

# THE Welcome Visitor

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### THE PARENT'S PRAYER.

LORD we long, as faithful mothers  
Longed in ancient Israel's day,  
To instruct our precious children  
In the true and narrow way.  
All around us there is danger  
Creeping in on every side;  
How we need the keeping power  
Of the true and faithful Guide.

As we watch their youthful footsteps,  
Give us patience till they learn  
By example and right teaching  
Every evil way to spurn.  
Help us make the home so happy.  
Tho we may be poor on earth,  
That their lives may be the brighter,  
Learning lessons of true worth.

Turn our hearts unto our children,  
Turn their hearts to us we pray:  
That together we may serve Thee,  
Drawing nearer day by day  
To the Pattern of Perfection.  
Holy, pure and free from sin;  
So when heavenly gates are opened,  
We with them may enter in.

—Selected by Mrs. Albert L. Gibson.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

[THE following letter was written by a local Elder of one of the largest and most active churches in the Conference. I herewith give the readers of the VISITOR the benefit of its contents. H. H. B.]

\_\_\_\_\_, Ohio.

Jan. 4, 1906.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER,  
BELLVILLE, OHIO.

DEAR BROTHER: I would like to ask you a question and that is this: Do you think that it is right and proper for a minister of the gospel to visit a church and teach its members by both precept and example to disregard the health reform principles, especially where the local Elder has for years tried to bring his people to regard them? I told a minister not long since that I could labor for a whole year to bring up our people on the health principles and that a minister of the gospel who disregarded them could in one visit defeat all that I had accomplished in the year.

Now, I would make this request of you, Brother Burkholder, please do not send any more meat-eating preach-

ers here. Please let me carry on the work alone, or else send some one whose example will not cause a straight cut division in the church on the health principles. I do not believe in being fanatical on these lines but I do believe that God has given us the light on health reform to be obeyed. I find the following statement in an unpublished testimony given in Nov. 1896. "The Lord does not give light on health reform that it may be disregarded by those who are in positions of influence and authority. The Lord means just what he says and he is to be honored in what he says."

Then again in vol. III, p 161. "To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it is the work that accompanies the Third Angel's Message to prepare for the coming of the Lord."

In vol. 6 p. 370. "Healthful living must be made a family matter."

Now how can one teach his people to regard these principles as a family matter if one who is in a position of influence goes from family to family and by his example and deliberate teaching influences them to disregard them.

Please turn to page 376 in Testimonies vol. 6, and read again, "Ministers to teach health reform." And then again on page 378 beginning with the first paragraph. This states that no man should be set apart as a teacher of the people while his own example is not in harmony with the light God has given in regard to diet. Such a one is not fit to stand as the Lord's messenger.

Brother Burkholder I did not like to write you these things, but I think that if we ever expect our people to adopt the health principles our ministers will have to set the example.

Now instead of sending meat-eating preachers here, if there is no other place for them send them to the Fiji Island. I have no feelings in this matter towards any one, but I don't take kindly to any one coming here and teaching this people to disregard light when I have tried my best to set the true principles before my people. Yours for the whole truth,

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Cleveland.

THE members of the Young People's Society of Cleveland, have had a renewed interest the past few months, and while I do not intend to attempt an account of what has been done, yet I would like you to know that we are alive and working.

We have received into the treasury since Oct. 1, 1905, \$20.18 by collections, selling of books and papers, and special donations. Fifty-nine copies of the Bible Training School have, thus far, been sold, and some are still to be sold, while some have been sold and not reported as yet.

I am not able to give the exact number of tracts distributed, but a few of the members who are able to do so go out every Saturday evening for this purpose. I have been informed of over four hundred that have been so disposed of. A number of the young people have ordered copies of Elder Gilbert's book, "Practical Lessons", the profits on the sale of which are to be applied on the local church debt.

Money from the treasury has been used to purchase wearing apparel for two needy young women, and flowers were bought for the funeral of the mother of one of our members. Flowers and fruit have also been sent to sick members and visits made to sick people who were not members, and hours spent in reading to them. It would take more time and space than I can give it to report in detail all that has been done.

