

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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SHADOW AND SUN

STAND with your back toward the sun,
And 'tis a well known fact
You cast the shadow of yourself
Before you by the act.
If falls upon the things you grasp,
Upon the path you tread;
And every where, instead of light,
It flings a shade instead.

So, when you turn your stubborn back
Upon the heavenly Sun,
The light that lightens all the world
And shines for everyone,
At once the ugly shade of self
Darkens your pathway o'er,
And wheresoe'er your footsteps fall
The shadows fall before,

But turn and face the Light—and lo,
Under the sunlit air
The world lies wide before your feet,
No selfish shadow there
Sunshine upon the daily path,
Sunshine that shall attend
Each onward step, each forward look,
Unto the journey's end!

PRISCILLA LEONARD.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

ANOTHER week of prayer will come to us, beginning with Sabbath, December 15. Each succeeding year seems to be more important than any that has preceded it. Thus we can safely say that the year 1906 has been the most encouraging and successful of any year in the history of God's work.

In the home land, and in the foreign fields, there has been marked progress made in every branch and line of God's work. No note of discouragement has been sounded by any missionary in foreign fields. From Japan, Korea, China, India, Africa, South America and the islands of the sea there comes from our workers one grand chorus of praise and thanksgiving for the privilege of being connected with God's closing work.

Surely we are one year nearer eternity than we were last year. It is almost impossible for us to conceive of the rapid strides of the cause of God in one short year. Eighteen new mission stations have been opened up. Fifty-eight workers have been sent abroad into foreign fields. Literature has been produced in new

tongues, and our workers in various fields have gotten a foothold, and souls are being converted to the truth.

The finances of the denomination have greatly improved, and encouraging reports come in from Union Conferences, State Conferences, and Mission Fields all over the wide world. Our tithes have greatly increased, our schools are full of students, and everything seems to bear an encouraging indication of prosperity and growth.

This makes the hearers of God's people glad, and they rejoice in the prosperity attending the cause.

And amidst these great outpourings of God's Spirit, and amidst the great blessings he is so freely bestowing upon us as a people, there is great need that we seek him earnestly, that our hearts may be set right in these days when God is so abundantly blessing his people.

The week of prayer should bring to us reconciliation with any with whom in the past we have had differences. Every wrong should be made right, and we should do our best to put away sin from our hearts.

We trust that each one will endeavor to attend the services during this week of prayer. Let there be songs of praise pouring forth from every heart to God who has so abundantly blessed his people this last year. Should we not seek for a new baptism of the Spirit of God in our own hearts and lives, that we may have that growth in Christ that the people of God should have as they approach the end?

Do not forget the annual offering. This has been one of the strong resources of the Foreign Mission Board for many years. Usually about \$40,000 is given at this offering for the work in foreign fields. The Mission Board has sent out a large number of recruits into various foreign fields this past year, and it is necessary that our offering be increased rather than diminished.

But above all we trust that the week of prayer will be a week of spiritual blessings to our people. To this end let us all pray and labor, and do all

we can to lead others to a rich Christian experience.

Pray for the General Conference officers and workers. Pray for our workers in foreign fields. Pray that God will give liberal hearts to his people in this time of great financial prosperity, that they may liberally sustain the cause of God. Pray that God will keep us in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bonds of Christian love; and especially pray that God will fill each of our hearts with the fulness of his Spirit and love, that will make us one in Christ Jesus.

I. H. EVANS.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NOTES

THE letters which have been sent to the superintendents of our Sabbath-schools in the State are already bearing fruit. It encourages our hearts to see the willingness with which our young people are taking hold of the book plan. Even the smaller children are being assisted by the officers of the schools to solicit for the \$150,000 Fund. It reminds us of the statement found in the "Testimonies" which says, "Children should be educated in such a way that they may perform unselfish acts which heaven will rejoice to see. When the dew of youth is upon them, children should be trained how to do service for Christ."

The following are quoted from letters received from the officers of schools throughout the State:—

CLEVELAND.

