

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE

FAR off in a distant quarry
Lay a block of marble rare.
Rough-hewn, and by man unnoticed,
"It had lain for ages there."
But the Master came, and straightway
He knew its intrinsic worth:
"This marble," he murmured gently,
"Shall witness for me on earth."
Then day after day unheeded,
(For none understood his skill),
He worked on that shapeless marble,
The plan of his wondrous will.
With instrument keen and varied,
He sculptured it hour by hour;
Till slowly its pure white luster
Began to attest his power.
It grew into human likeness—
"A man in his best estate:
Then all, as they saw it, marvelled,
And owned that the work was great.
But time passed on, and the sculptor
Continued his work so fair;
Then men saw with speechless wonder,
The Master's own image there.
And liker it grew and liker,
As stroke after stroke was given;
Till earth whispered, grave and awe-struck,
"Made meet for the courts of heaven."

SHOULD THE PAYMENT OF TITHE BE MADE A CHURCH TEST?

THIS question received its share of attention by the local church elders in their counsel meetings held in connection with the camp-meeting at Troy.

In Lev. 27:30 we read, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." In Gen. 1:29 we also read: "God said I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the earth, and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." These texts cover the same scope. Wherever men are found, there the obligation to recognize the Creator exists also. The Lord has the first claim on all that we possess. Upon a recognition of this fact, in a tangible way, depends man's greatest happiness, for it is written, "Whether, therefore,

ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31.

"Many have made a mistake in withholding from the Lord that which he has plainly specified as his own. The tithe of all that God has blessed you with belongs to him; and you have robbed God when you have used it for your own enterprises. The Lord has not left the disposal of the tithe to you, to be given or withheld as your inclination may dictate. He has placed the matter beyond all question, and there has been great neglect on the part of many of God's professed people to fulfill the requirements of his word in regard to tithing."

It is the duty of the elders and officers of the church to instruct the people on this important matter, and to set things in order. As laborers together with God, the officers of the church should be sound upon this plainly revealed question. The ministers themselves should be strict to carry out to the letter the instructions of God's word. Those who hold positions of trust in the church should not be negligent, but they should see that the members are faithful in performing this duty.

Those who realize their dependence upon God, will feel that they must be honest with their fellowmen, and above all they must be honest with God, from whom come all the blessings of life. The evasion of the positive commands of God concerning tithes and offerings is registered in the books of heaven as robbery toward him.

Mrs. E. G. White, in the *Review and Herald*, Dec. 17, 1889, writes, "Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in any emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work. God has shown honor to men in taking them into partnership with himself in the great work of redemption. He expects his agents to labor, not against him, but in unison with him, that his treasury may be supplied."

"The minister should by precept and example teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not

feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due. Let him not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. Let them be placed in his treasury, and held sacred for God's service as he has appointed. The tithe is God's portion—not at all the property of man, and the Scripture declares that he who withholds it is guilty of robbery. Who, then, will stand with clean hands before God?" —*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1896.

It was the unanimous opinion of the elders in attendance that the duty of paying tithe should be required as a necessary qualification for membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Elgin and Walnut Grove

OCTOBER 13, 14 the church at Elgin held another Ingathering service which the writer was privileged to attend. The weather was fine, decorations splendid, program excellent and the attendance both evenings much larger than the house would accommodate.

Aside from the Conference laborers, there were present brethren and sisters from Van Wert, Ohio City, Hamler, Mendon, Melrose and St. Marys.

October 20 and 21 were also fair, and the Ingathering services at Walnut Grove proved to be both interesting and instructive. A goodly number were also in attendance from neighboring churches, and a spirit of brotherly love and earnestness were visibly present throughout the meetings. The house was beautifully decorated, and the program was good and well-rendered.

It would be very difficult to make the brethren and sisters at both these churches believe that Ingathering services do not afford a satisfactory return for the effort required in the preparation.

The contributions at both these

places will be given, we understand, to assist the work in Madagascar. So let us labor on—

"Sowing in sadness through long weary years,
Scattering seed with fast falling tears,
O how we long for the glad harvest day,
When sheaves are gathered, and tears wiped
away."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Zanesville

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We are glad to report that the Third Angel's Message has a small beginning in this city. We have been laboring faithfully in this place this summer and fall, both publicly and from house to house. The printed page has been scattered like the leaves of autumn in several sections of the city.

