

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"HE LEADETH ME"

Psalm 23.

Is "pastures green"?--Not always; sometimes
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Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be--

Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and
bright--

Out of the sunshine into darkest night;
I oft would falter with sorrow and affright,

Only for this: I know he holds my hand;
So, whether led in green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.

Beside "still waters"?--No, not always so;
Of times the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.

But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, is it I."

Above the tempest wild I hear him say,
"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day."
In every path of thine I lead the way."

So, whether on the hill tops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter! He is there.

And more than this: where e'er the pathway
lead,

He gives to me no helpless broken reed,
But his own hand sufficient for my need.

So where he leads me, I can safely go;
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in his wisdom he hath led me so.

--Selected

AN APPEAL FOR THE BLIND

THE Executive Committee of the Ohio Conference have appointed Sabbath, October 27, as a time for a collection to be taken in all our churches for the purpose of assisting the effort of placing the Third Angel's Message in the hands of the worthy blind of this Conference.

We are told that in this State alone we have 4,500 of these unfortunates. Shall we not make an effort to save this class of people too?

The General Conference has started the publication of a thirty-two page magazine called the *Christian Record*. This magazine is published monthly at College View, Nebr., at two dollars a year and is designed for this very purpose.

At the third biennial session of the Lake Union Conference held at Ber-

rien Springs last May, Brother L. N. Muck, editor of the *Christian Herald*, was present and made an eloquent plea in behalf of his people. Later in the conference the following resolution was introduced and unanimously passed, "Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to appropriate \$200 from the available funds of the current year to assist in placing the *Christian Record* in the hands of the worthy blind in the Lake Union Conference and that each conference composing the Lake Union Conference put forth an effort to place the paper in the asylums, schools, and homes of the blind throughout the Lake Union.

In keeping with the spirit of this resolution the Conference Committee have decided to extend to all our people in this Conference the privilege of helping along this worthy enterprise.

Believing that God will bless in this effort, and requesting a careful reading of the following communication, we are yours in the Master's service,

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Per H. H. Burkholder.

Please preserve this paper
and read the following communication on Sabbath, Oct. 27, 1906.

DEAR BELIEVERS IN THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE: It is the purpose of this letter to place before your minds a branch of the Lord's work which has until the present been but little known; and for that reason should have more careful attention now that it is being brought before our minds. It is the work of carrying the Third Angel's Message to the blind, to the ones on whom rests more heavily than upon us the results of the disobedience of our first parents. These unfortunate brethren of ours are in greater misfortune than simply being without their natural eyesight. If they stood on a par otherwise, their lot would not be so hard, nor their burden so heavy to bear. But as soon as a person loses his sight, the friends with whom he was wont to associate, not wishing to be annoyed by his presence among them, soon neglect him; and often entirely forget their

former friend, and perhaps the leader in their social circle. They do not seem to think that now misfortune has overtaken him, he needs their sympathy and encouragement more than he ever did before. They do not stop to consider the needs of one who, perhaps, has been a father to them when they themselves were in need. But entirely unmindful of him, they substitute someone in his place, and leave him to his fate. Thus neglected there may be someone who succors him or he may be left to drift out on public charity, a stranger and an outcast in the midst of former friends.

Thus he is left without friends; without all the pleasures of light and color which meet our eyes in the beautiful green of the forest or meadow, or the variegated tints of the wild-flowers, but everywhere only the inky blackness of midnight; and not even able to while away the long hours by reading some good literature unless he is provided with it by some charitable person, because he has as a rule no money with which to buy the expensive embossed books. For illustration, the bare cost of producing a Bible, which makes eleven immense volumes, is twenty-one dollars. Could you afford a Bible at this rate? The government comes to their aid by paying two-thirds of the cost price, but would you feel like paying seven dollars for a Bible if you had no way of earning money?

Those who have been blind from their youth, and who have attended the schools for the blind, are provided with text books and story books while they were in school, but the policy of our government will not allow it to give them any religious instruction. And would we want it to? And when they return home, they are compelled to leave their books behind, and single handed, with no books to read for instruction and pleasure unless they have money to buy, enter upon the struggle for a livelihood.

But what is our duty and privilege in regard to these poor outcasts? Our work is to give the Third Angel's Message, the message of a soon coming Saviour to a lost and dying world. For this purpose we have been called out from among the other people of the earth. Christ says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to

every creature." He also says, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." We are endeavoring to carry out these commands. We have been sending men and money to foreign lands to advance the Message, and this is what we should do. But in our eagerness to carry the Message in far away lands, we have overlooked this most needy class in our homeland. "These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

Christ spoke the parable of the Great Supper to illustrate the giving of the Message in our time. "Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that they were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. . . . So the servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry, said unto his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

The message, "Come; for all things are now ready," has been given for over sixty years, and now the time has come when "there shall be delay no longer." The Master is now saying, "Bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." We are his servants, and his command to us is to bring in the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind. Will we do it?

