

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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A DEFINITE WORK, A DEFINITE FIELD, A DEFINITE TIME

GOD has had a definite work laid out for his people through all the ages of earth's history. While there are different degrees of development and different manifestations of his power to meet the needs of the different periods, yet God's work has in all time been the same. With him "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

God wishes to draw his people near to him, that through the instruction and wisdom obtained from him, they in turn may become teachers of the world about them; making known through their lives the character and principles of God's kingdom.

It was for this purpose that Israel was delivered from Egypt and led step by step from the darkness of heathendom into the light of the true knowledge of his power and love. And although they did not appreciate God's purpose, or co-operate in its execution, and thus separate themselves from him his purpose for those who trust in him is unchanged. "Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever."

God has called upon the people of this generation to perform the same work. He has revealed unto us his will and expects us to obey. He commissions us to go and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever he hath commanded us, with the knowledge that when *this* has been accomplished, *then* will the end come.

"Great and solemn events are just before us. Prophecies are fulfilling. Everything in the world is in agitation. Events are changing to bring about the day of God "which hasteth greatly." Satan is busily laying his plans for the last mighty conflict. He knows that he has but a moment of time in which to work, and he is striving to his utmost strength to make himself as God and to destroy all who oppose his power.

If there was ever a crisis it is now. Now is the time for the last warning to be given. God wishes to see those

who have a knowledge of the truth imparting this knowledge to their fellowmen. We cannot be too much in earnest. We are not zealous enough in working for the truth God has given us. We might have been in the place of those who are in error. If they were the ones who had a knowledge of the truth, would we wish them to withhold it from us when upon it depended our salvation? No. And yet just think of the prophetic record of our church—in symbol, a woman "once pure and beautiful, gladly performing the tasks assigned her—but attracted and flattered by the world gradually became filled with selfish pride and desiring to become like her companions, carelessly turned away from her true position"—and now through love of ease and slothfulness Laodicea has become poor and miserable and blind and naked. But although she has been untrue to her duties—there is one who does not forsake her. He seeks her in her fallen condition, and counsels her to buy of him gold tried in the fire that she may be rich, and white raiment that she may be clothed, that the shame of her nakedness do not appear, and eyesalve that would restore to her, her sight.

With his words of reproof are mingled expressions of love and entreaty. He calls her back to her duty entreating her to be zealous and repent, so she may be restored to her former position. But a deep stupor seems to have fallen over her. His words seem to be falling upon ears that cannot hear.

She does not realize her true condition, but in her dreams believes herself to be all that she ever has been—rich, increased with goods, having need of nothing. (I am thankful that we do not have to leave her in this condition.) We have the promise that she will rouse from her stupor, and I fully believe she is doing so now. Laodicea will not always sleep, but zealous and filled with repentance will strive to fulfil her Saviour's wishes.

You may be surprised at what I think the tokens of her awakening will be. What do you suppose the first thoughts of a mother would be after she had been roused from a deep sleep

to a sense of immediate danger? You all know that the first thought would be, where are my children? Are they out of danger? When our church rouses to the sense of the importance of caring for the children, then I will believe that Laodicea is at last roused. But we cannot delay this work much longer if we are hoping for our own salvation or that of our children. We have been warned enough already. Schools should have been established years ago for our children, but where are they? We cannot live over the past, but what we can do is to begin right now. We are not to wait until we again become careless or indifferent, but we can begin at once laying our plans for a school, which can be carried out later on. God has told us that "while the interest of both parents and children is awakened, it is a golden opportunity for the establishment of a school at which the work begun at camp-meeting can be carried forward. Yet God does not wish us to act too hastily in this matter. Here is still further counsel that he has given us: "The establishment and location of church schools is a matter of utmost importance, and should receive careful attention. Only after the most wise and judicious plans have been laid, should a school be established. Mistakes may be made by being in too great haste to locate and establish church schools."

