

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE TORCH

The God of heaven and earth
Gave me a torch to bear:
I lifted it high above me
In the dark and murky air.
And straightway with loud hosannas
The crowd acclaimed its light,
And followed me as I carried
My torch through the starless night:
'Till mad with the people's praises
And drunken with vanity
I forgot 'twas the torch that drew them:
And fancied they followed me.

But slowly my arm grew weary
Upholding the shining load:
And my tired feet went stumbling
Over the hilly road.
And I fell with the torch beneath me
In a moment the flame was out!
Then lo! from the throng a stripling
Sprang forth with a mighty shout,
Caught up the torch as it smoldered,
And lifted it high again:
'Till fanned by the winds of heaven
It fired the souls of men.

And, as I lay in the darkness,
The feet of the trampling crowd
Passed over and far beyond me,
Its peon; proclaimed aloud:
While I learned in deepening shadows,
This glorious verity,
"Tis the torch the people follow
Whoever the bearer be."
And now that the loving Father
Hath restored the torch to me,
O may I but endeavor
It to bear in humility.

—Selected by Rachel Hess.

THE NEED OF CONSECRATED TEACHERS*

THOSE who would lead another must know the way. They must not only know about Christ but they must know him. If we expect all our counsel and wisdom to come from man, mortal and finite like us ourselves, we will receive only human help.

Without the influence of divine grace, education will prove no real advantage. The learners become proud and vain, but that education which is received under the ennobling, refining influence of the great Teacher will elevate man. It will enable him to subdue pride and passion, and walk humbly before God.

*Paper read at the Hamler Sabbath-school Convention.

The Teacher from heaven, no less a personage than the Son of God, came to earth to reveal the character of the Father to men that they might worship him in spirit and in truth. Christ revealed to men the fact that the strictest adherence to ceremony and form would not save them. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but the Bible has been placed in the background, while the sayings of men have been taken in its stead. May the Lord forgive us for the slight we have put upon his Word. In this we see the great need of consecrated teachers.

There is a great work to be done for the youth and children, and every son and daughter of God may have a part in it, and thus be partakers of the reward that will be given to the faithful worker.

Let the one acting in the capacity of a teacher ever bear in mind that the children and youth are the purchase of the blood of the son of God. They must be led to believe in Christ as their personal Saviour. In the Sabbath-school men and women have been accepted as officers and teachers who have not been spiritually minded, and have had no live interest in the work committed to them. Many have seemed to think that all that was essentially Sabbath-school work was to organize the school, and that if persons could be secured as teachers who would act in harmony with a set of ceremonies and forms, the Sabbath-school would run itself. Teachers are often secured who can not lead souls to Christ because they know him not, but if he has himself eaten of the bread, if he has drunk of the fountain of life, he can feed the hungry souls and give the water of life to him that is athirst.

We are in the world, but we are not to be of the world. The opinions of great men, the theories of science, falsely so-called, are blended with the truths of the Holy Writ so much that we do not see the consecration but the heart that is surrendered to God, loves the truth of God's Word. What can give greater satisfaction than to be laborers together with God in educating and training the children and youth to love God, and to see them receiving impressions of the

Spirit of God, in true nobility of character.

I am so thankful that in the probable the statement is made that the lost sheep was found. This is the very lesson the shepherd is to learn, success in bringing the sheep and lambs back into the fold. May it be that every person, who has this responsibility resting upon them will seek the the Lord for a deeper consecration.

MRS. LOUISA PUNCHES.

SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS

BY the Lord's will being called to the bedside of my invalid mother in southern Missouri, I took with me some literature that Sister Bessie Russell collected for me and some tracts entrusted to my care by Brother Richard Hook, of Nashville, Tenn.

I spent the time allotted me in needful work for my mother. She never wearied of hearing this precious Message, but having lost much of earth, she has taken on more of heaven, and loves to talk of the home she is nearing. A halo of sunset glory already rests on that noble head.

Many people came as the days went by, and fully believing that Jehovah sent them to me, I gave each some literature to take home. Then during the last days of my stay I visited the homes carrying my remaining literature with me and talking to the friends about the Message. They gave me respectful attention and thoughtful answers.

I learned that a dear sister had been there about a year ago and scattered precious seed, which had taken deep root in the minds of some spiritual ones. May it be Jehovah's will that the literature scattered by my feeble hand may water the precious seed already sown. What a blessing it is to find evidences of the fact that this gospel of the kingdom is fast being brought to every man's knowledge, for then we know of a surety that the time of our redemption draweth nigh.