"But," you ask, "how may we give the Message to the blind?" Many of us have received the truth through reading the literature which bears the Third Angel's Message. Should not the blind receive it in the same way? They are so scattered that it is impossible for the living preacher to visit each one and tell him the word of life. But as God provides ways and means for the advancement of all branches of his work, so has he provided a way for the knowledge of his saving truth to go to the blind. He, being never lost for ways of accomplishing his ends, has provided a way whereby those who cannot see may read his truth with their sensitive fingers. Truly, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," saith the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

It has been said that in these United States and Canada there are no less than 200,000 blind persons. The majority of these are isolated and neglect-

ed, so that they do not have an opportunity to hear the word of God from the mouth of the living preacher. But God has guided in the starting of a paper printed in the two leading systems used in this country—the New York Point and the American Braille—and restrained other denominations from entering the field except the Catholics who are printing a paper in New York. This leaves the way clear for us to give them the truth before their minds are filled with prejudice against it. In this way there is a much better field for labor among the blind than among the seeing. The blind also, not having their minds filled with what they see going on around them, are more susceptible to influences for good than any other class.

The *Christian Record* was established under the auspices of the General Conference nearly seven years ago. And since that time its circulation has increased from 75 copies to about 800 copies monthly. Those having had the responsibility of the work have struggled along, laboring under difficulties which would have discouraged the majority of people. But due to their trust in God, and an overmastering desire to see this Message carried to their brethren in affliction, these blind brethren have labored on, never daunted by the apparent lack of interest manifested by the churches. We know that the key note of this Message is that "there shall be delay no longer." Shall we take hold of this work now, and help these brethren give the Message to the blind? Already there are about 200 among this class who have united with this Message; and several have this year united with it, and others are interested. The magazine is an entering wedge, which gets the people interested in the truth, and this interest is followed up by tracts on all points of the Message, so that they are not left in spiritual darkness, but may have all the light and blessedness which comes with a knowledge of the truth.

"But," you ask, "why ask for help to support this paper? Can it not do its work the same as our other papers do?" That is the point. The blind are different from all other classes. They would gladly pay the subscription price of the paper had they the money. But the majority of them have no way of securing money. Are we then to withhold the truth from them because they have no money to buy? God forbid! May we each one say to ourselves, "I will do my part toward bringing this Message which will eventually literally open the blind eyes, to those who sit in darkness." God grant that it may be so for his name's sake. The bare cost of pro-

ducing the printed page for the blind is much greater than for the seeing. And the subscription price of two dollars barely covers the cost of producing a thirty-two page magazine monthly for one year. There are 4,500 blind in this State of Ohio. Will you help to give them the Message? We will not ask you to supply them all this year, but let us make a brave stand for God and his truth by each giving at least the price of one year's subscription for this needy work. Can you see these perishing souls go down to death and not stretch out a hand to save them? "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

It has been suggested that each local conference should give at least one hundred dollars to the support of this work. We believe that you will not say no to this call, but will unite with your brethren in fulfilling the King's command to call hither the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind, that his house may be filled; and we may see the "Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Yours in the Third Angel's Message,
Christian Record Publishing Co.,
College View, Nebr.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Ohio City

It was my privilege to visit the few Sabbath keepers at Ohio City on September 14. I held four meetings with them. September 16 they met with the church at Elgin. Acting under advice, it seemed the only thing for them to do rather than to remain alone, so when opportunity was given they applied for entrance to the church. The elder, Brother Van Eman, put the question before the church, which then unanimously voted them to be baptized and taken into church fellowship. The baptism followed. Five souls were buried in the watery grave and came forth rejoicing in the new life. Language can hardly express the joy that fills the heart of God's people on an occasion of this kind.

These dear souls had patiently waited with a longing desire to be united with God's people. They now feel that they belong to the flock whose chief shepherd is Jesus Christ.

May the present spirit and the ardent love that now fills their hearts remain with them till Jesus comes.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Columbus

I AM again reporting another week's work for the Master and am feeling much encouraged as a result of my experiences. I have had as good an experience this past week as I can ever remember having had before in the placing of the Message before those who are in darkness concerning the times in which we live.

Monday evening I secured a place to stay over night, and after supper I was asked a few questions regarding the Word, and invited to give a Bible reading. Having my prophetic chart with me, I eagerly took advantage of the opportunity thus offered, and inside of from one and one-half to two hours I had, with the Lord's help, thrust home some precious truths to the hearts of my listeners, among whom was a Roman Catholic who was visiting the family.