I heartily concur in the plan being operated by our youth.

ELDER R. G. PATTERSON.

Findlay responds to the call and sends an order signed by the church committee, amounting to \$108.

LAURA.

Please send to my address eighteen of the "Mission Field Cards" referred to in your last letter.

H. CASSELL.

An order for the books suggested to be sold by our young people amounting to \$2.63 has just been received from Sister E. E. Mackin, of Lima.

ACADEMIA.

I consider the "Mission-Field Card" plan an excellent one to hasten along the carrying of this gospel to the needy mission fields, and the plan of selling books to raise money for the Fund is best of all.

ELDER W. E. BIDWELL.

DAYTON.

In hearing the plans considered which have been placed in operation for our young people in the Lake Union Conference, to assist in raising the \$150,000 Fund, I wish to express to the public my hearty approval of, and co-operation in, the same.

ELDER J. O. MILLER.

TOLEDO.

Will you please send to my address twenty-four cards mentioned in your letter just received? We desire these for the younger members of the Sabbath-school to aid in soliciting funds. Please send them as early as possible that our children may go to work at once.

MRS. W. M. DYKE.

ALLIANCE.

We are but a handful, but all seemed ready to fall into line. We only have seven children who meet with us, and two of these have consented to sell books, and the younger ones will solicit donations with those "Gifts to Mission-Field Cards." All are anxious to begin work, so please send six cards that we may "strike while the iron is hot."

MRS. ANNIE S. DETWILER.

It has been my privilege to consider the plans devised whereby the Young People's Societies, by means of book-sales, and the use of "Gift to Mission-Cards" may aid in raising the \$150,000 Fund. I believe the plan worthy of approval and deserving our earnest efforts. I shall take pleasure in bearing my part in this important work.

ELDER A. C. SHANNON.

The plan of work previously outlined in the VISITOR, the intent of which is to enlist the co-operation of our young people and children in Missionary effort, I consider most excellent. I am also greatly pleased with the spirit of willingness already manifesting itself on the part of many of our youth to have part in this good work. May the blessing of God attend to all the efforts put forth in this way.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CINCINNATI.

The plan of having our young people engage in missionary work by selling books, and applying the profits

on the \$150,000 Fund is a good one—good for the young people, good for the people getting the books, and good for the Fund. I would recommend that each individual set aside one definite day, and canvass at least six hours. They will be surprised at the result, if they will tell the people that all the profits go to missionary work.

ELDER C. A. PEDICORD.

Before this plan had been devised, the young people of the Lagrange Society had planned for aggressive work. We quote the following from a letter which has been received from the leader, Sister Amelia Hagman:—"Quite a number were present and elected officers for the remainder of the year. The plan we are trying, I think, is a good one, and is going to work nicely. Each one was given five cents, and told to buy as much as they could for it—something that would sell again. Some bought several pounds of honey, others several quarts of fruit, still others a bushel of potatoes, a bushel of corn, and one several cords of wood. Nearly all these things have been sold at the regular market price, thus clearing a nice sum which may be donated to mission work. At our next meeting, we intend to have a report from all who invested their money, and then will know how much has been gained. We are also selling copies of "Paradise Home."

THE \$150,000 FUND

The Third Angel's Message to all the world in this generation" was the key note of every service held in connection with the meeting appointed for December 1 and 2 in the Mount Vernon College chapel.

The presence of Elder A. G. Daniels was greatly appreciated by all in attendance, and his talks on the progress of this Message in all parts of the world brought new inspiration into the hearts of all who were privileged to hear him. The reasons he gave for making the call for the \$150,000 and the plan suggested for raising this money which is so much needed at present in the closing work of this Message, met with general approval. If the people who profess to love this cause really feel the interest in it that they should there can be no doubt about the outcome of this effort. It is indeed but another sign of the approaching end. From present indications it seems certain that we have reached a period of time when it is necessary to prepare for a speedy finish of this work. "For he will finish the work,

and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

As we near the end of time, the cause of God will gather strength and go with greater power and rapidity. Have we placed our all upon the altar for God's service? If not, now is the time to do so. Are we looking for and helping to hasten the final triumphs of the precious cause of Christ? Are we ready for the end? These are serious and important questions for careful consideration by every one whose eyes may chance to fall upon these lines.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"LIFT, BROTHER LIFT"