We have been much interested in securing and having in readiness the pledge we have made towards the support of Lim Ki Pan, and would like very much to hear something occasionally as to his work and welfare.

The young people took charge of the Sabbath services Dec. 2, and the prescribed program was followed as nearly as possible. The meeting opened by singing, and short prayers by four of the older members. The offering taken, amounted to \$3.78. The leader, Sister Gertrude Numbers, explained briefly some of the work done by the society and stated that the collection would go to help their cause. After the business of the

church had been transacted and announcements made, a letter from Sister Flora Plummer, in reference to the young people's work, was read. A short study from the "Testimonies" on the young people's question was given; the leader asking the questions and the answers being given by the members individually. A short time was given to testimonies on the work for and among the young people. A goodly number responded promptly, and much help and encouragement was given and received. The letter written to the young people by Brother Shultz, reminding them of the plans for work laid at the last convention, and the obligations taken, and admonishing them to greater activity, was read by Dr. Venen.

Brother Cobb, of the Lancaster society, was present and gave a talk on definite lines of work, and *definitely doing the work* when the lines are laid out. Florence Hull read a paper on, "The Young People's Relation to the Sabbath-school." After the leader had given a cordial invitation to the older members of the church to visit the society at any time and encourage the young people by their presence and advice, the consecration hymn, "I'll go where you want me to go," was sung and Elder Edgerton dismissed with a short prayer.

M. FLORENCE HULL, Secy.

#### PLANS FOR FOREIGN WORK.

"The work that centuries might have done  
Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

THE work here mentioned is the spreading of The Third Angel's Message. While the work at home is being done, let us look across the blue waters of the seas and plan how we can do something for our brethren in the darkness and superstition of heathenism.

The question arises in our minds how can we help them. Surely it is not by sitting down and not doing all that is in our power to do. We must think and plan as to what we can do, and then *do it*.

First, we must go to the Lord in prayer and ask him to guide and strengthen us. Second, we must do what our hands find to do. It may only be some small thing in our sight, but nevertheless it may help some missionary in the distant lands. It will also strengthen us for something greater. We may never go to any foreign land, but we can help others to go. Our nickels and dimes, with our earnest prayers, may help some poor soul to hear the present truth and be saved in the earth made new.

While the young people at this place, are few in numbers, yet we can plan to give so much a month for the help of missionaries in the distant fields. I know we all want to do something, so let us work and plan to do more for the foreign work in the future than we have in the past. If we can only pray for the foreign work, it will be of some benefit. One of the definite prayers that the Master gave us was, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Prayer is the power upon which the progress of the Message to earth's remotest bounds depends. If we make God's work first we shall be wise. We will save money which would be spent for our own selfish purposes. While we cannot all go into foreign fields, we can give our lives just as definitely to mission work. We must help to share the burdens of those that are at the front.

Before this Message closes many young people will be in the foreign fields proclaiming "this gospel of the kingdom." Are we to sit down and do nothing until that time comes? No! We are to embrace every opportunity to prepare for better service. If we are faithful in the least, God will ~~enthusiasm with~~ greater opportunities; and then the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will come to claim the faithful ones. I hope, and it is my prayer, that all the young people at this place may be among the faithful few.

CLODA FRANKLIN.

This paper was read at the Chillicothe Sabbath-school Convention.—Ed.

## REPORTS.

Laura.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: We are glad to report good news to the brethren and sisters throughout the field. As this was D. M. Canright's old battle ground you will at once recognize the fact that it is a hard field to work; and it is recognized by those of our ministers who have visited and labored here as the hardest field in the State of Ohio. But after all the opposition and hard fighting, we are glad to report that one dear soul has been rescued by the power of God; the very soul that entertained Canright when here. We feel that this is equal to ten souls in a new field.

