

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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### TO MOTHERS

SPEAK gently to the children, nor wound the  
tender heart,  
The time may not be distant when you and  
they must part;  
So just forget the worries and the battles  
you've to fight,  
And in the quiet evening kiss them a warm  
"Goodnight."

They too are swiftly nearing the battle-field  
of life;  
And lest they should be worsted in the  
fight with sin and strife  
Oh, gird them with the armor of a mother's  
perfect love—  
A shining, pure example of faith in God above.

The trials that await them in the far-off after  
years,  
The happy childish laughter may melt to bitter  
tears;  
The bonnie curls that cluster around your dar-  
ling's brow,  
The ruthless hand of sorrow may render white  
as snow.

Ah! then the recollection of a mother's tender  
care,  
May smooth life's rugged pathway, may save  
from many a snare,  
And in the hush of even, as in the days of yore,  
In fond imagination they'll feel your kiss once  
more.

'T will cool the burning forehead, 't will raise  
their thoughts to God,  
When the loving lips that gave it are cold be-  
neath the sod;  
The hardest heart will soften, the tear-dimmed  
eyes grow bright,  
At childhood's happy memories, and a moth-  
er's sweet "Goodnight."

—Selected.

## THE CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

IN this department of the camp-  
meeting, we felt that the Lord did ex-  
ceeding abundantly above all we had  
asked or thought. This department  
embraced the children between the  
ages of eight and thirteen years, and a  
brighter, sweeter company of children  
it has never been my privilege to see.  
From the beginning, they seemed to  
realize the purpose for which the meet-  
ing had been appointed, and the inter-  
est with which they entered into the  
plans that had been laid for the chil-  
dren's meetings was indeed gratifying.

The devotional meetings were not,  
by any means, the least interesting.

On the first Sabbath, in harmony with  
the spirit of the day at the camp, a  
consecration meeting was held. A  
short lesson on consecration, what it  
means, etc., was given. An effort was  
made to have the children see the im-  
portance of responding, in their youth,  
to the Saviour's invitation, "Come, ye  
children; hearken unto me. I will  
teach you the fear of the Lord." Also  
the necessity of confessing and for-  
saking their sins. About thirty of  
the children arose, one by one, and  
requested that special prayer be offered  
for them, that they might do this.

The meeting on Wednesday morning,  
without any previous planning, re-  
solved itself into a revival service.  
The invitation was given for those who  
wished to renew their consecration to  
God, also those who desired to give  
themselves to him for the first time; to  
signify the fact by coming forward to  
a seat that had been vacated for the  
purpose. To our glad surprise, every  
candle in the tent, with but two excep-  
tions, fifty-six in all, arose, as one,  
and came forward. And as, with tears  
of joy, we presented them, in the arms  
of faith, to the loving Father, we felt  
that he received them, just as truly as  
when nineteen hundred years ago, the  
Saviour said, "Suffer little children,  
and forbid them not to come unto me,  
for of such is the kingdom of heaven."  
We rejoiced to see eight follow their  
Saviour in the ordinance of baptism,  
and trust that, from henceforth, they  
will walk in newness of life with him.  
Others will be baptized at their home  
church.

In harmony with the testimonies of  
the Spirit, that the children should be  
taught the doctrinal points of our  
faith, a course of study embracing  
the cardinal points had been outlined.

We found, however, that to do thor-  
ough work, we should be able to  
cover only the two distinguishing doc-  
trines of present truth, the second  
coming of Christ, and the Sabbath.  
The earnestness with which the chil-  
dren applied themselves to studying  
and memorizing the texts given them,  
was evidence to us, that it was not  
the influence of the visible teacher  
that was accomplishing the work, but  
that the Holy Spirit was teaching  
them those things, that, perhaps, just

a little way in the future, he will bring  
to their remembrance, as they may be  
called upon to give a reason for the  
hope that is within them.