I have returned to my place of labor in Washington County resolved to work with renewed zeal and let my light

shine unobstructed for him. These will indeed be days profitable to me in the ministry.

To my dear brothers and sisters in Ohio I send greeting in the Lord.

Yours in the Message,

RACHEL ROSE HESSE.

Marietta, O., Oct. 1, 1906.

TO PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS IN THE OHIO CONFERENCE: I often wonder if you realize that much of the reading matter that is placed in your homes is slowly but surely poisoning the minds of your children to such an extent as to make them unable to grasp the great truths of salvation.

As I visit homes I find numerous story books and papers which your children are reading to the exclusion of the Bible and other books filled with the truth.

Most of the fiction of to-day gives the mind a great variety of false ideals and leaves many wrong impressions on the minds of its readers that are sure to bear fruit that will not be to the honor of God. Some say, "There are many gems of truths to be found in these works." Is it necessary to read page after page of highly colored and exciting falsehood in order to get a few gems of truth, while there are so many good books put out by our own presses that you do not have and that would give your family mental food which is suited for the times in which we are living, and that would develop true ideas of life and its trials, and at the same time point its readers to the true pattern, and a power that will lift them up to a life of purity and a hope that reaches beyond this life?

"Even fiction which contains no suggestion of impurity and which may be intended to teach excellent principles is harmful. It encourages the habit of hasty and superficial reading, merely for the story. This tends to destroy the power of connected and vigorous thought; it unfits the soul to contemplate the great problems of duty and destiny."

"By fostering love for mere amusement, the reading of fiction creates a distaste for life's practical duties. Through its exciting, intoxicating power, it is not infrequently a cause of both mental and physical disease. Many a miserable, neglected home, many a life-long invalid, many an inmate of the insane asylum has become such through the habit of novel reading."

I often hear parents say they do not know how to keep the minds of their children from the things of the world. One of the best ways to do this is to

furnish the best books you can, and they are found coming from our own presses. Perhaps some say, "They are too high priced, I can buy other books for half the money." Even if that were true, remember that though these books have some truth in them, yet error is interwoven with it, and thereby they become the more dangerous while our books do not contain that danger.

Reading being one of the great stimulants to thought, let us read Phil. 4:8 and we will see the tests to be applied to our reading.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

W. E. BIDWELL.

CRANKS

A "CRANK" is a fellow who wants to turn the wheel the other way from the way we want it turned. The relationship is reciprocal.

The harder he pushes the other way the crankier he is; that's all.

Everybody who has any ambition or individuality is a crank to somebody.

If you should abolish all cranks there would be precious little doing in this world. Most all the wheels would stop going round.

There are big cranks, little cranks, wide cranks, narrow cranks, simple cranks, complex cranks, and double jointed, back acting, three-way, never-know-which-way-they're-going-next cranks. Also regular cranks.

Cranks are either useful or useless. That also depends on the view point.

Human cranks are often easily moulded so that they are ready to turn the same way we are turning. We have noticed, however, that just calling them cranks won't change them. It usually makes them a little stiffer, if anything, in the old way.

The only way to get all turning in the same way is to adopt some perfect standard and then by moral suasion endeavor to get all to change the direction of their energies to conform to the standard. By and by all will be turning the same same way but not until a whole lot of cranks have been put out of business, however. After the millennium then.

We are so cranky ourselves it would be unsafe to make us judges, so our efforts to change the other fellow should be confined to peaceable means.

Some days cranks are crankier than on other days. Difference is caused

by climate, environment, diet, etc. A chronic condition is to be avoided, and dreaded unless the crank is harmless, useful, and conforming to the standard.

Crankiness is always much more readily seen in the other fellow. He doesn't preach as we would, nor farm the same. We would train the children entirely different and he surely makes a mess of it running the school. If we were running the store it would change some and if he only wasn't so cranky he would make a better neighbor. Too bad isn't it?

Whereas, we are all cranks, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, *That we quit calling the other fellow a crank.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

OUR MISSIONARY PAPER

Too much can not be said in favor of the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*, as a means of enlightening the people on the truth of God's word. No one paper contains more that is helpful in arriving at a right understanding of the Scripture. We to whom these great truths have become so familiar often fail to appreciate the power and influence of the *Signs* to one just struggling into light. We forget our own experience, perhaps, when we gladly would have welcomed such a source of joy and strength.

Shall we not plan to use large clubs of the *Signs* during the missionary campaign, and begin at once? Our missionary societies in cities could use thousands of this paper in their work. We would be surprised to see how small is the list taken in some of our conferences, and in fact, all the conferences in the Lake Union.

