

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### ALONE.

"ALONE with God!" the key-note this  
Of every holy life,  
The secret power of fragrant growth,  
And victory over strife.

"Alone with God!" in private prayer  
And quietness we feel  
That He draws near our waiting souls  
And does Himself reveal.

"Alone with God!" earth's laurels fade,  
Ambition tempts not there;  
The world and self are judged aright,  
And no false colors wear.

"Alone with God!" true knowledge gained,  
While sitting at his feet:  
We learn life's greatest lessons there,  
Which make for service meet.

—*Pacific Union Recorder.*

### THE NEED OF POWER.

A RELIGION void of this element is useless. The Saviour recognized this fact when he said, "Without me ye can do nothing." John. 15: 5. Paul states the same thing in this way: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Phil. 4: 13. It is Christ's desire to dwell in the hearts of all his people for it is written, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." Eph. 3: 17. This he does by his representative, the Holy Spirit. We find great emphasis placed upon this subject by the Saviour in telling the early disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. Luke 24: 49. In Acts 1: 8 we read these words; "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

After the baptism of the Holy Ghost as recorded in the second chapter of Acts, the disciples were ready to go to all the world with the message of salvation, securing the attention of the people and successfully prosecuting their work in the face of every opposing agency that Satan could array against them. Not only so but he had been at work for centuries to bring about at this time conditions as unfavorable as possible. In this he

was successful as is clearly shown by both sacred and profane history.

The Roman Kingdom at this time ruled the world, and the government was diametrically opposed to this new religion as will be seen by reading a portion of their law.

"Worship the gods in all respects according to the laws of your country, and compel all others to do the same. But hate and punish those who would introduce anything whatever alien to our customs in this particular. Whoever introduces new religions, the tendency and character of which are unknown, whereby the minds of men may be disturbed, shall, if belonging to the higher rank, be banished; if to lower, punished with death."—Nehander's Church History Vol. 1, p. 86.

Notwithstanding the fact that this government had already put to death the author of this new religion, the Lord himself. Yet in spite of all this opposition wherever the disciples preached the gospel of the kingdom of God, converts were made, churches established, and the cause gathered strength daily. It has been clearly demonstrated that no power can withstand the proclamation of the of the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1: 16.

With these facts before us, what is the only conclusion we can draw from the present demand of many religious teachers to secure governmental favors to give power to their teachings? Men who really know the saving power of God will never ask for any other power than that embraced in the gospel itself. The early disciples following the instruction and example of their Lord preached the Word in the power of God and were perfectly satisfied with this and in no way sought to enforce their doctrine on the consciences of men. And never in the history of the world did greater success follow the preaching of the gospel than in their day.

What is the trouble now? Why is there so little manifestation of the power that once accompanied the preaching of the Word? The trouble cannot be with the gospel for that is just the same; it never changes. The trouble then must be with men for they

do change. Instead of searching their own hearts to find out where they are out of harmony with God; why he withholds his power from them, they are diligently seeking for civil power; a virtual acknowledgment that they have lost the power of the gospel and are not in a condition to be trusted by God with it. In other words men are anxious for power which they can use, instead of yielding themselves to be used by him with power.

The only power that will make the preaching of the gospel effective is the power of God.

To cloth the gospel of Christ with the civil power would rob it of its dignity, destroy the respect of the people for it and their confidence in it. It would be as Paul declares a form without the power from which he advises the people to turn away.