On November 1, Elder E. J. VanHorn came here and began some meetings. As Brother VanHorn opened up the Message to us in a new setting with the use of his new charts on the "sermon on the mount" many came to

hear and as a result we had one of the nicest baptisms that we have witnessed for some time, Sabbath Dec. 23. Other souls will soon follow, at least we trust so, as seven other souls are deeply interested.

We are glad to report that Brother VanHorn seems to have his old time strength and energy, and surely the Lord was good to so wonderfully heal him at Mt. Vernon camp-meeting two years ago.

Elder B. L. House is with us for a few days, at least, to hold the interest until Brother VanHorn can return.

With love and greeting to all the brethren throughout the State and the wide harvest field, I remain, Your brother.  
J. I. CASSELL.

Columbiana, Alliance.

THE week of prayer was much enjoyed and appreciated by the new church at Columbiana and the occasion was one of growth and spiritual uplifting.

All were eager to attend every service, and a few not of our faith attended some of the meetings. There are some inquiring ones at that place whom we hope may learn the Message and accept it. We trust that many more may be added to that company. The latter part of the week I spent with the church at Alliance.

I was glad to again greet these friends and together we enjoyed the precious message, the readings prepared, and the words of cheer and courage from our workers in distant lands.

All could not meet together at this place as one family was in quarantine, and others are located some distance in the country and could not drive so far at this season.

Both these churches remembered the need of the Lord's cause by making a substantial offering.

Personally I enjoyed the season very much and am rejoicing in this Message, and in the knowledge that the giving of it, and the finishing of the work is in this generation. I long to be at home with my Saviour and loved ones.

ELLA M. TALMAGE.

Zanesville.

WELCOME VISITOR: It has been quite a while since I have written anything for your columns.

I must confess things have looked pretty dark at times since coming to this field. But upon some who were in the dark a few months ago the light is now shining. When I first came to

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## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

### FROM "OUR MISSIONARY"—III.

OUTSIDE of our mission there are two other physicians in this province, which is one physician for 5,000,000 people. We have not put out signs; neither do we go by the name of Doctor in the Chinese language, but we find all the sick we can spare time to look after. Excluding Yellow Fever and Typhoid, we find all the diseases here which are prevalent in the States, with leprosy and a few forms of dysentery added to the list. The most common ailments are malaria, skin diseases, dysentery, tuberculosis, and insanity. But the latter does not compare with the statistics given us from the civilized lands, and I think it can be safely stated that the Chinese are a more hardy race, and suffer less from sickness than those in foreign lands. While it is true there is much sickness here, there are also many people.

The greatest curse of all is the opium habit. In the cities of some provinces 50 per cent use opium. It is very easy to distinguish this class from the non-users. The rate at which this habit is extending would in time extinguish the race without a doubt. Many cases are brought to us who have taken an overdose, a number of which we have been able to save. When a man becomes too poor to smoke, he eats it, as a little taken in this way will go as far as several times that amount when smoked. A short time ago when traveling I reached a small village just before sundown, and could not reach the next town before dusk, so remained there over the Sabbath. An old man of sixty years came in the room where I was staying, and took his opium. He wanted to show me how they eat the opium, hoping I would thus recognize that he was a poor man and give him some extra money. I did not need this proof; for all the furniture was sold out of the room, there were holes in the straw roof, and one door was gone. I took the other one and laid it on the floor for my bed. All the floors in China are either dirt or brick; this one was mother earth. I asked him what value the opium was to him. He said, "It is no value only to use up all the cash an old man can earn."

Two weeks ago I removed a cataract from a man of sixty years, restoring the sight he had lost two years before. Since then people have come who had no eyes asking that I should also help them in a similar manner. May God give us power to help them, and, most of all, give them the bread of

eternal life. And we also pray that he will place the burden of China's perishing millions upon more of our young brothers and sisters in the home lands, and soon shall we be gathered from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

H. W. MILLER.

### HOW I SPENT THE HOLIDAYS.

DURING my vacation I spent the time with friends and relatives in Ashland county. I attended Sabbath-school two Sabbaths with the church at Rows, and a Sunday-school and preaching service at the United Brethren church. I also attended a Bible institute one night held by Professor Young, of Conton, O. The instruction given was a few brief historical facts about Christ's journeyings in Palestine, which are taught in our first, second, and third year Bible at the College.