We can render substantial aid to the Pacific Press in its time of trial, and at the same time assist in the advancement of the truth and the salvation of a lost world, by circulating the *Signs* everywhere and at all times in the Lake Union Conference.

ALLEN MOON.

Columbus

I AM glad to be able to report progress, and much of the Lord's blessing in our work here during the past few months. We have had two baptismal services the past month, and have another service appointed for October, 20. Altogether we have thus far had the pleasure of baptising and receiving into church fellowship twenty-four precious souls, and others are being prepared for this solemn rite.

Nearly every week we are cheered with new additions to our number

Our interest is such, that, with our present corps of workers we make no pretention of filling all openings for work. Our classes at the Institute are both large and interesting, while those reading the printed lessons, numbering several thousand people, are now entering upon the study of the Sabbath question.

We are now entering upon the sixth month of our work in the Bible Institute, and although we have been greatly handicapped in many ways, and unceasingly assailed by the enemy, yet in it all God's hand has been stretched out to save. The initial expense incurred in starting our work, which amounted to about \$125, has been met by donations from the citizens, and our work is now on an easy basis, requiring practically no effort to finance it. For this we all praise God, and take new courage in the work. The feasibility of this method of working our large cities has now been demonstrated, to my mind, beyond a question of doubt. I am confident from my experience here that the greater bulk of money required to warn our large cities can be had for the asking. The salvation of the world depends upon their knowing this Message, and they owe it support, and I believe it our duty to now enter this new field of financial resources, and mine the wealth necessary to speedily put our work on the basis it should be in all our large cities. This Message must be given, and to give it, new methods must be employed. My brethren, shall we go along in the same old rut, or lay hold of the means which God has placed in our grasp and give the warning to our cities? What shall the answer be? W. H. GRANGER.

1479 N. High St.

Brokaw, Zanesville

WELCOME VISITOR: I have noticed for some time that there are but few of the workers who report through your columns. Perhaps it would not be so embarrassing for the editor if others would contribute an article occasionally. I am of good courage in the Message. My courage was never stronger and hope never brighter.

I am holding cottage meetings in different parts of the city, and will continue this method of work with the *Family Bible Teacher* during the winter. Some of our new converts to the truth will distribute the *Family Bible Teacher* in the neighborhood in which they live. Thus they are becoming active workers for the Master.

By invitation of the Brokaw church, and also request from the president of the Conference, I spent last Sabbath at

the above place. We celebrated the ordinances, the weather being so very bad few were able to attend. This church is largely composed of women. But they, like Mary Magdalene, show their appreciation of their Saviour by a living sacrifice. I remained over until Monday. Each night we held a public meeting with a very fair attendance.

Our little company here in Zanesville is growing in grace and also in the knowledge of the truth. We hope to be able in a few weeks to give you some real results of the effort that has been put forth since I came here.

Your brother in the blessed hope,
F. H. HENDERSON.

THE LIGHT THAT IS FELT

"A TENDER child of summers three,
Seeking her little bed at night,
Paused on the dark stair timidly.
"Oh, mother! Take my hand," said she,
"And then the dark will all be light."

We older children grope our way
From dark behind to dark before;
And only when our hands we lay,
Dear Lord, in thine, the night is day,
And there is darkness nevermore.

Reach downward to the sunless days
Wherein our guides are blind as we,
And faith is small and hope delays;
Take thou the hands of prayer we raise,
And let us feel the light of thee!

SPECIAL COURSE FOR WORKERS AND OTHERS

DOUBTLESS the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR have seen the articles in recent issues of the *Review* relative to the action of the Educational Convention in regard to the Educational Missionary Movement, and so it will not be necessary to make any statement in regard to the movement itself in the columns of this paper.

Without doubt every one of our schools will feel the impulse of this decision, and those that are so situated as to make it possible are planning earnestly to arrange their regular or special work or both in such a way as to help meet the requirements of the present situation.

Washington Training College is planning to conduct a Special Course of Instruction for laborers who feel the need of a further preparation and for others who want to inform themselves fully in regard to the denominational work, either to become workers in the ordinary use of the term, or to discharge more efficiently the duty devolving upon every Seventh-day Adventist. The lines of instruction to be offered in this Special Course will coincide quite fully with the Special Course offered last year, the purpose

being to teach clearly and definitely the Nature and Mission of our Message, the Fields already entered, Results obtained through labor in these foreign fields, and Methods and Means best adapted to the different countries. The work presented in this course will not be confined by any means to the missionary efforts of our own denomination, but will embrace something of a history of missions as conducted during the last two or three centuries. This department of missionary study will be under the direction of Elder W. A. Spicer, who is not only the Secretary of the Mission Board, but is a man who has spent quite a long period of years in the foreign work, and so can bring to this question the advantage of actual experience in the field.