Now in view of all that is taking place before our eyes today, what is the duty of every true Seventh-day Adventist? While men of influence are meeting to discuss plans of church confederation and how to compel this government to commit itself to religious legislation; what are we doing brethren and sisters, to stem this tide; to warn the people of their dangers, and of the evils that will surely follow such a course. Are you reading the reports of the Inter-church Conference, recently held in New York City? Elder A. T. Jones attended this meeting and is furnishing the readers of the *Signs of the Times* with a full report. No Seventh-day Adventist can afford to miss reading these articles; and not a single Adventist family should fail to send the eight or ten issues of this paper containing this report, to some other family who would probably be benefited thereby. These papers will be sent to anyone for twenty-five cents. *Now is the time to spring into action.*

May the Lord grant that with the sacred responsibility of defending the right both in civil and religious affairs, we manifest at least as much zeal and enthusiasm in our work as those on the wrong side of this great issue.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Alliance.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I am so glad I can say that the week of prayer was good. The Lord was with us, and blessed the readings to our good. Sister Talmage was with us the latter part of the week, and her visit inspired us with new courage and hope in the soon coming of the Saviour. Our prayer is that we, one and all, will be ready when the Master comes.

Yours in the work,

MRS. RACHEL RICE.

Powell.

WELCOME VISITOR: It has been some time since we have contributed to the column containing the field notes. But in this work things are not always as they first appear. So frequently we report early in our meetings, but how differently the report would read, were the facts given, if given, about the time we leave, so now as I am contemplating, to leave and take up labor elsewhere in the State, desire to give to my brethren, the facts at this time of what God hath wrought at Powell.

Elder F. E. Gibson and I came here from a camp-meeting held at Mansfield, O., beginning our tent meetings Sept. 1. Our tent was well filled all the time. Permitted to say right here we had one of the small tents, but before long a larger tent would have realized its severe treatment.

At the conclusion of the tent season we secured the free use of a suitable hall to carry on the work. This we are still using. At one time eight jewels for the Master were baptized in the Scioto River and on Nov. 11, three more followed their Saviour, and expressed their faith in his power to resurrect them at his coming.

On the above date Elder Burkholder organized a church of thirteen members. Sister Gordon could not be present on account of the illness of her little boy. Since that time eight more are keeping the Sabbath, and awaiting baptism.

We have purchased a lot, upon which to erect a church, and have it paid for. The deed is recorded. Brother Gibson and I have been to the woods and cut the logs for the building. A church will be erected early in the spring. I might say all these are new members, with the exception of one who was reclaimed. Besides these Sister Fogle took her stand and is observing the Sabbath, but we advised her to unite with Columbus on account of being more convenient.

Now, as I am called to another part of the vineyard to labor, it is with a deep sense of regret that good bye must be said to these brethren.

J. O. MILLER.

Trinway.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: The week of prayer which is now in the past has proven a source of great encouragement to my heart, and I rejoice as I see the many evidences that the Day of the Lord is near at hand. Apostate Protestantism is rapidly preparing to form a complete "image of the beast" and events are rapidly developing for the expulsion of the Turk from Europe, which will be followed by the awful "time of trouble."

I have met with the four companies in this section during the week of prayer season. And the believers at Coshocton, Trinway, Dresden, and Pleasant Hill had a real spiritual feast together as we prayed, and praised, and sang praises to the Lord and read the excellent readings in the *Review*. We feel like continuing to make every week a week of prayer and our hearts are impressed with the thought that we must not only pray, but we must "watch" and "work."

We have secured forty sets of the *Special Signs of the Times* with which to do some missionary work, and are contemplating ordering some of the *Signs* which contain the eight reports of the Inter-church Conference on Federation held in New York City last month. These reports are written by Elder A. T. Jones who was present at the Conference. This is the strongest monument that has yet been made toward developing the "Image to the Beast."

May the dear Lord help his people to awake now, and work before the night cometh when no man can work.

B. L. HOUSE.

Chillicothe and Wheelersburg.

It was my privilege to spend the first half of the week of prayer with the church at Chillicothe. The services were held at the home of Brother Downing. The meetings were quite well attended. It proved to be a source of encouragement to all. We were encouraged by seeing the interest taken by our young people in the Message for this time. On Sunday afternoon they held the service that had been outlined for them, carrying out the program in full. Some of the papers will be sent to Mount Vernon for publication.

The latter half of the week was spent with the home church. The meetings were well attended. All

bore testimonies of courage and faith in the closing Message. The spirit of brotherly love and harmony that prevailed made it good to be there. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

R. R. KENNEDY.

Mansfield, Corsica.