Union and good fellowship in the church is an essential condition to success. "A spirit of disunion cherished in the hearts of a few will communicate itself to others and undo the influence for good that would be exerted by the school. Unless parents are ready and anxious to co-operate with the teacher for the salvation of their children they are not prepared to have a school among them." "Churches where schools are established may well tremble as they see themselves entrusted with moral responsibilities too great for words to express. For upon them depend, in greatest measure, the success or failure of this work.

Another thing to consider—God has warned us that "we should shun debt as we would the leprosy." "As church schools are established, the people of God will find it a valuable education

for themselves to learn how to conduct the school on a basis of financial success." All should share the expense, yet none should be debarred from the school through lack of means. Some advocate the use of the second tithe for school purposes, and God has said that it could be put to no better use. In the educational department of the *Review* of August 9 is given a report of the carrying out of this plan in southern California, and it certainly has met with great success. In April, 1905, the General Conference passed a recommendation to our ministers and people that they favorably consider, study and adopt the second tithe, part of the funds thus raised to be used for educational purposes. If we would only adopt this plan, we would find a solution of one of the chief problems.

Many families for the purpose of educating their children move to places where our large schools are established, but God is not pleased with this. He tells us that if they would only remain at home, encouraging the church of which they are members to establish a school for the children within its borders, it would be vastly better for their children, for themselves, and for the cause of God.

Wherever there are a few Sabbathkeepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for the education of their children. It is often urged that there are not enough children to establish a school, but we are told that if there are no more than six, and they are compelled to go to school, a church school should be provided for them. Sometimes it is possible for a few small companies living near each other to unite in the support of a school. But where it is not practical for such a school to be started the parents should endeavor to employ a teacher who will come to their homes.

You are employed to "work as if working for your lives to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world."

There will be many difficulties and dangers. You must expect them. The enemy is not going to give up an inch of the ground he has gained without a contest. But we must be strong and of good courage. The command is, "Go forward," and we know that under our Great Commander there can be no defeat. The church school works of God and will triumph. The difficulties lying in our pathway will, with his help, be overcome—and we shall press forward into the kingdom and before his throne say, "Here am I and the children thou hast given me."

BESSIE E. ACTON.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING

IN Israel, all males were required to appear before the Lord three times annually. Ex. 23:17. It was that they might keep feasts unto him: V. 14. The last of these was the Feast of the Ingathering, which was in the end of the harvest year, and marked the close of the yearly religious services. V. 16. They were not to come empty-handed. V. 15.

At this time they were to come from Dan, on the north, and Beer Sheba, on the south, to worship before the Lord. They traveled this distance on foot, which would compare favorably with a foot journey from Columbus to Cleveland. Dwelling in their fastnesses were the ferocious Hivites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, and others, through whose country the Israelites were compelled to pass, whom the Lord had promised to dispossess by sending hornets among them, yet as they left homes unprotected, and went unarmed to worship the Lord as he had commanded, not one was molested, not even a "fear annoyed, nor foe affrighted" because they were found in the path of duty.

During the Feast of the Ingathering they were to dwell in booths which they were commanded to make by taking "branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook." (Lev. 23:40, 43), that their generations might know the true God: that it was he who made the children of Israel dwell in booths when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

This was the crowning festal gathering of the year. The labor had been faithfully performed, the efforts of the tiller of the soil, the dresser of the vine, and the feeder of the flocks had been rewarded. The land had yielded its increase. The harvest had been gathered in to the granaries, the fruit, the oil, and the wine had been stored, the flocks were safely sheltered. The first fruits had been reserved, and now the people come with their tribute of thanksgiving to God, for his prospering hand which had been over them.

As this feast came after the day of atonement when all had confessed their sins, now at peace with God and in harmony with each other, they could come before his presence joyfully, and with thankful hearts present their gifts before the one who had so bountifully blessed them in basket and store. Ah! can you not imagine you can hear the sweet strains of that lovely psalm which was so joyfully sung by each devoted follower of the pillar of cloud, as it was wafted heavenward by the zephyrs of the Holy Land, and as the

angelic choir caught its first melodious strains, they fill all heaven with their rapturous music?