Feeling greatly blessed by this experience, I praised the Lord before retiring, and asked him to bless the truths spoken, and that he would make them felt in the lives of those who had listened to them. The next morning I found all of the folks greatly agitated over the previous night's lesson. They unanimously requested me to stay with them all through the week and tell them more about the precious Word, which invitation I readily accepted. During the week I worked the surrounding country, and each night gave these people all the truth I possibly could, considering the time allowed me, including "The Nature of Man," "Punishment of the Wicked," Daniel 7, Revelation 12 and 13, etc. The Lord gave me special wisdom for the occasion, and I believe the effort will not have been in vain, but will be the means of drawing these dear souls closer to their Lord, and perhaps bringing some of them into the Kingdom.

When I left the home Friday morning, I had secured orders in the home for the following books, all in good binding: two "Daniel and Revelation," two "Desire of Ages," one "Bible Reading," and two "Paradise Home," making in all a total of \$17.50.

Before leaving I was requested to make my abode next week with a relative of the family four miles distant and repeat the same experience. I feel that I need prayers ascending in my behalf for the coming week. "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you," Luke 20:4, says Christ. Let those who are doing nothing but standing idle heed this admonition while it is yet the eleventh hour. Praise the Lord!

H. A. WEAVER.

District Four

It has been some time since I have reported, but all through the time God has graciously blessed me, and my feeble efforts.

It has been a privilege to me to visit again some of the churches in my former district in the northwestern part of the State. I found the brethren of Dowling, Bowling Green, Cygnet and Six Points of good courage and looking forward to the closing of the Third Angel's Message and the eternal rest promised to the faithful.

I also visited the long neglected church at Delaware. Although the members in their scattered condition had become somewhat discouraged, God by his Spirit, was working for them, and blessed the effort put forth and the church was re-organized. An elder, deacon, and officers necessary for the organization were elected.

May our Heavenly Father bless and guide this dear people till we meet around his throne.

Yours in the Master's service,

FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

Canon City, Colo.

DEAR BRETHREN: I am enclosing money for the extension of my subscription to your paper. We could not do without the VISITOR very long for its pages are full of encouragement; especially is this true to read of the youth who have received training in the College there, giving their time and strength to the cause in foreign lands.

That alone should buoy us up and give us a greater determination to do our part to hasten the glad day when our Redeemer shall come. I praise him that I have received strength in Colorado to be of service in his vineyard. May God bless the VISITOR and its every reader.

Your sister in Christ,

PEARLE APT WEEKS.

Lexington

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I should have renewed before this. You can date back to the proper place. I can not well do without the WELCOME VISITOR. I have gotten so attached to it that when I get it I read it all before I quit. May the Lord bless its work, the editor, and all that are in the good work. It gives cheer and strength and joy to read of the progress of the work of the Third Angel's Message in the home field, and also all along the line. May the Lord bless the work everywhere is my prayer.

E. T. ENCK.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD TO THE YOUNG

WITH pleasure, I have been looking over the summary of the "Young People's Work" for the quarter ending March 31, 1906, as published in the September 4, issue of the *Youth's Instructor*. Ohio has certainly done nobly in the work thus far. Our donations to foreign work exceed the combined contributions of all other conferences. I am also glad to notice that Ohio leads all others in the number of Bible readings given, the number of tracts sold, the number given away, and second in the number of papers given away. Is not this a splendid showing? Yet our work is not begun. Now is the time to sell our books. Now is the time to scatter our tracts like the leaves of autumn. Now is the time to prepare the people in your community for a revival effort this winter, by distributing the *Family Bible Teacher*. As I feel that this Message must be given hastily, I am exercised to see every young man and woman in the work of saving souls, and long that they do all in their power to hasten the Message onward.

Do you remember the first Christian help work you ever did? Do you still experience the joy that filled your heart when you saw that your work was effectual, that it was appreciated by the one upon whom it was bestowed, that your efforts were rewarded? God has many more such blessings awaiting your demand and reception. He also has young friends and neighbors who are waiting for the Message which you should have to give. You may give Bible readings, sell books, loan books, and distribute papers and tracts. Only last week an order was received in this office from a man who became interested in present truth as the result of reading a paper which some one had thrown by the wayside. "Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meeting would not be dull and tedious. They would be full of interest, and *there would be no lack of attendance.*"

May we not see that this "Testimony" is obeyed? And after the weekly reports have been made, please do not forget that we, in the office, wait for your report. Please fill out the blank at once, and send it in to be published for the encouragement of others.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

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CLAUD COUNTRYMAN, a former student of the Mount Vernon College, is teaching the church school at Covert, Wis.

LOOK for the blue pencil mark on this paper, and if it appears know that your subscription expires with this number. Please renew immediately so you will not miss one paper.

Do not forget that all mail matter for the Office should be addressed to the Mount Vernon, O., postoffice, and that all postoffice money orders should be made payable at the same office.

