

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

We've chummed it well, my lamp and I,  
For eighteen years together;  
Through dreary nights, 'neath cloudy sky,  
In every kind of weather.

The iron horse we helped to guide  
Upon his steely way;  
Our brother men must safely ride,  
And death rides every day.

And so we swung the red or clear,  
Or gave the switch a turn;  
For trains run fast, and dangers near,  
Our lamps must brightly burn.

But God was at the switch each day,  
And I was switchman under,  
Else there were many a big delay,  
And many a serious blunder.

Our life is like the iron road,  
And we are switchmen all;  
We help our fellows up to God,  
Or make them sadly fall.

~~Our thoughts, our words, our many deeds,~~  
Are switches in disguise;  
They turn men from the path of life,  
Or lead them to the skies.

O Saviour, swing thy lamp of love  
Before our eyes to-day  
From thy great signal tower above,  
And show the heavenly way.

The train of life is nearing home,  
The station's just at hand;  
But will it be the place of doom  
Or be God's glory land?

—Selected.

### WHEN SHALL WE START FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL?

NO DOUBT some will answer, "when the first bell rings, of course."

Perhaps this answer is sufficient for those churches which have a good bell, and for those people who live near the church, but what shall we do for those who live beyond the sound of the bell, or perchance for those churches which have no bells?

Permit me to frankly confess, that we have little anxiety for those who are compelled to come from a distance, but how oft do others soliloquize thus: "When I lived five miles in the country, I was always at church in time for the teacher's meeting, but now I have moved across the street from the church, it hurries me to get there in time for preaching services, and I do not understand the reason."

But why do you not understand?

Listen while we read this partial text: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath; from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, . . . not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, . . . Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord."

If I were to ask many people to tell me the greatest pleasure the Sabbath affords, their answer would be the extra time afforded for a refreshing sleep. Thus the morning is spent, they get a late start, every thing must then be hurried through. The children are dressed with the greatest possible dispatch, the little girl's hair is snarly, which has a reflex effect upon her mother's disposition and the result is a scolding. Breakfast is hastily eaten, and we are ready to start for Sabbath-school about the time the classes are forming. In our rush we have forgotten our donation, and the children are disappointed because they are deprived of the privilege of giving to missions of which their teacher has told them.

Then too, all begin to feel the effects of that hastily eaten breakfast and they complain of that severe headache that seems to attack them every time they go to church. The result is, the parents go home remarking, "Was not that a stupid lesson to-day?" And they wonder why their children chide them for being compelled to attend Sabbath-school.

Remedy,—Study the "Testimonies" which tell us to arise early Sabbath morning, that we may go to teacher's meeting with composure, and thus support the efforts of the Superintendent.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

### THE INSTITUTE AT ACADEMIA.

AGAIN I am privileged to be with those who are preparing for the canvassing work in Ohio. I am sure it would do our brethren in Ohio good to drop into the institute and see the earnest company of young people who are preparing for service in this line of work. There are about forty of them in training. Think of what may be accomplished by such an army of workers! Each can visit at least a dozen homes a day, which means 480

families have an opportunity to hear God's Message. Oh an average one in three will buy a book containing what amounts to about twenty-five sermons, which makes a grand total of 4000 sermons placed in 160 homes; or stated in another form it means twenty-five sermons presented to a congregation of about 800 souls, counting five to each family. This, too, every day they work. Think of what may be accomplished each week, month and year! Is it any too strong a statement when the Spirit of Prophecy says:—"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people," and,— "where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."

Will not our brethren and sisters all over Ohio pray that God may bless and give success to these workers as they go to their work. Remember them each day at the throne of God, and from time to time write them and tell them of your interest in their work.

J. B. BLOSSER.

## REPORTS.

Clyde. Camden.

TO THE READERS OF THE WELCOME VISITOR: We wish to say that we are thankful for the privilege of telling you of the excellent meetings recently held at Clyde and Camden.