In connection with the study of the  
subjects mentioned, the task of com-  
mitting to memory the ten command-  
ments was assigned. This proved to  
be a pleasure, and while at the begin-  
ning only a few could repeat them,  
we believe that at the close all could  
do so.

The last was a missionary meeting.  
Sister Bessie Acton, who was a valu-  
able assistant all through the meetings,  
as organist, artist, etc., gave a very  
interesting lesson on what children  
have done in the line of missionary  
work in the past, and what they can  
do now. The children voted to send  
the missionary collection, which was  
seven dollars, to India.

There were fifty-eight children in  
regular attendance, and good order  
maintained throughout the meetings  
reflected, with credit, upon the home-  
training of the children.

We feel that the success of the meet-  
ing was due first, to the presence of  
the Lord, by his Spirit; then the con-  
certed effort of those who were labo-  
ring for the children, and the co-oper-  
ation of the parents.

Those who rendered most efficient  
help as teachers, were Mrs. Cora  
Campbell, Mrs. Chlo Miller, Mrs.  
Ether Le Fevre, Mrs. Peet, Misses  
Nellie Stevens, Nettie Cutter, Hor-  
tense Howell, and Anna Rice.

We feel very grateful for the bless-  
ings that attended the children's meet-  
ings and trust that when we come from  
the north and the south, the east and  
the west, and sit down in the kingdom  
of God, everyone who had a part in  
the meetings, may be there.

KATHARINE E. MILLER.

## THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW CHURCH

It will be interesting to the readers  
of the VISITOR to learn that on Tues-  
day, September 4, a new church of  
twenty members was organized at  
Charloe, Paulding County.

Soon after the beginning of the  
present year Brethren W. E. Bidwell  
and J. P. Gaede held a series of meet-

ings in a union church building at this place and succeeded in creating quite an interest in favor of "present truth." As usual those who rejected the Message turned very bitter and commenced to oppose their work. Finally the services of Dr. Dillon were secured and a challenge to debate followed. Elder A. C. Shannon was requested to meet Dr. Dillon, which he did in a creditable way, and at the conclusion of the discussion which lasted four nights and one day, the cause of truth had more friends than at the beginning.

On Monday evening, September 3, it was the writer's privilege to meet with our friends at this place and speak to them on the subject of Christian Baptism. The next day at 9 A. M. we met again and after spending another hour in Bible study, we repaired to the banks of the Auglaize River which was near by, where Elder W. E. Bidwell administered this sacred rite to fifteen persons.

We met at two o'clock in the afternoon and engaged in a careful study of the cardinal points of faith held by the Seventh-day Adventist body. At the close of this study twenty persons were united in church fellowship, and the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated and most heartily enjoyed by all who participated.

A church clerk and treasurer were elected, but it was thought best to defer the election and ordination of an elder and deacon till some future time when more attention could be given to the selection and instruction of such persons as would be called to fill these positions of trust and responsibility in the church.

Brethren Bidwell and John W. Shultz, who have pitched their tent at Continental, will frequently visit this company and instruct them further.

