. E. LINDSEY.

Columbus.

SABBATH Oct. 21, the Columbus Sabbath-school held their Harvest Ingathering service.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, and grain, and the children with their happy faces, each on the tip-toe of expectancy, for beside their offerings, they had something to do, and say for Jesus. It was a glad sight, and caused one to feel it was good to be among them.

The program consisted of songs and recitations appropriate for the occasion, and as praise and thanksgiving ascended to him from whom all blessings flow, hearts were touched, and strong was the appeal to strive more earnestly, to teach the little ones the importance of saving and bringing their offerings to help in the great Harvest Ingathering of souls.

These meetings are important and they are a blessing to young and old. May the bountiful Giver impress our hearts at these annual feasts, with the spirit of watchfulness, to train the children to give the Message.

The donations from the entire school at this time amounted to \$45.40.

ADDIE HURSEY.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

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

WHAT THE HISTORY CLASSES ARE DOING.

U. S. HISTORY.—The Civil War has been the subject of study during the past few days. A most valuable lesson has been learned from Lincoln's all-absorbing desire to preserve the Union, slavery being with him a secondary matter.

If unity is essential to the prosperity of a nation, surely it is doubly important that the people of God should be bound together with cords that cannot be broken. Position or no position, honor or dishonor, and ever other consideration, should be subordinate to the one great object of spreading the truth for this time, which can be accomplished only by a united company of workers.

HISTORY I.—The class in general history is at the present studying the wars between Rome and Carthage, known as the Punic Wars. Though we cannot approve of these terrible combats for worldly fame or worldly position, still we must admire the perseverance of both Romans and Carthaginians in the face of the most crushing defeats, in what they doubtless considered a worthy cause. Let us be as industrious and persevering in the far greater warfare in which we are engaged, and the victory will soon be ours.

HISTORY II.—After completing the study of "Sayce's Ancient Empires of the East," and taking a very brief survey of all the ancient nations, this class has begun the study of Grecian history,—the history of that people who gave to the world so much in the line of culture, art, and philosophy.

HISTORY III.—The subject of study for some time past has been The Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation, founded by Otto I, of Germany, who was crowned emperor A. D. 962.

Most prominent in this study is the relation existing between the Empire and the Papacy, and the changes which were preparing the way for the German Empire of to-day.

HISTORY IV, OR ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.—In the struggles between the German Emperors and the Popes during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, the corruption of the Papacy is so evident that none can fail to see it. Christianity had fallen in the dust and was being trampled under foot. Honest people seeking for truth and righteousness turned

away in disgust. Intelligent, broad-minded, far-seeing emperors recognized in the Pope that great red dragon who had seduced the whole world.

While we look back to those times and feel that we are justified in criticizing the representative of the church, let us not forget that there is something else for us to do. We are all in constant danger of misrepresenting Christ. By prayer and watchfulness we may keep so near to the Saviour that the beauty of his character and the power of salvation from sin will be manifested in our lives, and will gladden the hearts of many who are longing for light and for relief from the burden of sin.

B. E. CRAWFORD.

THE BIBLE WORK.

THE students of Mt. Vernon College have every reason to thank the kind Providence that has brought them to this place to study and to prepare themselves for usefulness in God's work.

When we look at the motto on the front of our chapel,—“They shall all be taught of God,”—and realize that this is the purpose for which this school has been established, then we cannot but see that this motto is being carried out. When we go to the Bible classes and see that they are the largest by far of all classes in the school, we see God's divine guidance and spirit, which is drawing young men and women to him for a fitness for work in the broad harvest field.

When we study the book of Daniel and learn the lessons that this book contains for us, we can realize in a marked degree that we are watchmen, called for a special work.

We know that this book must have been studied and read by many people before our time, but inasmuch as it was written for those who should live in the last days, and that only then the wise would understand, we know that they who read it aforetime did not understand and interpret it correctly. We believe that we have the correct interpretation of this book, and this gives us a great responsibility. This book should be studied more by our people; for in it we find lessons which teach us every point of doctrine that we hold. I have been greatly benefited by this study. It strengthens our faith to know that if we, like Daniel, are true to our sense of duty, true to our God, and true to the trust God has left us, it will be said of us, as of Daniel, “He shall not be moved, because he believed in his God.”

Daniel was to be an example to us to the end of time, and as we learn in the Bible class some of the ways in which he is to be our example, we realize that God's spirit is teaching us ways of truth and righteousness.

May we be Daniels, true and firm for principle, and true to the trust God has left us.

S. L. FROST.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

DECEMBER 6 was the birthday of Mrs. A. E. Shepherd, our preceptress, and the students planned a complete surprise upon her.

The chapel was nicely arranged for the occasion. At three o'clock the students assembled, and Mrs. Shepherd was ushered in by Prof. Lawrence.

A short program was opened with an address by Prof. Rees, and music and recitations were enjoyed. At the close Mrs. Shepherd made a very touching talk, expressing her interest in the students, and relating some of her earlier experiences.

All departed hoping she may have many more happy birthdays, and feeling thankful we have with us one who is such an aid in the character building of the youth of our day. A token of remembrance, a beautiful four-paper screen, was presented to her.

MAYBELLE KLOPFENSTEIN.

BROTHER and Sister Perrine, of Wellsville, have moved to Academia.

MISS PIEPER was called home suddenly, Sunday, Dec. 10, by the illness of her mother.