A nice Sabbath-school has been held each Sabbath with an average attendance of about twelve. Besides Brother and Sister Henderson there are eighteen keeping the Sabbath, but all of these have had courage enough to declare their willingness to come out from the Babylons of pride and unite with the remnant people. But we are planing to organize a small church soon, to form a nucleus around which to build. The date set for our baptism and organization is November 17.

May we have the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the State? This is our desire. Yours in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE,

F. H. HENDERSON,

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

Continental

DEAR VISITOR: We will again tell you of some of our experiences in the field. Brother Shultz and I continued the meetings in the tent at Continental up to October 7, when we held our last meeting. The next day a furious wind arose, continuing the greater part of the day. When it ceased the old fly of our tent was a complete wreck, rendering it unsafe to keep our tent up longer, so as soon as the tents became dry enough, we took them down. Thus we were forced to leave our work unfinished. Since our meetings stopped, two ladies have stated they were going to keep the Sabbath. We expect to rent a hall and finish off our work here soon.

We have rented two rooms near the postoffice where we are keeping house.

We had the privilege of attending the Ingathering services at Elgin which we enjoyed very much. They had a fine program and each member seemed determined to make of the meeting a success. All seemed to enjoy the services.

Since the Elgin meeting I have visited the Locust Point church where

I found all faithful and of good cheer. At Medina the brethren are faithful in keeping up their meetings. Although they miss some who have moved away, yet their courage is good. On account of Sister Wellie being sick at Medina I was unable to hold any meetings in the evenings while there, but had a good one on the Sabbath.

Let us faithfully and cheerfully perform every duty that we may receive eternal life when Christ comes.

W. E. BIDWELL.

THE CANVASSER

Who is it goes from door to door,
Repeats his story o'er and o'er,
And takes the orders by the score?
The canvasser.

Who is it tramps through storm and shine,
Not knowing when or how he'll dine,
Of troubled thoughts he gives no sign?
The canvasser.

Who is it meets the stern and rude
With pleasant smile, and cheerful word,
By no ill treatment he's disturbed?
Our canvasser.

With book and tract he trudges on,
The Message gives to every one,
While unseen angels guard from harm.
The canvasser.

O may thy faith and courage be
Unfailing as the boundless sea;
We pray God's blessing upon thee,
Dear canvasser.

MRS. FLORA PLUMMER.

North Star

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Perhaps there are some of your readers that would like to hear a word from Darke County.

The VISITOR is gladly received, and read with interest each week at our home. I am glad to see quite a number of new names added to the list of canvassers, and I trust that there will be many more ere another year is past. Although I am young in the work I feel like pressing onward in the service of the Master. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in many ways in our efforts here in this county. And to all beginners I would say, be of good courage, the dear Lord has promised to be with us always, even unto the end.

I will give a few scripture references that have been a great benefit to me, and probably will be to others. The Master said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matt. 12: 30. Read Ezekiel, chapter 33 with the thought that God is speaking to the people who have the Message for to-day. Then read Heb. 10: 26, 27 and ask yourselves, am I an adversary? Let us all as fellow-workers in this great and glorious cause pray daily

that the Lord will send forth laborers into the harvest, for the reapers are few and the harvest is great.

May the choicest blessings of God rest upon you all. Kindly remember me before the throne of grace. I am your brother in the Master's service,
ISAAC R. HARDEN.

AN APPEAL

"DEAR CO-WORKERS: I am burdened for this field. We need enough laborers here this winter to work all the mining territory, and so we can rent a home where we can seek the Lord together. Rent is cheap, and we would not need much to keep house with. I am expecting Sister Grubb on Monday.

"Now is the time for this place, and I think that it will even be better after the holidays than now. Surely we can have two, or four, more sent here, and then when we are through here, we can move on.

"Do not think that I am asking too much, for I am not. If you were here, and could see the results of sin as I have seen them you would not think that I am asking much. We are too slow, the devil is claiming his victories very fast. I am writing this for help.
MARY HUBBLE."