The presence and assistance of Brethren John P. Gaede and John W. Shultz were very much appreciated at this time. Both having previously labored here, they, too, felt a deep interest in the result of these meetings. May the blessings of God attend the future work at this place, and may the Holy Spirit's presence keep the hearts and minds of those who have already started for the kingdom.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"AND let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Upper Sandusky.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OHIO: It has been about nine years since I left the Ohio Conference to go to the Battle Creek Sanitarium for my health, where I took up work and remained four years. I then spent nine months in New York City, and for the last four years have been in the South. Feeling the need of rest and change, I left Bowling Green, Ky., June 15, for my half brother's at this place, stopping on the way at Cincinnati, Springfield, Columbus and Mount Vernon to visit friends. I have very much enjoyed the privilege of renewing old associations and noting the progress of the work in these places. I believe my love for God and his truth has grown with the passing years. My interest is all in the work of the Third Angel's Message, and my highest happiness is in helping to give it. I hope to be actively engaged in the work again in the fall wherever our Great Leader shall direct. I praise him for his loving kindness and tender mercy toward me, and that he is leading me to know something of that "perfect love that casteth out fear." I long for the outpouring of the Spirit and the closing up of the work, for our Saviour's return and the great family home-gathering. In returning to my native State from the South, I have realized as never before the truth of the statement that Ohio is a great State. I have often heard and read it, but somehow never felt the force of it as at this time. Its beautiful fertile farms, with their abundant harvests, and its many large cities equally impressed me with its wealth and prosperity; and the, to us, somewhat familiar expression, "poverty-stricken South" also came to me with new force by contrast. I could not help wishing that all our Northern brethren could realize it the same, that their interest and prayers and means might be more freely given to the work in this needy field so near to them. I have noticed lately in an encyclopedia that Ohio has nearly forty cities with a population of ten thousand and upwards while Kentucky has but seven. I presume it is much the same in many of our Northern States, and these cities must be still very largely a needy field also, judging from the urgent appeals from Sister White in late *Reviews* for the cities to be worked. How this can be thoroughly and quickly done surely must concern all who love the truth and believe that the "coming of the Lord draweth

nigh." As one who has been engaged in the Bible work most of the time for over twenty years, I feel interested that the city work shall be entered upon more energetically than ever before. To do this house-to-house work that the "Testimonies" call for in the cities, it seems to me the use of the *Family Bible Teacher*, *Signs* leaflets or some similar series of Bible studies, is the ideal plan. The old tract package system was somewhat similar. By connecting this work with a Bible training-school, a Bible school or Bible institute inexperienced workers can immediately enter the work while engaged in their own Bible studies. By this method too the interested ones are easily found and the interest of others developed. Bible workers can study with them where it may seem best and they can also be invited to studies at the Bible school. Each worker can reach from two or three hundred to a thousand people a week, and a strong force of workers could thoroughly work a large city in a couple years. The old city mission plan was very expensive and very slow, and seems to have been almost entirely dropped. This would be more quick and thorough, and for that reason, if for no other, less expensive. I pray that we may have grace and wisdom to finish the Lord's work in his own way; and feel that for myself I am one of his most needy children.

AMMY W. WELSH.

## A CHILD'S MOST VALUABLE LEGACY

(Concluded)

I WILL now give a brief outline of how Christian education has been carried down to the present day. Israel had been in bondage in Egypt so long they had largely lost the knowledge of their Creator. The parents were no longer capable of teaching their children. They had been under bondage, and worshiped idols so long, that they had no faith in an invisible God. Therefore, the Lord had to use another way of educating his people. He taught Christian education through his prophet Moses. He used various means to prove to them that he was the ruler of the universe—such as the plagues of Egypt, the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night that led them from Egypt to the promised land. The

school of the prophets was established, where lessons were taught daily. Every script and ceremony that was performed, every sacrifice offered, pointed to Christ. It took a long time to make them understand the legacy that had been lost, and that there was an unseen God directing them.

We read that after the Israelites had settled in Caanan, they did not destroy the heathen nations which surrounded them; as the Lord had commanded, but permitted them to remain in the land. As a result the youth associated with these idolatrous nations, the parents neglected their obligations to their children, and became indifferent to their obligations to God. An education was received far different from what God intended them to have. In order to meet this growing evil, the schools of the prophets were established. These were training schools for teachers. The object of these schools was to give the youth a Christian education. Many of the students sustained themselves by manual labor, and in those days it was regarded as a sin if the children were not taught to work. I think it would be a blessing to the children in this day, if it were still regarded as such.

Different trades were taught, and the chief subjects of study were the law of God, with the instruction given to Moses, sacred history, sacred music, and poetry. The results of these schools were great. They helped to lay the foundations for the prosperity which distinguished the reign of David and Solomon.