ELDER E. G. HAYES, president of the South Dakota Conference, was in Academia Tuesday visiting teachers in the College who were his friends in college at Battle Creek, Mich., and College View, Neb.

MRS D. P. EDWARDS, mother of W. H. Edwards, who is secretary and treasurer of the Lake Union Conference, died last week. The funeral was conducted by Elder W. J. Stone, assisted by Elder Allen Moon.

MISS MARIE STEPHENSON, a former student of the College, has completed her training as nurse in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and is spending a few days with Sister N. S. Miller and family.

OWING to a mistake in the printing-office the sun has set the past two weeks according to standard time. It is the custom of the VISITOR to publish sun time; and the difference must be computed by those who keep standard time.

WE trust that a careful reading will be given the plea in regard to the work for the blind, which is published in this paper. And as we admit the need, may each one recognize the best way of expressing sympathy. Send all donations to the Conference Treasurer, C. V. Hamer, Mount Vernon, O., Box 187.

MISFORTUNE seems to be following Brother E. B. Haughey. Last spring he lost a very valuable colt; a few days later his cow died. Less than two weeks ago, his best horse did the same, and last week he fell from a tree and broke one of the small bones in his foot, which will confine him to the house for several weeks.

"THE thought of the fullness and importance of life, the greatness of the work one has to do to train oneself for immortality—should cause him to blush for the time lost, the energy wasted in sighing and groaning over pin pricks, or in breaking our strength, like modern Don Quixotes, against windmills."

THE work of the disciples was to spread a knowledge of the gospel. To them was committed the work of proclaiming to all the world the good news that Christ brought to men. That work they accomplished for the people of their time. To every nation under heaven the gospel was carried in a single generation.—"Ministry of Healing."

Do NOT think that because of the date of this paper that we are sending you a "back number." It is only the date that is out of date,—and results from an oversight in the printing office. The children sometime sing *Help a little*, so if you agree, just take your lead pencil and write the figure 10 over the 3, and your paper will be up to date.

It is but a minute,
And then it is gone:
But put something in it,
And that will live on.

And thus made immortal,
Thy moments shall be
The arch of a portal
Of triumph for thee.

—Selected.

To try and make others comfortable is the only way to get right comfortable ourselves, and that comes partly of not being able to think so much about ourselves when we are helping other people. For ourselves will always do pretty well if we don't pay them too much attention.

—Selected.

"LIFE AND HEALTH"

THE October number of *Life and Health* has some good things for everybody. The editor gives three pages to the exposing of some medical foibles, such as "dish-rag wart-cure" "onion-in-the-pocket fit cure" "eating poison-oak leaves to prevent poisoning," "black-string-around-the-neck cure

for croup and diphtheria," "wedding-ring-rub for sty cure," "sulphur-bag-wearing to ward off contagious diseases," "head-to-the-north sleeping to promote health," "boring the ears to prevent weak eyes," "excluding 'night-air' to prevent taking cold," "chewing tobacco to preserve the teeth," "smoking to prevent contagious disease," "preserving the hair by cutting it at certain stages of the moon," "near-eating essential to health," "the theories of mind-cure," etc. This article will reveal some of the foolish practices of good honest people in everyday life. The entire contents of the October number is excellent. It will be especially good for general circulation.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Sept. 28, 1906.)

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$49.50; helps, \$6; total, \$55.50.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Great Controversy: 45 hours; value of orders, \$42.50; helps, \$8; total, \$50.50.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings and Great Controversy; 27 hours; value of orders, \$29.50; helps, \$5.25; total, \$34.75; deliveries, \$26.

B. F. Cook, Green Co.—Coming King: 4 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$1; total, \$6; deliveries, \$5.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$11.25; deliveries, \$47.75.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$18.

R. Degarmo, Summit Co.—Coming King: 11 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$.75; total, \$8.75.

Goldie L. Baldwin, Huron Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$26.25.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 14 hours; value of orders, \$1; deliveries, \$37.50.

OBITUARY

LEHMAN.—Harry, oldest son of W. A. and Lena Lehman, of Dayton, O., was born Feb. 13, 1881 at Council Bluffs, Ia. His parents moved from the above named city to Barberston, O., where Harry worked as a machinist for twelve years. A little over a year ago he, with his parents, came to this city. On Sept. 5, 1906, the heart rending news was carried to his father of his sudden and instant death by being run over by a train near the Union Station. Harry was a quiet, inoffensive young man aged 25 years, 6 months, and 22 days. His exemplary life won for him many friends, who join his father, mother, sister, and relatives in mourning his death. Thus another life is gone out; another body consigned to its last resting place to await the voice of the Life Giver. Funeral text, James 4:14.

J. O. MILLER.