THE first reading for the week of prayer was read Sabbath morning by Mr. Claude White. It was indeed a fitting subject to begin the week. The soon coming of our Saviour is a theme which never grows old.

WE are pleased to have with us again for a few days, Brother Ned Ashton and wife, who have been laboring in tent work at Washington, Pennsylvania. The Lord has richly blessed them in their work, and they have seen results of their labors.

THE Library Fund has received a very acceptable and handsome present in the form of a complete set of Dr. Kellogg's medical books in Library binding. The gift came from the Modern Medicine Publishing Co. The Lord's hand is still blessing in this undertaking.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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

We regret that the *Welcome Visitor* is
not large enough to contain all the
good things we had for this week.
Look for them next week.

THE article entitled "The Would be
Missionary," with Editor's introduc-
tion, is copied verbatim from the *Signs
of the Times*. We trust that prayer
and earnest consideration will attend
the reading of these articles.

AN EXPLANATION.

SEVERAL letters from as many dif-
ferent persons have come to my desk
the past week inquiring about one
Lorenzo Schmidt who styles himself
a Seventh-day Adventist Missionary.
From reports that appeared in the
Cleveland daily papers he made his
advent to that city on Nov. 24, 1905 to
open a mission and conduct gospel
services for Seventh-day Adventists.

The Cleveland Leader says "He has
made an extensive tour of the country
and has become widely known for his
strange teachings." This of itself, if
true, is positive proof that he is not a
Seventh-day Adventist, for the doc-
trines which they teach are as old as
the Bible itself. It is also a boasted
characteristic of this people, and one
too quite generally recognized by the
public, that every point of faith for
which they contend, a plain thus saith
the Lord can be produced from the in-
spired word.

The height and weight of Adam and
Eve are some of the "strange" things
taught by this Missionary. Adventists
have never advocated anything of the
kind, neither do they have any sym-
pathy with nor part in any such teach-
ings. Personally I have no acquaint-
ance with him and do not know from
whence he came or whether he is going.
One thing I do know, however, that he
holds no commission from the Ohio

Conference to engage in labor of any
kind. Moreover the Adventist people
are in no way responsible for the ac-
tions or teachings of this man.

It is not at all suprising that teach-
ers of this sort should put in their ap-
pearance to divert the attention of
true believers from the essential fea-
tures of our Message and bring upon it
the ridicule and dislike of unbelievers.
Paul says "For such are false apos-
tles, deceitful workers, transforming
themselves into the Apostles of Christ.
And no marvel; for Satan himself is
transformed into an angel of light.
Therefore it is no great thing if his min-
isters also be transformed as the minis-
ters of righteousness; whose end shall be
according to their works." 2 Cor. 11:13-
15.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

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The subscription of Emma B. Rich-
ardson in last issue, should read fifty
cents instead of twenty cents as pub-
lished.

C. V. HAMER.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Dec. 1, 1905.)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of
Ages: 4½ hours; value of orders,
\$14.75.

E. D. Bates, Wayne Co.—Great
Controversy: 15 hours; value of or-
ders, \$9.

Irvine B. Fifield, Medina Co.—
Bible Readings: 13 hours; value of
orders, \$1.

Fred C. Webster, Citeleville.—Bible
Readings: 30 hours; value of orders,
\$43.50; helps, \$9.75; total, \$53.25.

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible
Readings; value of orders, \$31.50;
helps, \$9.25; total, \$40.75.

F. B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible
Readings: 9 hours; value of orders,
\$8.

J. A. Parker, Clyde.—Heralds of the
Morning and Best Stories: value of
orders, \$27.50.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Com-
ing King: 23 hours; value of orders,
\$19; helps, \$2.25; total, \$21.25.

Abi Lumberd, Delaware.—Miscel-
laneous: 10 hours; value of orders,
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OBITUARY.

SWEET.—George W. Sweet was born at
Houseville, New York, Oct. 27, 1827, and died
at Darrowville, O., Nov. 27, 1905 aged 78 years
and one month. During the last years of his
life he was a great sufferer but was very
patient, his example being worthy of imitation.
Although he had never united with the Ad-
ventist church he fully accepted all points of
present truth before he died and we expect
to meet him at the first resurrection, free
from the disease and corruption of this sin
cursed earth. Besides a wife he leaves one
son and two daughters who mourn the loss of
a kind and affectionate father. Words of
comfort were chosen from Ps. 90 and 91 also
Micah 6:8.

RUTH C. SWEET.

HORNER.—Russell Thomas Horner was born
in Waterburg, Vt., Feb. 12, 1831, and died Nov.
13, 1905. When but three years of age he re-
moved with his parents to Milan, O., where
several years of his childhood were spent, his
father moving to East Townsend, O., a few
years later, where the deceased grew to man-
hood, and where he lived until his removal to
Hartland Center, O. On March 2, 1856, he
was united in marriage to Jane Augusta Ar-
thur, and the first eight years of his wedded
life were spent in Townsend. In 1864 they re-
moved to Hartland where two children were
born to them. Mr. Horner was a man of in-
tegrity, and upright character, and he leaves
to mourn his death, besides the son and daugh-
ter many relatives and friends. Some two
years ago the writer preached his wife's fu-
neral, she having been a member of the Sev-
enth-day Adventist church. How cruel the
hand of death! He has no respect for age or
youth; but how glorious the hope of immor-
tality, and how comforting the promises of the
Saviour and the hope of the gospel.

D. E. LINDSEY.