"Well would it be for the people of God at the present time to have a feast of tabernacles,—a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to them. As the children of Israel celebrated the deliverance that God had wrought for their fathers, and his miraculous preservation of them during their journeyings from Egypt, so should we gratefully call to mind the various ways he has devised for bringing us out from the world, and from the darkness of error, into the precious light of his grace and truth. We sustain a loss when we neglect the privilege of associating together to strengthen and encourage one another in the service of God." "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 540, 541.

I hope all will notice carefully, if you have not already done so, what is said in this quotation relative to our holding harvest ingatherings. Have you as a church planned so to do? This feast, this year, falls on the first week of October, and how appropriate it would be for all our churches to hold such services at this time. I am glad to know that some are beginning to heed this "Testimony," and are planning to hold Ingathering Services. I have been more than pleased, as I have had the privilege of visiting our churches in their meetings in the past, to see the beautiful decorations, fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables, and to hear the voices of young and old joined in praises to God for his abundant harvest.

At our recent camp-meeting, a number of our Sabbath-school officers requested that the Educational Department prepare a program to be printed in the *VISITOR* for use in the local churches. This we planned to do had there not appeared a complete program in the Sept. 4, 1906, issue of the *Youth's Instructor*. We advise our people throughout the State to plan to carry out this program, which is the best we have ever seen. Also do not fail to read the missionary article which appears in the following issue of the same paper, as this will tell where to send your donations. I trust that these donations may be larger than ever before, that the work in the regions beyond may be thereby aided.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

"He taught me also, and said unto me, let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

REPORTS

Continental

DEAR VISITOR: We came to Continental, September 15, and with the help of Brother Vance and son of Charloe we pitched our large tent and two small ones that afternoon. Miss Verna Shultz joined us the next day. By working very hard we got everything in shape so we held our first meeting the evening of September 7. Only a few persons came into the tent while there was a much larger crowd outside that seemed to think it was not safe for them to enter and take seats. This curiosity soon disappeared, and so did most of the people; and I can say that thus far our tent has had plenty of empty seats.

We made up our minds that if only two came we would speak each night, but we have not had that experience yet, although several nights only six or eight would be present, but now from twenty to twenty-five attend, most are present each night. New faces are being added each night, and most of them are people of intelligence.

We are putting out about 130 Family Bible Teachers twice a week. Sister Verna shares in this work and in other ways is helping to make the meetings a success.

We have sold and taken orders during the past week for about twenty dollars' worth of books and tracts. When we leave here, or rather take our tents down, we expect not only to have given the Message to this town but also to the country around for at least five miles.

There are quite a number attending the services who would not have come near the tent if we had not first visited them with the printed page.

Last Sabbath we spoke to the brethren of Melrose and Charloe. There were about fifty present, and there seems to be a growing interest at both places. We feel that God is leading and our courage is good.

W. E. BIDWELL,
JOHN W. SHULTZ.

Quebec, Canada

WELCOME VISITOR: The Quebec camp-meeting is now in the past. Elders Evans, Thurston, Keslake and the writer were happily associated together in the meeting. It now falls to the lot of your unworthy brother to carry the cares and responsibilities of the Conference for the coming year. For the present and until my return to

Ohio for my family, I am at our beautiful sanitarium at Knowlton. The town is a beautiful one nestled among the mountains, with Browne Lake washing the edge of the corporation limits, a beautiful lake nearly round and about four miles in diameter, with a beautiful island near its center. With the brethren above named, through the kindness of Dr. White, we drove around the lake and it was the most delightful drive of my life. The thermometer stands about 100 degrees in the sun to-day but we may have heavy frosts by to-morrow night. The winter's cold here drops to forty degrees below zero, and the roads are rolled until they are like ice. The people use the roads instead of the sidewalks. Fruits, except apples, are very scarce. But little grain is grown. The people here depend almost entirely upon their dairies for a livelihood. Barns and houses are built with double siding, windows and doors to protect man and beast from the cold. This is a French Catholic province; but I have already found many dear ones who love the Third Angel's Message. I am in fair health and send greetings to all the dear saints in Ohio.

