

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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GENERAL ARTICLES

PSALMS 24:7-10

LIFT up your heads, ye gates
Of everlasting gold;
The King of Glory waits;
Your golden leaves unfold.

Lift up your heads, ye doors;
Why swing ye now so slow?
The song of triumph soars;
The conq'rors' trumpets blow.

Make ready, every heart,
The mighty King to greet;
Prepare to bear your part,
And all His praise repeat.

For only they who keep
Their hearts and hands all pure,
Can climb up Zion's steep,
And victor's palms secure.

—Selected.

THE LAST INVITATION

BY the time this issue of the VISITOR reaches its readers, the preparatory work on the camp ground will be well under way. From present indications the coming camp-meeting bids fair to be one of unusual interest and benefit.

One of the interesting features of this meeting will be "Pioneer Day." On this day Elder R. A. Underwood will preach a sermon from Heb. 10: 32, 33. A special program will be arranged for this meeting, and a copy of that good old pioneer hymn, "We Are Voyagers," will be presented to all who are present.

Other programs are being prepared for special meetings of the different departments of conference work, all of which will contribute to the interest and enjoyment of this important gathering.

We herewith present a general outline, which will be followed as far as practicable with the cir-

cumstances and conditions of the meeting.

OUTLINE PROGRAM

Thursday, Aug. 16, Opening Service, 7:45 P. M.

Friday, Aug. 17, Preparation Day.

Sabbath, Aug. 18, Consecration Services.

Sunday, Aug. 19, Religious Liberty.

Monday, Aug. 20, Canvassers' Day.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, Educational Day.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, Pioneers' Day.

Thursday, Aug. 23, Medical Missionary Day.

Friday, Aug. 24, Young People's Day.

Sabbath, Aug. 25, Revival Services.

Sunday, Aug. 26, Missionary Day.

Other lines of work have been provided for as follows:—

Locating campers, renting tents, lumber, and straw—R. R. Kennedy.

Meeting trains and transferring baggage—G. C. Quillin.

Chairman of the Reception Committee—W. C. Moffett.

Sanitary Committee and Medical advice—Doctors H. M. Jump and V. L. Fisher.

Charge of provision store—Thomas Thornton.

Charge of dining hall—C. A. Pedicord.

Charge of restaurant—Robert Ashton.

Charge of Young People's meetings—James E. Shultz.

Charge of Children's meetings—Katharine E. Miller.

Charge of Kindergarten meet-

ings—Deborah Secor.

Charge of music—Clemen Hamer.

Editorial work—N. T. Loughhead.

And now, dear brethren and sisters, in closing I extend to you all a final urgent invitation to be present with us to enjoy this annual feast. It may be your last opportunity of the kind. We know not what a year may bring forth. Some who were with us a year ago will never meet with us again. Let us not grow weary in well doing; for we shall reap in due season if we faint not.

"See! the time is now approaching;
Hear the summons from on high,
Telling those who now are waiting,
Your redemption draweth nigh.

"See the signs the Lord is giving
On the earth and in the sky;
Hear Him say to all the 'living,'
'Your redemption draweth nigh.'

"See the sorrow and the sickness,
See the nations how they sigh!
Tell to each who has the 'witness,'
'Your redemption draweth nigh.'"

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Dayton and Troy System of Electric Railways and Connections

TROY, Ohio, at which point the camp-meeting is to be held, is the county seat of Miami county, and is located on the Dayton and Troy System of Electric Railways, and The Springfield, Troy, & Piqua Railway (Electric), and is most conveniently reached by these lines.

The Dayton & Troy in connection with The Toledo, Bowling Green, & Southern Traction Company and the Western Ohio Rail-

way Company, operate six fast limited trains each direction daily between Dayton and Toledo without change of cars and no excess fare, stopping directly in the business and hotel center of Troy.

Delegates coming from Van Wert, O., Ft. Wayne, Ind., or Wabash and intermediate points, make connections with limited trains at Lima, O.

Coming from Lakeside, Port Clinton, Marblehead, Bryan, Wauseon, Morenci, Montpelier, Adrain, Mich., Monroe, Detroit, Marine City, Port Huron, Pontiac, Oxford, Flint, Ann Arbor, Saline, Jackson, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo, connections are made at Toledo.

From Pemberville and Woodville, Ohio, connect at Bowling Green, Ohio; from Arcadia, Fostoria, and Tiffin, at Findlay; from St. Marys, New Bremen, Minster, and Celina, at Wapakoneta, O.; from Indianapolis, Ind., Greenfield, Knightstown, Cambridge City, Richmond; Eaton, Ohio, Newcastle, Ind., Anderson, Muncie, Greenville, Ohio, Germantown, Franklin, Hamilton, Middletown, Cincinnati, Xenia, and Spring Valley, connections are made at Dayton.

From Zanesville, Ohio, Newark, Columbus, Marion, Delaware, Lancaster, Chillicothe, Circleville, London, South Charleston, Bellefontaine, Marysville, and Urbana, connections are made at Springfield.