I also visited sixteen different homes, having good Bible studies with the most of them on such subjects as the Destruction of the Wicked, Christ's Second Coming, and The Earth Made New. I was entertained at the home of a Dunkard Minister over night. He and his wife and I studied the Scriptures until a late hour, when he said that he could see that we as a people teach the Scriptures thoroughly. He also stated that he would visit our college, as he was in need of a more thorough Bible course.

In conversation with the people we find many different opinions on Bible subjects. This makes our work more practical in the class study.

IRA J. GAULT.

### A REQUEST.

No doubt there are many of the friends of the Mt. Vernon College who have, within the past few weeks, received letters from teachers or students soliciting donations for the College library, who are expecting to respond to this invitation to help a worthy cause, but who for one reason or another have not yet sent in a contribution. Not infrequently some teacher or student around the College may be heard to remark, "I was just sure that Brother ——— would send a good donation for the library; I can't understand why he doesn't write." Brethren and sisters, let us make this request: if you want to share in this blessing of being one to help the College secure a suitable library for its students, DO IT NOW. The money that has come in up to this time is just about all expended, and there are several sets of books that the

school must yet purchase—books that are invaluable to the students in preparing themselves for life's work. Do not hesitate, thinking it is now too late to help the library fund. Send in your donation at once—DO IT TODAY.

LAST week the students of the College had the pleasure of hearing Elder Van Horn explain two more of his new charts. The first chart represented the steps of the Christian to the kingdom of glory. The second one showed Paul's and Peter's step-ladder into the kingdom, founded on 2 Peter 1: 5-7 and Galatians 5: 22, 53. They were a feast to the students.

LAST Sabbath at the College Sabbath-school the committee that was appointed to nominate officers for the present semester brought in the following report, which was unanimously adopted: Superintendent, Prof. C. E. Welch; Assistant Superintendents, Bertron Jacobs and Samuel Frost; Secretary, Miss Maybelle Klopfenstein; Assistant Secretary, Miss Helen Morse.

LAST Wednesday morning at the missionary meeting, the following officers were elected for the second semester of the school: President, Prof. D. D. Rees; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Claude White and Miss Nellie Leach; Secretary, Miss Stella Kennedy; Assistant Secretary, Miss Veda Welch; Librarian, Mr. Florene Handley; Treasurer, Mr. Noah Thornton; Organist, Miss Inez Waite.

PROF. D. D. REES, the chairman of the Library Committee, would like to correspond with all who have books that they would donate to the library. No doubt many of our brethren have many good books that are stored away or are standing unused on the shelves of their libraries. These books could be put to a good use if sent to the College library. But before sending any books, be sure to write to Professor Rees.

THE students of the College entertained the professors and their families in the chapel, Saturday evening, January 13. On their arrival each family was announced by some member of the Home to all the rest in the room. After a pleasant social time had been enjoyed by all, the following program was rendered: Vocal solo, "My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee," Miss Lillie Potts; vocal duet, "Come, Holy Spirit," Miss Waite and Mr. Hinkley; piano solo, "The Dying Poet," Miss Edwards; vocal solo, "The Bridge," Mr. Robert Reed; vocal solo, "Beautiful Home of Paradise," Miss Kennedy; piano duet, "The Sleigh Ride," Miss Barbour and Miss Morse.

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this field I found three souls who were ready to take their stand for the truth on the Sabbath. But trials and persecution have proven some of them to be only stony hearers: one of that number has proven faithful.

The last month has brought good cheer to our little company. Three others have taken their stand for the truth.

I truly realize that the time is short, and as the scriptures states Satan knows that he has but a short time to work.

In my short experience in Bible work I have never witnessed the power of the enemy over souls as I have here. But one thing I truly thank the Lord for is that "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Souls are hungering for the Bread of life. On every hand I hear the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us." Homes in every direction of the city are opening up for the truth to enter. One church has opened her door for the Third Angel's Message. In closing will say we are of good courage in the Lord.