IN harmony with the request of the Conference Committee, I visited the company at Mansfield and the Corsica church during the week of prayer.

At Mansfield there are a few new Sabbath-keepers as the result of the camp-meeting and tent effort of last fall. These are all of good courage and anxious to have more work done, and a church organized.

There is considerable interest on the part of many in the city to learn more of the Third Angel's Message and it seems advisable that a worker be located there for a time, therefore it has been decided for me to take up the work and I expect to locate there us soon after the first of January as possible.

The few meetings which I was privileged to hold with this little company were very pleasant and profitable, and they gave us rich blessings.

At Corsica, I found the brethren and sisters in excellent courage and our meetings together were of great profit to all. Good interest in the meeting was shown by those not of our faith and the attendance increased until the end. The Lord gave freedom in the presentation of the truths for the times and carried the Word with conviction to the hearts of the listeners. Arrangements are being made to hold meetings there periodically and thus develop the interest awakened.

The Servant of the Lord has told us that there are many who have heard the Message in the past and have been convinced of its truth, but who have never taken their stand for it; that will do so when they see the closing evidences of the end; and I believe that the time is here, for surely the events that are occurring daily are unmistakable presages of the soon coming Saviour.

The Corsica church is one of the oldest in the State and the people of the community have heard the truth preached for years and many have believed. May we not expect that many such will yet take their stand for it?

My own courage in the Lord's work is good and I am grateful for the privilege of working with Him for the salvation of souls.

KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

1906.

A HAPPY New Year!

GENUINE happiness is the fruit of true service.

"SAVED to serve" is a fact to be appreciated as well as to be sung.

NEVER in all times was there greater need to appreciate salvation, nor greater incentives for proclaiming it.

OURS is the climax of ages, and to our young people is given the opportunity of bearing the wonderful part in completing God's wonderful plan for man's wonderful redemption.

EVEN "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled," "and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

IT is no time now for our young people to be yoking up with the world, or parleying with the lusts of the natural heart. God calls to-day for whole-hearted service; for a resolute turning away from the follies of sin; for a sturdy manhood and womanhood that can endure hardness as good soldiers; for volunteers who will carry the Third Angel's Message quickly to all the world.

The Mount Vernon College is designed of God as a recruiting station for this very work; and while some, even here, fall from their own steadfastness, the friends and supporters of this institution may justly take courage from the faithful service of the many sent out from this school. Besides the earnest workers in all departments of the home field, we count as "Our Missionaries," Professor F. W. Field and family, pioneering the work in Japan; Professor W. H. Wakeham and family, pioneering the work in Egypt and Palestine; Dr. Harry Miller, pioneering the work in Central China; Brother Heber Votaw and wife, pioneering the work in Burma; Sister Della Burroway, pioneering her way to the hearts of the women of India. We have come to regard the work of Lim Kia Pan in Korea as in quite a measure belonging to us, and the visit of Brother Anderson to our school last year has linked us very closely to the work in Central Africa. But the end is not yet. Brother Harry Benson, for the present connected with the Beechwood Manual Training Academy of Indiana, is looking toward Japan as his future field of labor; Brother Walter Moffett has volunteered for China; Brother Fred Thorn-

ton said, "Africa shall have the Message; and Professor H. S. Miller, now a member of the College Faculty, has expressed a willingness to minister to the great need of either Africa or China.

Thus the great purpose of the Master is being worked out, and his agencies prepared for the final "Loud Cry" that is to lighten all the world, and "finish the work." Shall we who have supported this work so long and well, hesitate for even a moment now as it is about to triumph? Shall we say that "Our School" is not a paying investment, that it costs too much to maintain our sons and daughters within its influence?—No! A thousand times no! The day is nigh when many parents would gladly give all their earthly possessions for even a son or a daughter faithfully representing the truth in some dark corner of this wicked world. Let none procrastinate in matters of duty. The king's business requireth haste. Let us all so fill the precious hours of 1906 with earnest, faithful service for God and our fellowmen that it shall prove a Happy New Year to us throughout eternity.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

### FROM "OUR MISSIONARY."

Shang Tsai Hsien, Honan, China.  
Nov. 5, 1905.