Although we are a little late in getting our report before you, it has kept and not lost any of its luster. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake unto the fathers by the prophets," both spoke and sang through lips of clay during these services, and all who were present from the beginning to the close of the meetings, testified that it was good to be there. The Conference Committee, Secretaries, District Superintendents, and Conference laborers, who attended spoke most nobly for God. He is surely leading his people, and will continue to do so if they are willing to be lead.

May our Heavenly Father ever guide us, and may we always listen to hear the "still small voice," and be guided by it, until we hear the

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter into the joy of thy Lord," Yours, for eternal life,  
FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Cleveland.

THE month of February witnessed another precious Sabbath service in the Cleveland church, when two souls were baptized and three united with our company of believers here.

Our membership is continually changing and yet gradually increasing: We now have nearly two hundred members here. Our young people are a strong force in this church.

PASTOR D. E. LINDSEY.

Clark.

WELCOME VISITOR: The article on reporting in the VISITOR of February 28, has encouraged me to submit a partial report of what I have done in this part of the Master's vineyard.

This report would have been better if I had had more literature. But as that was scarce, I was careful that none of it should be wasted. During the year I have given away and loaned 6480 pages of books, tracts, etc. Have given out 164 denominational papers; wrote twenty-three letters; held eighteen Bible readings, and visited eleven sick persons. I sold five Christ's Object Lessons, and took four subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*.

I am praying that I may have help soon, and that some of the seed sown may spring into life. There are some here who are deeply interested. Pray for us. Yours in the blessed hope,

CLIFF KASER.

Waynesburg, Ky.

IT is with much pleasure that I write these lines to the WELCOME VISITOR. It is indeed a welcome visitor at our home every week. Brother Jacobs receives it in his mail, but we all read it, (we live in the same house) and every line is read.

Possibly it would be interesting to know what Brother Harry Jacobs and I are doing for the Lord in Kentucky.

We are not here for pleasure, but to help give the last Message from our Master to those sitting in darkness. We give tracts to the people, and have just finished the distribution of the *Signs of the Times Leaflets*, and found one family very much interested.

Some time ago we attended a sale about five miles west of our place, and on returning home two men, who live one mile east of us, walked with us. I had made up my mind to speak of

the truth, when one began singing a spiritual song. When the song was finished, I said, "Do you know that Jesus is soon to come to take his people home?" He replied, "Do you think so?" We then gave him the reasons of the hope within us. The following Sabbath we visited the one who seemed the most interested, giving him a Bible reading, and leaving tracts on different subjects. We are expected to call again soon.

We have organized a church of thirteen members in our vicinity. We expect soon to be able to hold a series of meetings. Elder Sanford, of the Southern Conference, will conduct them for us. We have had quite a number of excellent experiences since leaving Dayton. We enjoy hearing from the brethren.

Yours in the Master's service,

G. MEDAURY.

#### HEAVENLY WISDOM.

LET us study together for a short time about the wisdom of God. Earnestly have we as a people searched for heavenly wisdom—individually and collectively. Let us ask it of God in faith, nothing wavering. Let us search for it as for hid treasures. Let us turn the searchlight of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts and see if we are striving earnestly after the characteristics of heavenly wisdom as stated in James 3:17,—

"The wisdom that is from above is pure." So the work must begin within ourselves. The promise is given us, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The duty is given us to keep ourselves "unspotted from the world." To be not a partaker of the sins of Babylon; to "put off the old man with his deeds," and to "walk in newness of life." To go "from strength to strength" and "glory to glory" till we present a character that is without "spot or any such thing," "holy and without blemish."

When we are seeking this purity of heart we are living up to the highest capabilities of the soul. We are obtaining a happiness which this world can never give. We are, from time to time, gaining vistas of that heavenly wisdom that is such delightful food to our hungry souls. And our prayer to-day is "Lord evermore give us this food." "Give us heavenly wisdom that we may walk before thee as we ought."