HE will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones." 2 Kings 3:18, 19. As Israel on the eve of battle surveyed the vast territory which for a thousand years had been filling up with the descendants of Moab, how easily they might have doubted their ability to accomplish this stupendous task! But the record continues, "They beat down the cities and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it, and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees." As they all took hold of a simple plan and "cast every man his stone," one here, another there; or paused, perchance, to fell a good tree, the fertile plains of Moab, dotted with fruitful orchards and populous cities were quickly reduced to an arid waste.

To the people of God to-day is committed the work of giving this gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation. Our hearts are stirred as we see on every hand the signs of Christ's coming fulfilling thick and fast, and witness the opening doors and rapid progress of the Message in every land. As the work extends and the end draws near, it means that more workers must be sent out, new institutions must be established and thus the way be prepared for God to make a quick work in the earth. To meet the most pressing needs of the hour those whom God has placed at the head of the work have, after much prayer and counsel, issued a call for \$150,000. Two dollars and fifty-three cents per capita given by every member of the denomination, ten cents a day for twenty-six days, would raise the sum.

If we will "cast every man his stone," the needed means will be quickly raised and the glad day hast-

ened when Jesus will come to take those who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice to the realms of eternal bliss.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Zanesville

ON Sabbath, November 24, Elder Burkholder organized the first Seventh-day Adventist church of this city. The weather was beautiful and a number of the brethren and sisters from Coshocton, Trinway, Dresden and Pleasant Hill were present to enjoy the services.

The Lord richly blessed in the service as the great truths of our faith were presented before the new converts. After this eleven dear souls were linked together in the ties of church fellowship,—a union which we trust will stand till the Lifegiver comes.

Six of these dear souls had been baptized by the writer on the previous Sabbath. The baptismal service took place in the First Baptist church of the city.

Nine of the charter members were new converts to the faith, they with Brother and Sister Henderson, completed the number who were ready at the present time to unite with the church. There are still ten others who are keeping the Sabbath, some of whom will be sure to unite with us a little later on.

Then Brethren Fred and Carl Fairchild have moved their families to this city and they will doubtless unite here.

It is interesting to notice that two of those who united with the church heard the Message preached here in the fair-ground by Elders Wakeham, Field and Shannon several years ago. So let us sow beside all waters, brethren, God will use some one to water the seed, and bye and bye God will give the increase and the ripened seed can be gathered.

Brother F. H. Henderson who has labored faithfully here in this city for the last two years is now made to rejoice for what the Lord has done, and he was elected elder of the church. Brother John Culver was elected treasurer, Miss Florence Carter as clerk, and Miss Bessie White as Librarian.

In the afternoon after the Sabbath-school was over the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated by this church for the first time. Everything passed off nicely, and the service was truly an impressive one to behold.

The church will hold its regular services in the Rechabites' Hall on Fifth St., every Sabbath afternoon at 1:30.

Yours in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

LIFE OF CHRIST

WHILE John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing at Bethabara, beyond the Jordan, among the sanhedrim at the temple there arose a severe dispute whether he was Christ. Accordingly a delegation was sent to ask him. There was a great crowd present as the rabbis approached, clothed in their rich robes, with a dignified air they commanded, "Who art thou?" John knowing their thought replied, "I am not the Christ."

"What then art thou, Elias, or art thou that prophet?" They earnestly said, "Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us." "What sayest thou of thyself?"

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaias. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill be made low." The prophet referred to this as an illustration because of the ancient custom to prepare the way of kings whenever they were to attempt a journey. John was to prepare the way in the hearts of man for the King of kings.