TO THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF MT. VERNON COLLEGE: It is just two years to the day since we reached the center of this densely populated empire, which has an average of from 300 to 800 people to the square mile, and a total population of 426,000,000. You may wonder how the people are located when so densely populated. In the country there are no isolated houses as in America, but the people all live in little villages of from 20 to 100 families in each village. As a rule most of the people in each village are relatives, and the village is known by a family name, as nearly all are descendants from a common ancestor.

One principal reason for this collecting together is for protection from robbers, as China is filled with this class. The government does not afford much protection from this class of people, so that in each little hamlet are to be seen spears on the end of long bamboo poles, which of course would not be much protection against robbers armed with modern firearms. Sometimes one village gets into a quarrel with another village over some slight affair; and they will all go out with their poles and spears, and do a great deal of yelling and threatening, but I have not known of any

one receiving an injury in any of these battles.

But in the country which is so densely populated, where the production is barely sufficient to support the population, it is only to be expected that there should be a great many quarrels and fights. The Chinese word for getting mad is "seng chi," which translated means raising the wind; and as a rule there is more wind to it than anything else.

Each village has a little organization of its own, and some one must be considered the head, which Arthur Smith has termed "the village Boss." There is no such thing as equality in China; every man is either a little higher or lower than some other man. If a new man moves into one of these villages he finds his place in the rank; the ones higher than he must be submitted to, and the ones lower he can boss. The process of finding his place is a trying one, as he does not wish to be too low in the scale, and if he does not go down to the bottom it is because he has ability to fight, and a "duick mout," as the Chinese call it.

They all prepare their food together, and when it is hot, not cooked, each takes a bowl and helps himself, usually standing or squatting while eating. The food in this region is about the same the year around, being principally a soup made of flour containing noodles. Very little rice is eaten in this province and the other northern provinces. Wheat is the staple product. The fuel is cane stalks, wheat straw, and wood. At this time of year the women and children are busy raking over the ground gathering all loose straws; the green grasses along the roads are pulled up by the roots and allowed to dry and used for fuel, so that there is not a straw or blade left to tell which way the wind blows.

The country is alive with parasites which we in the States term beggars. They have every conceivable way known of imploring help. Some of them will make a pair of spectacles out of cane stalks, and stand in front of a merchant's store and discuss this man's business to the public, telling the price of his articles and asking the people to buy. As the merchant can not do any business with such an advertiser, he will give him a few cash to leave. Others will draw a knife on themselves and make threats of suicide. And as some have committed suicide, the people are afraid that he might if they do not give him a few cash. Should he commit suicide in front of their place of business, they could not do any business for a long time afterwards, as the people are superstitious. H. W. MILLER.

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Sabbath begins Jan. 5 at 4:44 P. M.

MISS MARY HUBBELL writes that she expects to re-enter the canvassing work soon.

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

AFTER Jan. 1, the address of Brother Kenneth R. Haughey will be Mansfield, Ohio., Lock Box 333.

TREATMENT rooms are to be opened by A. Frank Shultz and Wilson C. Babcock, at Clyde, in the near future.

A NEW church school is to be organized by Brother J. E. Shultz at Walnut Grove Jan. 2, 1906. Miss Bertha Laughlin will be the teacher.

MISS CHRISTINE R. SWEET, who was called from her school work in Hamler, to attend the funeral of her father, has returned and resumed her work.

JAMES E. SHULTZ, Educational Superintendent, and Carl Weeks, Field Secretary, are planning to attend the District Meetings during January and February.

IN a letter just received from Sister Cora Gibson, we learn that her health is slowly improving. She is now able to do light housework and is assisting in caring for her sick mother.