Baggage from Toledo, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Dayton, Springfield, and intermediate points to Troy, 25 cents per piece upon presentation of transportation. From all other points, in most cases, 25 cents per piece to junction points named, and 25 cents from there to Troy.

IS YOUR LIFE INSURED?

THIS is an important question, one worthy of serious consideration by every man, woman, youth, and child who has come to

the years of accountability. There is no question of greater concern to any one, for every sane person prizes life above every thing else in this world. Satan recognized this fact in his conversation with the Lord about Job and said, "All that a man hath will he give for his life." Job 2:4. Jesus puts the same thought in this form: "What is a man profited, if he should gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what will a man give in ransom for his life." Matt. 16:26 (Emphatic Diaglott.)

As a minister of the gospel of Christ, I appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist especially in behalf of the only Life Insurance Company worthy of your attention and support.

This Company is not operating for any selfish purpose, and is well able to perform all it promises. The instruction given to those who are employed to labor for this Company reads as follows: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Matt. 16:15,16. One of the most successful agents of this Company once said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also the Greek." Rom. 1:16.

From these inspired statements the reader will see that the conditions on which this Company insures life are reasonable, just and within the reach of all. Old and young, great and small, rich and poor are alike invited to invest in this Company for protection here and hereafter.

To do so, says the Apostle Paul, "is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come." 1 Tim. 4:8. This Company also promises to supply every need. Phil. 4:19. Another testifies as follows: "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk

uprightly." Ps. 84:11. "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." In closing I want to ask, Does not this Company make provision for every one of us and for our every need? Then why ask another? Why invest in any other Company? And yet, I am sorry to say, some Seventh-day Adventists are not clear on this subject. We even hear of some who are spending their time in soliciting members of the Seventh-day Adventist church to take out a policy in another company. But why do so? Please read in connection with this the article entitled "Life Insurance" by Elder E. K. Slade, president of the East Michigan Conference, found in the *East Michigan Banner* of July 25, 1906, and then draw your conclusions.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

LIFE INSURANCE

MANY times of late I have been asked if it was right for our people to invest in life insurance.

Thinking that there may be others who may not be perfectly clear in this matter and who may not know what has been said relative to it through the Spirit of Prophecy, I will quote below what is found on page 549, Vol. 1 of Testimonies, which reads as follows:—

"I was shown that Sabbath-keeping Adventists should not engage in life-insurance. This is a commerce with the world which God does not approve. Those who engage in this enterprise are uniting with the world, while God calls his people to come out from among them and be separate. Said the angel, 'Christ has purchased you by the sacrifice of his life. What! know ye not that

your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God; and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God; when Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory.' *Here is the only life-insurance which Heaven sanctions.*

"Life-insurance is a worldly policy which leads our brethren who engage in it to depart from the simplicity and purity of the gospel. Every such departure weakens our faith and lessens our spirituality. Said the Angel, 'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.' As a people, we are in a special sense the Lord's. Christ has bought us. . . . Angels, that excel in strength surround us. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of our heavenly Father. Even the hairs of our head are numbered. God has made provision for his people. He has a special care for them, and they should not distrust his providence by engaging in a policy with the world.

"God designs that we should preserve in simplicity and holiness our peculiarity as a people. Those who engage in this worldly policy invest means which belong to God, which he has intrusted to them to use in his cause, to advance his work. But few will realize any returns from life-insurance, and without God's blessing even these will prove an injury instead of a benefit. Those whom God has made his stewards have no right to place in the enemy's ranks the means which he has intrusted to them to use in his cause.

"Satan is constantly presenting inducements to God's chosen

people to attract their minds from the solemn work of preparation for the scenes just in the future. He is in every sense of the word a deceiver, a skillful charmer. He clothes his plans and snares with coverings of light borrowed from Heaven. He tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit, by making her believe that she would be greatly advantaged thereby. Satan leads his agents to introduce various inventions and patent-rights, and other enterprises, that Sabbath-keeping Adventists who are in haste to be rich, may fall into temptation, become ensnared, and pierce themselves through with many sorrows. He is wide awake, busily engaged in leading the world captive, and through the agency of worldlings he keeps up a continual pleasing excitement to draw the unwary who profess to believe the truth to unite with the worldlings. The lust of the eye, the desire for excitement and pleasing entertainment, is a temptation and snare to God's people. Satan has many finely-woven, dangerous nets which are made to appear innocent, but with which he is skillfully preparing to infatuate God's people.

There are pleasing entertainments, phrenological lectures, and an endless variety of enterprises constantly arising calculated to lead the people of God to love the world and the things that are in the world. Through this union with the world, faith becomes weakened, and means which should be invested in the cause of present truth are transferred to the enemy's ranks.

Through these different channels Satan is skillfully draining the purses of God's people, and for it the displeasure of the Lord is upon them."