D. E. LINDSEY.

READ THIS SLOWLY AND THINK

DOES my life please God?
Am I studying my Bible daily?
Am I enjoying my Christian life?
Is there any one I can forgive?
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
How much time do I spend in prayer?
Am I trying to bring my friends to Christ?
Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
Just where am I making my greatest mistake?
How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
How many things do I put before my religious duties?
Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?
Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?
Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?—*Presbyterian Endeavorer.*

LOST.—A razor was lost on the Troy camp-grounds. "New York Clipper" was engraved on the side of the blade. Should any of the VISITOR readers know of such a razor being found on the camp-grounds, please inform C. E. Weaks, Mount Vernon, Ohio, and he will send postage for its return.

A MISSIONARY EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT

"TO-DAY we face a great missionary problem. Notwithstanding all that has been done to finish this work, there are still vast fields unentered, millions of men and women unwarned, and many pressing Macedonian calls unanswered.

"We recommend that immediate, earnest, and continued efforts be made—

"1. To create a more intelligent and profound conviction regarding the field to be occupied and the service to be rendered. . . ."

"4. To inaugurate and carry forward a steady, well grounded, and persuasive movement, the great aim of which shall be to provide workers for the work to be done."

The above extracts are from the resolutions adopted by the Educational Convention at College View, July 1—10. Do you want to keep pace with this movement, and help to accomplish these grand objects? Then you need a copy of *The Missionary Idea. Lead it yourself and HELP TO CIRCULATE IT.*

Price, 75c. Order of Ohio Tract Society, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Sept. 14, 1906.)

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 32 hours; value of orders, \$60; helps, \$10; total, \$70.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Great Controversy: 47 hours; value of orders, \$16.50; helps, \$11.50; total, \$28.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: 13 hours, value of orders, \$14.25; helps, \$2.75; total, \$17; deliveries, \$30.

B. F. Cook, Green Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$10.50; helps \$5.00; total, \$11; deliveries, \$3; previously delivered, \$31.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 20 hours; value of orders, \$5.

Eros M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$14.50 deliveries, \$36.

R. Degarno, Summit Co.—Coming King: 6 hours; value of orders, \$4.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$19.20.

AS the reports come from week to week, we are impressed that the work is rapidly nearing its completion. Let us pray that the work be cut short in righteousness.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Sept. 28 at 5:20 P. M.

BROTHER C. V. HAMER was called from the office for a few days.

THE Lord has given many precious promises in regard to the new earth; and one of great encouragement is "that the inhabitants shall not say I am sick." Neither shall there be any more pain, nor the voice of crying or weeping. Hasten, O glad day. Isa. 33: 20-24.

WE ask the brethren throughout the State to remember our College and church school teachers in their prayers. These workers need to be sustained before the Lord, that wisdom from above may be given them daily. Pray also that the spirit of earnestness and devotion may possess the students.

BROTHER T. J. HANDLEY, and family, of Lexington, O., were in Academia last Thursday, September 20, to witness the marriage of their son Florin Handley to Miss Eva Shough. The ceremony was performed by Elder M. C. Kirkendall, at his home, in the presence of a few invited guests. The VISITOR joins in congratulations.

IMPORTANT

I NOTICE that some of our canvassers are still taking orders for the old style bindings, at the old prices. It is important that you make the change AT ONCE, as we will very probably have to fill all orders at the advanced prices from this date.

CARL E. WEAKS.

REPORTING

NOW that the busy season of the year for our canvassers is here, and all are trying to get as large a delivery as possible for the holidays, it is very easy to get a little careless in reporting your weekly sales; but please do not do this. This is also a very busy season of the year for our publishing houses, and unless they receive

regular weekly reports of just the number of books sold in the different Conferences, so they may know about how many books will be wanted, there may be some trouble in their being able to fill all orders promptly when the big demand for books comes during the months of November and December.