WE are glad to report that Brother Newton Donnelly who has undergone a very critical operation at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, is now sufficiently recovered to return home.

BLANKS for the Sabbath-school Quarterly Reports have been sent to all the secretaries. We trust that all will be prompt in filling them out and returning them to the office.

MISS ELLA TALMAGE made the office a pleasant call last week. Sister Talmage has been taking a much needed rest at the old homestead. Her address at present is Mt. Gilead; O., R. F. D. No. 4.

THUS far this has been a most encouraging year for church schools. The average attendance has been better than ever before. All our self sacrificing teachers are laboring earnestly to make the work a success.

BROTHER N. S. MILLER's mother and brother have reached their destination in California. They write that ripe tomatoes were part of their Christmas menu and that flowers were in full bloom. Geraniums were as tall as small trees.

THE meeting for District No. 4, will be held at Clyde, February 2-5. We trust that the brethren residing in this District will begin immediately to plan to be present with their families. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at this feast of good things.

OUR present membership of the State Home Department is sixty-three. We are much encouraged with the steady growth of this department. If there are those who are unable to attend Sabbath-school regularly who are not members of this department, you will confer a favor upon the Educational Superintendent by sending the list of names with addresses.

## CHURCH CLERK'S NOTICE.

PLEASE send in the information desired for the General Conference Statistical Secretary for the year 1905, as soon as possible.

OHIO CONFERENCE S. D. A.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

ARRANGMENTS have been made to hold two general meetings in Dist. No. 5. The first will be held at Lima, beginning Friday evening Jan. 5, and closing Sunday evening Jan. 7. This meeting will be for the encouragement of the churches at Lima, Dunkirk, Bellefountain, Kenton, West Mansfield, Sidney, Piqua, and Laura.

The second meeting will be held at Elgin beginning Friday evening Jan. 12, and closing Sunday evening Jan. 14, and will be for the encouragement of the churches at Elgin, Walnut Grove, Mendon, Van Wert, and Ohio City.

We are anxious that these meetings result in much good to all these churches, and trust that they may be well represented.

The above arrangement is not to do away with the freedom of choice, but to suggest which place may be the most convenient. A cordial invitation is given to attend both if you can.

We expect the Conference to send us laborers representing the different

lines of work, and believe that with the blessing of the Lord these meetings will encourage us all to greater activity in the work.

Those going to Lima will go to Brother E. E. Mackin's Turkish Bath Rooms, Norval Block. Those going via railway to Elgin, will go over the Erie.

A. C. SHANNON.

## A PROMISE OF GOOD THINGS.

WITH the New Year two valuable series of articles are begun in the *Sabbath School Worker*. Teachers of children everywhere will greatly appreciate "In the Kindergarden" which is the first of a series of six papers by Mrs. Alice M. Bourdeau, a Kindergarden teacher of experience. She promises two articles on opening exercises, verses, marching, etc., and three on illustrations. No teacher of children can afford to miss these.

The other series is in the Home and School department. "Criticism in the Home," by Elder G. B. Thompson, strikes at the very root of the evil which has done more to weaken the power of the church and Sabbath-school than any other one thing. This subject will be continued through several numbers of the *Worker*. It should be not only read but studied in every home.

Superintendents, will you not make a special effort to add the names of parents as well as teachers to your *Worker* club list? The *Worker* in the home may be the means of bringing about such a spirit of co-operation between officers, teachers, and parents that many of the youth who are now out of the ark of safety may be gathered in.

It only costs 35 cents for single copy; 2 or more copies to one address, 25 cents each per year. Order of the State Tract Society.

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Dec. 22, 1905.)

Paul Stokes\*, Columbus.—Desire of Ages: 1 hour; value of orders, \$7; deliveries, \$55.50.

Chas. Dunham, Columbus.—Coming King and Great Controversy: 12 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; deliveries, \$11.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 31 hours; deliveries, \$85.50.

Abi Lumberd\*, Delaware.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$14.25.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries \$308.50.

F. B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$87.20.

\*For week ending Dec. 15.