We are appointed as channels of blessing to the world, so that the love of God may flow in an unbroken stream through us to the thirsting,

hungry, waiting souls, to give them the true light from heaven. But this we know, channels of heavenly blessing must be free from slime. As the "water of life" flows through these channels to bless the thirsty ones, it should be unsullied by human frailties, and "clear as crystal."

RACHEL ROSE HESS.

#### BOIL IT DOWN.

Our little sheet is small,  
We can not publish all—  
Two quarts in one—O, no,  
You cannot make it so.  
So, this is our advice,  
And we repeat it thrice:  
Boil it down, boil it down,  
Yes, boil it down.

A long report may wait.  
But this will make it late.  
Then use your shears, you say,  
And clip some things away.  
But this we hate to do  
With friends so good and true.  
Why not you boil it down,  
You boil it down?

We want to hear from you.  
And that real often, too—  
Not one great, long report,  
But many, good and short.  
So this is our advice,  
Again we say it thrice:  
Boil it down, boil it down.

Please boil it down.

—Wisconsin Reporter.

#### NO NEED OF WORRYING.

"THERE is no need to worry. When God shuts a door, he opens a window." A world of sunshine and of hope is epitomized in this Italian proverb. To look out on the world with eyes unclouded by shadows of fear or doubt or worry; to go forward in the spirit of love and trust, never for an instant wavering in faith or hope; to resolve.

Never to look behind me for an hour;  
To wait in weakness and walk in power;  
But always fronting forward to the light,

is to take a long step toward a happy and successful life.

To look back constantly on past mistakes and failures, is as destructive to the growth of spiritual beauty and power, aye, and to the development of material success, as it is to look forward to ills that may never come. The people who take a melancholy pleasure in recalling the fact that they "have seen better days," and in bemoaning present conditions, never see "better days" again. Their attitude of mind shut them out from all possibility of happiness or prosperity.—  
Success.

"THE Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false."

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

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

### AN AIM IN LIFE.

How often do we see a young man or young woman start out to accomplish a certain task or piece of work, and from all appearances it seems that they will certainly make a success. But soon we notice they are not so zealous in their work; or else we see them doing, or rather trying to do, something altogether of a different nature from the work they first started to do. And being interested in the individuals, we naturally ask of some one who is associated with them the cause for the change. Many may be the answers we may receive, but usually these are some of them: "O, he seemed to get tired of it," or, "He thought he could do better at something else." Each of these answers may be a surprise to us at first, and we may wonder why it is so.

Almost invariably there comes to your mind some trait in the character which was not developed as it should have been, and was the cause of the failure. One of these faults most frequently found is the lack of sticking to a thing until it is finished.

The characteristic displayed by General Grant when confronted by the Confederate Army at the Battle of the Wilderness, when he wrote the words, "I will fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," is worthy of development. Many a young man has made himself felt in the world to-day because he had the courage to pursue a plan until it is finished. The carrying of a work to its completion not only gives courage to the performer, but helps to form his character as well.

The Lord wants young men and women with a definite purpose in view—the carrying of the Third Angel's Message to the world in this generation. To do this means an earnestness of purpose, a faith that takes God at his word, and believes that what he tells us to do can be done. The example of Caleb in olden times—how he, although old, was enabled to see the desire of his heart—is left for us to profit by. So let us, as faithful servants of him who hath chosen us in this last time, perfect such traits of character that we may be able to withstand the enemy, and share with the worthies of old in the reward that will be given to those who have proven themselves worthy of eternal life.

J. B. CLYMER.

### SEWING DEPARTMENT.

OUR aim has ever been to work for results that would prove practical and beneficial to those who accept the advantages of the sewing class this year.

The interest and perseverance manifested by each student from day to day is sure to reap its reward.