The foregoing remarks are an extract from a letter which I received from sister Hubble a few days ago. It is published with the hope that some one reading it will be moved by the Spirit of God to take up work in the neglected part of the State where Sister Hubble is working.

Now is truly the time to work the mining districts. The troubles which existed a few months ago between the miners and operators have now been removed. Nearly all have work at large wages, and I know by actual experience that they are a class of people who are easily reached with our literature. Sister Hubble has been blessed with success every week since she has been in her territory, as has Brother Numbers who is working the mining districts of Hocking County.

I would be glad to correspond with those who would be willing to join Sister Hubble at Wellston. Would it not be possible for some man and wife to locate with her?

CARL E. WEAKS, Field Sec.

WE never graduate in religion, because the nearer we are to God the more we shall see there is to be learned.—M. H. Seelye.

EDUCATIONAL

RELATION OF CHURCH SCHOOLS TO THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE*

FROM the previous papers and discussions we have been made to understand a little of the noble and benevolent work which the church schools are endeavoring to do for us.

I say noble, for what more noble purpose could animate the hearts of those who love the cause of truth, than to pluck, as it were, the heritage of the Lord as brands from the burning, and train them for the service of him who is the author of our salvation.

I say benevolent, because that for this cause and for the accomplishment of the end for which these schools are established, heaven emptied itself. Heavenly intelligences are much more intensely interested in the salvation of the souls of men than they are in themselves. Yes, I believe we all believe and appreciate this, yet it is difficult to understand that we are called upon to render an individual account of the way we treat this question.

It is impossible for one to place this phase of the work in its proper setting unless his life is in line with the present truth, of which it is an integral part.

But by the beautiful, silvery light of faith which shines so far beyond the horizon of the present, we are enabled by the hand of prophecy to lift the curtain of the future, and graciously revealed to us is the bountiful harvest which is to follow the sowing of the precious seed, and the only part which many of us at the present time will have in the closing of the Message is being done now as we are teaching this truth to the children who shall some day, not far in the future, stand in defense of the commandments of God before those who are trampling them underfoot. Let us compare for a moment the gospel to one grand song of which Christ is the author, a song in which all have had their part to sing from the beginning of the gospel of Christ to the end of time. Began by one and carried on by another and another; as the work of one was finished the song was taken up by other voices and thus carried on from year to year, from century to century. At times 'twas a joyous anthem which made the earth vibrate in tremulous gladness, again a sad refrain; but always sweet, and the love-laden echoes as

they were wafted upward, blended in the harmonies of heaven.

At last only one strain is left to sing. The Message of the the third angel rings out upon the sin-laden air of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. It seems that all the sweetness which it contained in ages past has been intensified in this voice which proclaims the culmination of all our hopes. But suddenly the dark storm clouds of strife, which have long been gathering in the hearts of the enemies of truth, burst upon them in all their fury, and the singers' voices are flushed—must the song remain unfinished, and all in vain the efforts of the past? Ah, no! Even as it was in the time so long ago, as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The children's voices rose to praise him, shouting and singing, with palms, the emblem of victory, waved his triumphal entry into the city. Soon they will take up the glad tidings and raise their tender voices in the heralding the Third Angel's Message, and by them the song on earth is finished.

This Message is going to triumph gloriously, and have we rightly appreciated the children's part in it? And what children? Have the children of the world, I mean by this those who have been trained by the world, and of course for the world; this degree of the missionary spirit to stand in the face of death a firm witness for God? Listen, "Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. But for lack of the training, which their parents and the church now have the opportunity to give them, somebody's child will be left out of the grand procession. How can they sing if they do not know the song?"

If all could understand the importance of the moments that are fast passing into eternity, how anxious we would be to do the Master's bidding, and to do it quickly. Then would every act of our lives be in reference to the day of God.

The Message does not exist for us. But we exist for the Message, and our only business in this world is to advance it in all its different phases. This Message is a complete Message only when all its lines are given equal attention, and are equally developed, and we who now have the work in hand are responsible in a large measure for the way the Message will be treated in the future.