F. H. HENDERSON.

New Philadelphia.

WELCOME VISITOR: I thought I would write and let you know where I am and how I am getting along.

On November 30, I had the privilege of meeting with the believers at Massillon. It was indeed a rare occasion, a feast of two days. Sabbath evening I had a fine visit with Brother and Sister Campbell. Sabbath afternoon we had an interesting study of the Sabbath-school lesson.

Sunday afternoon I attended a Bible study, conducted by Sister Campbell, on the First Angel's Message, which was full of interest. Soon after reach-

ing home we had the pleasure of shaking hands with Elder Webster and Brother John Shultz. This is my first meeting with Adventist people since the camp-meeting.

I think we are to work as never before. We have obstacles to meet, and conditions are getting worse all the time. *The Religious Telegraph* of November 1, had a long article entitled "A Special Call To Prayer" on the front page, which savored very much of a union of Church and State. So let us work, and watch, and pray as never before. Your brother,

B. F. COOK.

Corsica.

OUR week of prayer meetings were good. Brother K. R. Haughey was with the Corsica church the latter part of the week and encouraged us much. The outside attendance was very good. We hope and pray that the Lord will bless the work done here at this time and that souls may be saved in his kingdom as the result.

M. J. STEVENS.

Walnut Grove.

THE Young People's Convention at Walnut Grove was postponed on account of bad weather to December 9. We had a good attendance and an interesting meeting. It was moved and carried that we continue our part in supporting the foreign workers. Hoping to see the work move steadily forward. Your sister in Christ,

RUTH POTTS, Sec.

High Hill.

WELCOME VISITOR: As a result of the tent meetings held at this place by Brother K. R. Haughey and myself, and Bible work done since the close of the meetings, three faithful souls have decided to keep the holy Sabbath of the Lord.

Four others who acknowledged its binding claims are deeply stirred.

The enemy has worked mightily, but the Lord has been lifting up the standard against him. May we remember these honest souls at the throne of grace that God may set them free.

C. T. REDFIELD.

THE Clyde Sabbath-school secretary writes,—"In regard to the donations, we have been (the most of us) paying for our own Sabbath-school Workers, Instructors, Little Friends, and Quarterlies, and instead of there being a decrease in the regular donations, as some feared there would be, they have

been better, and we are quite well pleased with the plan here."

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Jan. 5, 1906.)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of Ages: 3 hour; value of orders, \$7.

Irvine B. Field,\* Mediba Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$8; deliveries, \$12.50.

C. R. Smith, Holmes Co.—Bible Readings: 20 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$6.50; total, \$16.50.

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$32.50; helps, \$1.25; total, \$33.75.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 22 hours; value of orders \$17.50; helps, \$5.50; total, \$18; deliveries, \$4.

F. E. Wagner,\* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$15.00.

\*Two weeks.

## JUST OUT.

FOR several years there has been a search for a pure vegetable fat to use in the place of lard, butter, and other fats in cooking. Such a fat has been found.

Brother E. B. Gaskill of Hildebran, N. C. and his son-in-law, Brother L. G. Wagner are manufacturing an article which is refined without the use of chemicals and is free from animal fats. Will not burn under 630° F., natural in flavor, and easy of digestion.

The northern trade will be furnished direct from Cincinnati. Brother Wagner wishes to appoint one of our people as an agent for the town in which he or she lives, and thus all of our people can have this good cooking oil at a very reasonable price. Those wishing to investigate this matter should send ten cents to L. G. Wagner, 2339 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, O. for sample bottles, prices etc.

Personally, I will say we have used all kinds of oils and fats, but have used none equal to the Fernando cooking oil (name of the new oil).

C. A. PEDICORD.

WE desire to call attention to the January number of the *Life and Health*. It is replete with just the information you need now, or wish you had some time in the near future. Why not send in your subscription right now for the year, and have it visit you regularly every month? Price per year, fifty cents. Single copy, five cents. Send us your order.