By this it is made clear what should be the attitude of our people relative to this matter. Many have been tempted to enter into this thing; for the enemy is working hard to introduce anything

by which to divert the means that should be used in the advancement of this message into other channels. No doubt every one has had the experience of listening to the logic of the Life-Insurance agents. If the remarkable disclosures of corruption and fraud practiced by the life insurance companies is not sufficient reason for our keeping out of it, I am sure that these words are. By these you will be able to help anyone who may approach you in reference to the matter or who may be entering into such a thing blindly. —*E. K. Slade, in the East Michigan Banner.*

THE SUPERINTENDENT.—III

THE superintendent knows how to be quiet himself, quiet in spirit as he offers prayer, quiet in deportment, carrying himself with dignity, ease, and steadiness; free from perturbation, excitement, emotion; quiet in administration, never ringing the bell, or rapping on his desk with violence, but giving his commands in a subdued tone of voice, filling the school with a peaceful atmosphere. He knows how to wait for quiet, standing for a moment without moving a muscle, looking steadily, holding himself in a hushed, patient, undisturbed mood, until every pupil, seeing him, knows what he desires and purposes.

He does not pour forth every speech that enters his mind. He could say a few things about the lesson at the opening of the session and after the lesson closes, but he holds his tongue and brain in subjection. His teachers, pupils, and visitors wish he would say more, but he is a man of few words, and these are always to the point and well chosen, full of wisdom, and *the multitude of unspoken thoughts give power to those spoken.*

He is a man of one book, and that is the Book of books. He is not weakly, credulous, nor skeptical.

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The blue pencil-mark here means that your subscription has expired. Please renew at once.

THE excellent Summer School which has been conducted at Mt. Vernon College during the past six weeks closed July 24. The attendance for the term was fifteen. It is felt that the work done was of such a nature as to qualify those in attendance for more efficient service during the year to come. Calls from churches desiring teachers are rapidly coming in so that those still desiring teachers should inform the Educational Superintendent at once.

PLANS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE hope to see many of our young people and children at the Camp-meeting; let each parent study well the instruction that has been given by the "Spirit of Prophecy" relative to taking the children to the camp-meeting.

We hope, since all business has been divorced from the meeting, to give our youth and children more attention than ever before.

Every young person and child who has attended these meetings in the past will testify of the blessings which were enjoyed as the result. JAMES E. SHULTZ.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.—III

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He is a Bible man; a believer in the Bible, a lover of the Bible, a reader of the Bible, a student of the Bible. It is his favorite book, his "classic," his companion. He believes the truth it teaches is

Bible truth—the facts, ethics, doctrines, and promises of God as contained in the treasury of holy learning. He uses it so much that the leaves fall out, yet he handles it reverently, quotes it accurately, teaches it systematically, searches it personally, prayerfully, diligently. He knows that books of fiction stimulate forgetfulness, idleness, abandonment. He avoids them himself, and regards with anxiety any Sabbath-school worker who gives them a place in the library.

The superintendent recognizes the value of special opportunities. He knows people are more susceptible some times than at other times. He knows when the community is suffering from "hard times" a single friendly word spoken at a time when he goes to inquire about "how things are getting along in the family," will do more toward winning parents and children than a score of sermons in days of prosperity. He knows that when boys and girls are ill, a little attention will tell more than months of abstract teaching. In his pocket is a little slip of paper handed him by the Sabbath-school Secretary every Sabbath evening, on which may be found the names of all the pupils who were reported absent for the day. These receive his attention during the week. If he meets them on the street, he ever has a pleasant word, a kindly suggestion which bespeaks a tender sympathy in them. Thus he remembers the old adage which counsels us to "take opportunity by the forelock, for it is bald behind." All who see him, after carefully considering him and his work, are led to exclaim, "He is a true Christian. He gives me a new conception of my Saviour. I never thought of Jesus as being so practical, gentlemanly, great-hearted, and unselfish as he has seemed since I have met our superintendent." Thus is Jesus exemplified; and where such a "rock" is laid by a

wise master-builder, the foundations of the Sabbath-school will "stand firm." Where such a "lamp" is placed, there will be radiant light. Where such "manna" is supplied, there will be abundant food. Where such "riches" are accumulated, there will be inexhaustible resources—"gold," "silver," and "precious things" of the heavenly kingdom. And while the superintendent will endeavor to supply all this to his school, remember that while he craves your sympathy, which all *can* give, he needs your help, which all *should* give.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending July 27, 1906.)

Robert Ashton, Clermont Co.—Desire of Ages: 25 hours; value of deliveries, \$101.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Great Controversy: value of deliveries and helps, \$95.75.

E. Hazel Mc Dougall,* Cincinnati.—Great Controversy: 58½ hours; value of orders, \$105.30.

Fred B. Numbers, Clermont Co.—Great Controversy and Bible Readings: value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2.40; total, \$10.40; deliveries, \$77.75.

Raleigh French, Greene Co.—Bible Readings: 24 hours; value of orders, \$15.75; helps, \$4.75; total, \$20.50.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$22.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$26.50; deliveries, \$70.

Effie Perrine, Belmont Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$7; helps, \$1; total, \$8.

B. F. Cook, Greene Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$17; helps, \$2; total, \$19; deliveries, \$4.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$10.

F. O. Barrows, Delaware Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries \$18.50.

L. R. Williams, Miami Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$51.85.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 10 hours; value of orders, \$26; helps, \$3.25; total, \$29.25; deliveries, \$2.50.

* Three weeks.