We would that every young lady who is fitting herself for a life of usefulness might avail herself of this opportunity; for it would not only prove a blessing to herself, but to many others. There are many phases of the question of dress that we might consider. The Lord has spoken plainly upon this subject. We are told in Christ's Object Lessons, page 339, that "even our dress has an influence."

"If Christian women would lead out in the good work, and set the example of dressing with neatness and simplicity, and with regard to health, there would be a universal reform."

"A modest Godly women will dress modestly."

MRS. W. W. ROBINSON.

### BIRTHDAY.

ON Thursday, March 1, the teachers and students planned a little surprise for our President, Professor Lawrence, to remind him of his birthday.

He had been in Columbus, and upon his arrival was taken to the chapel where the students and teachers were already assembled. After a short program had been rendered, he was presented with a handsome rocking chair as a little remembrance,—a present from the teachers and students. All joined in wishing him many happy returns of the day. After he had addressed us with a few kindly remarks, we separated, feeling that we had been drawn closer together by the occasion.

MR. DOWNING is at the College visiting his daughter, Miss Cecile, for a few days.

It is encouraging to note that the attendance at the College is holding up so remarkably well. Only a very few are intending to leave for spring work.

MR. PERRY HINCKLEY, of the College, has taken a position with Brother Stahl in the Sanitarium at Cleveland. He has taken a part of the Nurses' Course here, and intends to finish at the Sanitarium.

BROTHER BLOSSER, Field Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, addressed the Missionary Society last Wednesday morning. All were pleased to listen to his timely words. We

were encouraged by his remarks in our determination to scatter our literature broadcast, so that this glorious Message may soon go to earth's remotest bounds.

We observe with interest that a goodly number of young people have already taken advantage of the "Christ's Object Lessons" plan spoken of before in the VISITOR. There are about sixteen or seventeen who are taking the class in the Canvassers' Institute, and intend going out as soon as school closes to sell this most instructive book. We judge from this that they intend to be back at school another year if possible.

### CO-OPERATIVE FUND.

LET us all fully grasp the thought that when the donation of \$1,664.00 is made up, provision has been made for a payment of \$3,200.00 on the debt of the College, and that the Object Lessons question is disposed of so far as the people of the Conference are concerned. We will not call on the people to lift again in this manner as soon as the \$1,664.00 have been received.

Now let us again consider the various ways to raise this money. First, by cash donations; second, by six months' pledges; third, by pledging the products of certain amounts of land, of certain numbers of chickens, cows, sheep, or anything else which will bring returns to this fund.

All receipts of cash and pledges will be acknowledged in the VISITOR, so you may all watch the growth of this movement. May the Lord bless us with a liberal spirit, as we make this effort to free our good College from debt. If you do not receive a letter and blanks in a very few days, I shall be very glad to mail them to you if you will drop me a postal card, stating that you wish them.

Let us all rally at once, and finish up this work quickly.

CHAS. E. WELCH.

### CO-OPERATIVE FUND.

J. B. Clymer.....	\$10.00
Chas. E. Welch.....	10.00
N. W. Lawrence.....	5.00
M. C. Kirkendall.....	5.00

### NEGATIVE NUGGETS FOR THE STUDENT.

Don't shirk.  
Don't dilly-dally.  
Don't be a churl.  
Don't be an extremist.  
Don't be afraid to dig.  
Don't yield to the temptation to do a mean thing.

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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.

THE address of Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell, after March 10, will be No. 289 East Oak St., Massillon, Ohio.

THE district meeting which has just closed at Wheelersburg was a decided success. The outside attendance was large. Particulars later.

WORD has just reached us of the death of the mother of Brother Martin Loe of Bowling Green. Let us remember the sorrowing friends at the throne of Grace.

BROTHER AND SISTER HARRY JACOBS, formerly of Dayton, O., but now residing at Waynesburg, Ky., were blessed by the arrival of a fine baby daughter Feb. 27.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 2, 1906.)