Even though your week's sales have amounted to but a few dollars, make out a full report each Sunday and send it in to the office.

I am glad to see the way our workers are improving as to putting in full time. This is indeed as it should be, yet there is room for still greater improvement. Look over your past reports and see if you don't think it would have been possible to have a few extra hours, or possibly days, to report.

A number of new workers are now entering the field. Let us, who have been in the field, remember these new recruits before the throne of grace; and also pray that the Lord will impress many more to take up this neglected branch of the work, and that the warning may soon be given, so that the Lord may come to take his people home. Your brother in the Master's service,

CARL E. WEAKS.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

AUGUST, 1906.

Akron.....	\$	.....
Alliance.....	1.00	.....
Ashland.....	2.00	.....
Barnesville.....	.....	.....
Beaver.....	4.78	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....	.....
Bellville.....	.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	19.15	.....
Brokaw.....	.....	.....
Broughton.....	.....	.....
Camden.....	47.35	.....
Canton.....	11.45	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	24.16	.....
Charloe.....	3.50	.....
Chicago.....	13.50	.....
Chillicothe.....	10.00	.....
Cincinnati.....	20.65	.....
Cleveland.....	.....	.....
Clyde.....	53.51	.....
Columbiana.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	5.45	.....
Conneaut.....	.....	.....
Corsica.....	25.00	.....
Coshocton.....	26.28	.....
Cygnets.....	.....	.....
Dayton.....	91.24	.....
Defiance.....	34.90	.....
Delaware.....	3.20	.....
Dowling.....	11.00	.....
Dresden-Trinway.....	27.90	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	22.38	.....
Elgin.....	34.56	.....
Fairfield.....	.....	.....
Findlay.....	15.63	.....
Fostoria.....	.....	.....
Geneva.....	20.81	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....	.....
Green Spring.....	18.20	.....
Hamilton.....	.....	.....

Hamlet.....	.....	.....
Haskins.....	3.25	.....
Hicksville.....	.....	.....
Home Dept.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	4.17	.....
Kenton.....	.....	.....
Kirtland.....	.....	.....
Killbuck.....	31.00	.....
La Grange.....	.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....	.....
Laura.....	9.70	.....
Leesburg.....	.....	.....
Lewistown.....	7.90	.....
Liberty Center.....	4.55	.....
Lima.....	18.00	.....
Logansport.....	.....	.....
Mansfield.....	9.18	.....
Marion.....	.....	.....
Marshfield.....	.....	.....
Marysville.....	.....	.....
Massillon.....	50	.....
Medina.....	.....	.....
Melers.....	4.10	.....
Mendon.....	.....	.....
Middlefield.....	13.84	.....
Morrow.....	.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	115.08	.....
Nashville.....	.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	62.49	.....
Norwalk.....	25.85	.....
Ohio City.....	11.50	.....
Olivet.....	.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....	.....
Plqua.....	4.25	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	16.20	.....
Powell.....	.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....	.....
Rows.....	.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....	.....
Springfield.....	93.04	.....
Toledo.....	60.21	.....
Troy.....	16.00	.....
Van Wert.....	.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	5.00	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	90.31	.....
Waterford.....	.....	.....
Wesleyville.....	.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	7.43	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....	.....
Wheetersburg.....	44.30	.....
Wilmington.....	2.50	.....
Youngstown.....	25.40	.....
Zanesville.....	7.50	.....
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	53.16	.....

Total.....\$1,362.5
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES,

August, 1906.

Tithe.....	\$1,362.58
Ohio Tract Society.....	909.12
Weekly Offerings.....	61.46
First-day Offerings.....	.....
Sabbath-school Donations.....	116.04
Mid-Summer Offering.....	40.10
Earthquake Fund.....	4.00
Y. P. Society.....	22.33
Southern Field.....	2.96
Orphan's Home.....	3.93
Cleveland Church.....	4.00
Donation Italian F. B. T.....	7.61
West Indian Training School.....	167.90
China.....	3.35
India.....	13.41
Total.....	\$2,718.85

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