But the best school here on earth, and the one in which was the greatest teacher was the school of Christ. Although he was not appreciated and regarded as such at that time, he was the greatest educator that ever lived in the form of a human being. He was an example of what every teacher ought to be. He took a

special interest in the children, and the greatest trust he has left to us is to "feed my lambs." Jesus was no respecter of persons but was just as loving and kind to the poor and needy as to those of wealth. His whole life was spent in doing good. He shunned even the appearance of evil. Christ was the truth; he taught the truth; he taught himself. He used the same principles used in the Garden of Eden. Every lesson he taught was compared with some object of nature.

The apostles continued the teachings of Christ in the schools which they established, and the Lord intends that we shall still continue to give the children and youth in the present time a Christian education, by establishing church schools. These are to be a safeguard and aid to parents in the education of their children. The word of God should be made the main feature of study in these schools. "Let the youth be taught to take eternity into their reckoning. Let them be taught to choose the principles, and seek the possessions that are enduring,—to lay up for themselves 'that treasure in the heavens that faileth not; where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth'; to make to themselves friends 'by means of the mammon of unrighteousness,' that when it shall fail, these may receive them 'into the eternal tabernacles.' All who do this are making the best possible preparation for life in this world. No man can lay up treasure in heaven without finding his life on earth thereby enriched and ennobled.

"Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

VADA WELCH.

"A COVETOUS man is fretful because he has not so much as he desires, but a gracious man is thankful because he has more than he deserves."

## A CALL FOR WORKERS

THE fall season is again here,—the time for our book workers to put in some hard licks. The Lord has blessed this country with prosperity during the past year, and there is no reason why our good Message-filled literature should not be scattered "like the leaves of autumn."

Buying books at this season of the year has gotten to be a habit with most people, so they can be sold with less effort than at any other time of the year. Thousands of dollars' worth of books could be placed in the homes between now and Christmas if our people in Ohio would only do their duty. The Lord is calling for one hundred where we now have one. Where are the ninety and nine? Who will respond to the call? We can never expect a more favorable time than now. Money is plentiful on every hand, so we do not have to face the "hard once did; and yet there are fewer work-times" cry as much as our workers in the field than there were during the panic of ten and twelve years ago.

Brethren, what does this mean? The Lord has said that these books must go. Will he have to bring back the hard times so that we will be forced to give up the positions to which we are now clinging so tenaciously, so that we can have time to devote to his service? Think of this matter prayerfully, brethren, and I believe we will soon have many more workers entering this much neglected branch of our work. Your brother in the Master's service,  
CARL E. WEAKS.

## Haskins.

DEAR VISITOR: Thursday, September 6, I visited the little company of Sabbath keepers at Haskins which was raised up a year ago this fall. However, they have not yet been organized or taken into any church home. So, acting upon the advice of the Conference president, I took them to the Bowling Green church. There in council with and by the help of Elder Sweet four souls were on Sabbath, September 8, unanimously voted into church fellowship by the brothers and sisters of that church. All had been in good standing in some other church. One, however, had not been immersed. This one was baptized immediately after the services. We hope that soon the others who did not feel able to be with us at this time will also unite with the church at that place. That God may add his blessing, and guide and keep these dear souls is my prayer.  
JOHN P. GAEDE.

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Sabbath begins Sept. 21 at 6:00 P. M.

## LABORERS WANTED

LABORERS wanted. The ripening grain  
Waits to welcome the reapers' cry.  
The Lord of harvest calls again,  
Who among us shall first reply,  
"Who is wanted, Lord,—is it I?"  
The Master calls, but the servants wait,  
Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky;  
Will none seize the sickle before, too late,  
Winds of winter come sweeping by!  
"Who is delaying, Lord,—is it I?"

—Selected.

## CANVASSING NOTES

WE are glad to note the interest that our people in Ohio manifested in the canvassing work at the last camp-meeting. We believe that the Lord is impressing many hearts to enter this much neglected branch of the work and stay by it until the Master says, "It is finished."