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Great Controversy: 29 hours; value of orders, \$29.25; deliveries, \$35.15.

Fred B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$11; deliveries, \$68.

C. R. Smith, Holmes Co.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$30.

C. E. Leek, Mt. Vernon.—Heralds of the Morning: 9 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; deliveries, \$1.50.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$8.50; deliveries, \$6.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$12.05.

### OUR FOREIGN PAPERS.

ON account of the demand for more of the special numbers of our German Papers which we issued last October, a second edition has just been run: so we are now prepared to fill orders again for that number. Price 5 cents, ten or more copies, 3 cents each.

This week we are running a special number of our Swedish paper, 16 pages and cover, on the subjects of, "Church Federation," and "Capital and Labor," illustrated. Price, 5 cents for single copies: ten or more, 2½ cents each.

Next week we will issue a special number of our Danish-Norwegian paper, a "Religious Liberty" number, illustrated, 16 pages and cover. Price 5 cents, ten or more copies, 2½ cents each.

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### OBITUARY.

MAXSON.—Gertrude Benson Maxson, born in Norwalk, Ohio, April 9, 1878 died February 22, 1906, aged 27 years, 10 months, 13 days. She was married February 27, 1904, by Elder Lipsey, to Myron P. Maxson, who is left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife. A mother and two sisters also survive her. Early in life she gave her heart to the Lord, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which denomination she remained an earnest member until death, falling asleep in Christ with unfaltering faith in his soon coming to call his sleeping saints to life immortal. The funeral services were conducted by Elder D. E. Lindsey, in the Baptist church, at 2:30 P. M. February 24, 1906, and her remains were laid to rest in beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk, Ohio.

We miss thee from our lonely home:  
We miss thee from thy place;  
A shadow of our life is cast.  
We miss the sunshine of thy face:  
We miss the kind and willing hand.  
Thy fond and earnest care:  
Our home is dark without thee—  
We miss thee everywhere."

### TITHE RECEIPTS.

FEBRUARY 1906.

Akron.....	\$38.35
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	10.00
Bellville.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	.....
Brokaw.....	120.35
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	15.04
Canton.....	13.50
Chagrin Falls.....	15.16
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	81.80
Cleveland.....	311.52
Clyde.....	91.65
Columbiana.....	15.25
Columbus.....	185.61
Conneaut.....	.....
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	60.00
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	66.04
Defiance.....	10.20
Dela ware.....	2.25
Dowling.....	31.28
Dresden-Trinway.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	25.06
Elgin.....	26.85
Fairfield.....	.....
Findlay.....	.....

Geneva.....	79.63
Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	.....
Hamilton.....	25.41
Hamler.....	1.10
Hicksville.....	.....
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Kenton.....	5.00
Killbuck.....	11.20
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	22.76
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	2.00
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	60.94
Lima.....	38.88
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	26.85
Marshfield.....	1.59
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Melgs.....	13.45
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	25.60
Morrow.....	2.50
Mount Vernon.....	137.17
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	28.74
Norwalk.....	23.61
Olivett.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....
Ros.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	5.00
Sharwood.....	37.00
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	24.80
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	89.48
Toledo.....	67.58
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	2.50
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	157.13
Waterford.....	70.84
Wengerlawn.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	11.00
Wheelersburg.....	33.45
Wilmington.....	19.02
Youngstown.....	13.10
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	288.68

Total.....\$2,396.38

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

### TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES.

February, 1906.

Tithe.....	\$2,396.38
Tract Society.....	496.88
Sabbath-school Donations.....	44.35
Paper for blind.....	3.78
China.....	2.50
Southern Field.....	10.00
Y. P. Society.....	78.59
India.....	6.45
Annual Offerings.....	30.04
Cleveland Church.....	8.36
Weekly Offering.....	94.47
Religious Liberty Offering.....	29.76
Total.....	\$3,202.22

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