Another very important feature of the work will be the presentation of studies on the subject of Organization. It will doubtless be remembered that the General Conference at its last session invited Elder Daniells to prepare a manual on this subject for the enlightenment and guidance of our young workers both at home and in the foreign fields, and Elder Daniells hopes in this Special Course to present much of the subject matter to be contained in the manual. Other questions of great interest to young workers will be presented, such as Religious Liberty, Health and Temperance, Sabbath-school and Young People's Work, and the like.

This Special Course is planned to open five weeks after the opening of the regular school year, which occurs on September 19, and will continue from October 24 to December 19. The regular classes will be open to the students of the Special Course, so that they will be able to become acquainted with the different departments of our College, with the instruction given by the different teachers, and the general spirit that pervades the institution. It will also bring every young man and woman who takes the course into direct and personal contact with the officers and the leaders of the denomination, who indeed will be the men to conduct the work of the Special Course. This is an advantage the importance of which is scarcely second to any other offered by the entire course; and if there are those young workers or others in the Ohio Conference who are interested and who would like to have a part in this work, we will be very glad to correspond with such and to give full information on every point of inquiry.

Address me at Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

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BROTHER A. B. LITTLE, of Dresden, O., spent a few days with his son who is attending the College.

BROTHER GUY HASTINGS, who has been laboring in Mercer County, will now work in the northern part of Union County.

THE next two months is an opportune time to scatter our publications. We hope that many are planning on entering the field during the next two weeks.

BROTHER M. S. BALDWIN and family, of Norwalk, have moved to Campbellella, S. C. He and his daughter, Miss Goldie, will engage in the canvassing work.

BROTHER LESLIE WATERS, of Massillon, O., has again entered the canvassing work. He writes that he is

glad to be back in this work once more. He will labor near Orrville with Brother Horst.

ESTO MILLER and Orvie Gibson left last Saturday evening for China, where they will study the language and read Medicine under Dr. Harry Miller. They were accompanied to the station by many friends who wish them a safe journey, and success in their studies.

BROTHER I. D. RICHARDSON, Field Secretary of the North Illinois Conference, on his return trip from the Bookman's Convention at Washington, D. C. stopped at Mount Vernon and spent a few days with Ohio friends. He has accepted a call to India and will make arrangements to go as soon as possible.

SISTER MAY HANDLEY writes us that she is making a first class washing tablet that is needed in every home. She is a widow with five children to support, and wishes to interest women and children in selling them. Anyone interested should address Mrs. May Handley, Rochester, O., R. F. D. No. 1. Enclose stamp for reply.

ANY one interested, and all should be, in the distribution of foreign publications, should write for the "English Catalog of Foreign Publications Issued by the International Publishing Association," at "College View, Neb." The San Francisco earthquake booklet has been translated and printed in the German, Danish-Norwegian and Swedish languages. These are very pretty things and good sellers. Many of our foreign brethren should be glad to get these booklets. Address International Publishing Association, College View, Neb.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: You will see by the above address that I have returned to my old home again, and I am so glad that you have sent me a blank for renewing my subscription to the dear WELCOME VISITOR as it has been sent to California, and returned from there here and so was stale news by the time it reached me. I do so love to get it regularly every week. You will please find enclosed twenty-five cents for one year's subscription. Very truly your sister in the blessed hope,

MRS. CATHERINE BAUGHMAN.

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A SLEEPING CHRISTIAN

"THE devil," says Luther, "held a great anniversary, at which his emissaries were convened to report the results of their several missions. 'I let loose the wild beasts of the desert on a caravan of Christians,' said one, 'and their bones are now bleaching on the sand.' 'What of that,' said the Devil, 'their souls will be saved.' 'For ten years I tried to get a single Christian asleep,' said another, 'and I succeeded, and left him so.' Then the devil shouted, and the night stars of hell sang for joy."

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Oct. 5, 1906.)

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$50; helps, \$3; total, \$53.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 16 hours; value of orders, \$16; helps, \$11.50; total, \$27.50; deliveries, \$34.25.

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L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 36 hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$1.25; total, \$20.25; deliveries, \$1.

F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$26.40.

*Eight days' work.

THE Lord is blessing the canvassing work. Let many more enter the work soon.