BRETHREN HORST and WATERS will labor near Orrville.

BROTHER A. T. HALSTED has returned to his field of labor at Bridgeport.

BROTHER HARRY WEAVER will handle the grand, good book, "Desire of Ages," during the holiday season.

BROTHER B. F. COOK is again back at his post of duty in Green County. He is handling "Coming King."

BROTHER E. R. NUMBERS, who has been canvassing for the past eighteen months in Fairfield County, has now moved to Hocking County where he will continue in the book work.

GURNEY YOUNG has entered the "Christ Object Lesson" work at Columbus. He is working for a scholarship at the College. Are there not other young people in Ohio that would be glad to take up this work?

How many of our people in Ohio are planning on devoting some time to the canvassing work this fall? Let all that are please make it known to the Field Secretary. People are waiting to buy books at this season for holiday gifts. If we don't go to them and secure their orders, others, with inferior books, will.

IF there should be any doubting Thomases in the State of Ohio whom the Lord is impressing to take up resident canvassing, but who are a little fearful about making a living in this work, I would suggest that they write Brother Numbers. His address is Enterprise, Hocking Co., O. I am sure he would be glad to answer any questions that such persons might ask.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Sept. 7, 1906.)

H. A. Weaver, Columbus.—Desire of Ages and Daniel and Revelation: 9 hours; value of orders, \$9.25; helps, \$3.50; total, \$12.75.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Great Controversy: 33 hours; value of orders, \$23.75; helps, \$6.75; total, \$30.50.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$33; deliveries, \$120.

Guy G. Hastings,\* Van Wert Co.—Bible Readings: 34 hours, value of orders, \$36.

B. F. Cook, Green Co.—Coming King: 7 hours; value of orders, \$10.50; helps, \$3.25; total, \$13.75; deliveries, \$6.50.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$17; helps, \$1.75; total, \$18.75.

Goldie L. Baldwin, Huron Co.—Coming King: 8½ hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$.50; total, \$1.50; deliveries, \$1.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 38 hours; value of orders, \$14; deliveries, \$1.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$12; deliveries, \$3.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$18.50.

\*Week ending August 17.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION, SABBATH, NOVEMBER 3.

It has been decided by the General Conference Committee that a collection should be taken in all our churches Sabbath, November 3, for the benefit of the International Publishing Association at College View, Neb. This Association publishes the following foreign denominational papers, *Hausfreund* and *Arbeiter* (German), *Sions Vaktare* (Swedish), and *Sendebud* (Danish-Norwegian), also books, pamphlets, and tracts in the foreign languages. This is a needy institution and should receive the hearty support of all our people.

E. T. RUSSELL,

Chairman Board of Trustees, I. P. A.

## LIFE AND HEALTH

WHAT do you know about the health journal, *Life and Health*? Do you know it has been published since 1885, and that since it has been removed to Washington, D. C., improved, and its name changed from the *Pacific Health Journal* to *Life and Health*, it has more than quadrupled its circulation? Do you know how much it is appreciated by the people, and that boys and girls are selling it with excellent success? That one fourteen-year-old girl sold over 2,000 copies of the July number and 1,500 copies of the August number during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August? Do you know that agents make two and one-half cents a copy on each copy sold? Have you seen the September number (the "mel-on-cholera days" number) which contains articles upon the Common Disorders of Children, Strenuous School Work, Bringing Up of Children, and lots of other good things in this health journal? Sample copies will be sent on request, and special agents' rates furnished to those who wish to solicit for the journal. Address—

LIFE AND HEALTH,

Tacoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

## FOUND

Two umbrellas, one gent's belt, one hymnal and other small articles were found on the camp-ground, and not called for. These articles can be had by addressing the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Mount Vernon, O., with description of property.

"We should treat our brother's faults as we would treat our own sores, heal without leaving a scar."