Then let us seek to understand the present truth in every phase and the relation we individually sustain toward it. Then work as for our lives that we may hear the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of

the least of these, ye have done it unto me." And that we may by saving the children now to the service of God share together with them the joy of the Lord.

ELLEN LONG.

Elgin, Ohio.

THE END OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION

ABOUT the middle of November there will be a special issue of the *Watchman* bearing the above title. The object will be to show the momentous character of the present time. Events long foretold in God's word indicate to the Christian that these are the very last days.

In this "End of the World" special is presented an opportunity for everyone, man, woman, boy or girl who believes in the soon coming of the Saviour to carry the Message to those who are not ready to meet the crisis.

The cover of this number will have an appropriate two-color illustration of Christ on the Mount of Olives, saying, "Verily, I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled." Two panels will also appear on this page, showing the fulfillment of Christ's words. The paper will be well illustrated, and will be printed in three colors. Its twenty pages will be very attractive, so that interest will be quickly aroused in the good articles published.

Besides the editors, some of the writers are Mrs. E. G. White, K. C. Russell, J. S. Washburn, George B. Thompson, C. P. Bollman and Dr. Frank Washburn.

The following is a partial list of the subjects considered: "Christ's Return at Hand," "Signs of the End," "Last Day Delusions," "This Gospel of the Kingdom," "God's Warning," "The Coming Conflict," "The Increase of Lawlessness," "The Sabbath and the Lord's Day," "Without Hope and Without God in the World," "The Coming Crisis," "Having the Promise of the Life which Now Is, and of the Life which Is to Come."

This special *Watchman* will be ready to mail about November 10, but will bear date as the regular issue for Christmas day, and will be appropriate for distribution for many months. Order at once. Go out with the papers as they come fresh from the press, and asking God to be your helper, you will be surprised to see how easily it is to sell 300, 500, 1,000, or more papers. Think of the good accomplished by such a work:—

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ELDER CLARENCE T. REDFIELD has moved his family to Mansfield, his present field of labor, and is located at 468 Marion Ave.

ELDER BURKHOLDER spent Sabbath, October 27, with the church at Cincinnati and Sunday, the 28th, at Wilmington.

ELDER C. A. PEDICORD baptized three persons in the Ohio River Sabbath, October 27. Two united with the Cincinnati church and the other at Hamilton.

WILL, the brother who ordered a chart on the Sanctuary of Elder F. C. Gilbert, while at the Troy camp-meeting, please send his name and address to F. C. Gilbert, South Lancaster, Mass., as Brother Gilbert lost the paper on which this brother's name was written?

MARRIED

WEDNESDAY noon, November 7, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Matthews, Ligonier Ind., Mr. Carl E. Weaks and Miss Anna Matthews were united in marriage, by the writer, in the presence of twenty-five invited guests.

A reception was held at 8 P. M. at which fifty-two were present and took part. The evening was spent in a social way, forming new acquaintances and renewing others of former years. The happy couple were remembered by their friends in a substantial way, receiving many handsome and useful presents.

Their young friends of Ligonier concluded to close the program of the day by giving them an old time serenade, which they did to apparent satisfaction on their part.

Brother and Sister Weaks will make Clyde their home for the present and continue to labor in the Master's cause.

May their sailing on life's stormy sea prove most pleasant and successful.
H. H. BURKHOLDER.

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Hamilton.....	54.42
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Haskins.....
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Marysville.....
Massillon.....	29.56
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Mount Vernon.....	165.47
Newark.....	94.60
Norwalk.....	45.18
Ohio City.....
Olyett.....	7.50
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C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

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Tithe.....	\$2,809.81
Ohio Tract Society.....	576.41
Weekly Offerings.....	131.16
Sabbath-school Donations.....	277.87
Earthquake Fund.....	176.00
Y. P. Society.....	12.25
German Work.....	2.00
Southern Field.....	305.86
Orphan's Home.....	4.90
Cleveland Church.....	2.00
Donation Italian F. H. T.....	5.39
West Indian Training School.....	23.60
India.....	8.23
Total.....	\$4,066.28

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