The delegates still kept questioning John. The multitudes at Jordan did not perceive that Christ was among them. So it is to-day; often the presence of Christ is not felt by many of those who are in the congregation. While John was being questioned, he looked up and beheld Christ, and then replied, "I baptize in water, in the midst of you standeth One whom ye know not, even he that cometh after me the latchet of whose shoes I am unworthy to unloose."

The next day John beheld Jesus and he declared him to be the Son of God. It was immediately after the return of Christ from the wilderness and beheld in him the divine. The crowd was awe-stricken, but when their attention was called to him, they beheld in Christ something divine, even in his emancipated form, John beheld Jesus and again said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Some of John's disciples left him and followed Jesus. As he beheld them, he said, "Whom do ye seek?" And they answered, "Where dwellest thou?" Christ's first disciples were Andrew and Simon, next Phillip, and then Nathaniel was convinced that Jesus was the Christ, and followed him. Jesus next went to Cana where he knew there was to be a wedding in his earthly family. He here met again his mother, with his

disciples. Mary beholds again her Son. She has now lost her husband, and she has suffered much. The topic of conversation among those assembled seemed to be the preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Christ. Mary hoped her Son would perform a miracle, and show that he was the Christ. The wine failed, and Mary told Christ.

He addressed her with the kindest words. Although related to Christ, Mary was not to lay claim on him that would hinder his work. So with us, no earthly attraction should turn our feet from the path, he bids us walk. It was to strengthen Mary's trust in him that Christ performed the miracle, as Christ quietly slipped away and gave the disciples an opportunity to testify of their belief for the first time. In the Old and New Testament, the marriage relation is used to illustrate the sacred union which exists between Christ and people. His example of mingling with the people and communing with them is one worthy of imitation by us. We are not to mingle with folly, but wherever we go we are to try to preserve religious thought.

Christians are not to give the impression that a Christian life is sad and gloomy; it should be the happiest of all.

After Christ left Cana, he with his disciples and mother went to Capernaum, and from here they journeyed back to attend the feast of the pass-over at Jerusalem. Here people from all Palestine and distant lands came to join in the feast. They were not able to bring their sacrifices, so one part of the temple had been given, where these animals were bought and sold. Every Jew was required to pay half a shekel to the temple yearly, and the money was changed to money which was used for the temple. The dealers demanded exorbitant prices, and much of the money was kept by the exchangers. Much wrong was done, and the worship was not being conducted correctly. As Christ stood upon the steps, his searching glance beheld the situation. All eyes were fixed upon him. Silence ensued. They realized that he was divine, as slowly descending the steps and flinging the scourge he had made, he commanded the dealers to depart. Soon the temple is cleared of unholy traffic. Even the disciples were awed by his authority. By his cleansing the temple, Christ announced his mission. The priests fled because of the guilt in their hearts. They would not repent. Slowly, with hatred in their hearts, they

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THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

ELDER C. C. WEBSTER and family have arrived at their new home in Birmingham, Ala., and are located at No. 909 Third Ave., West End.

MRS. FRED M. FAIRCHILD will spend the winter in Zanesville where her husband is located to help forward the good work begun at that place.

AS our canvassers start out to make their holiday deliveries, let them remember that the One who helped them in securing the orders, stands ready to help them deliver them.

THERE were several good reports left over until next week, on account of the type being tied up with matter set while some of the workers were taking their "vacation" (?) on reporting. However, we shall be ready next week for a workers' edition.

BROTHER G. P. GAEDE writes of the German work in Cleveland: "I am enclosing bank draft as follows: for Sabbath-school donations, five dollars and eighty-four cents and for the International Publishing Association, two dollars and fifty cents. The Lord is blessing us. We have thirty members in our Sabbath-school and are expecting more soon."

ELDER J. O. MILLER has accepted the call to labor in the Maritime Conference, and will be located at St. Johns, New Brunswick. He is preparing to remove with his family as soon as possible after the New Year. We feel assured that the good wishes of many friends, both at Academia and throughout the State, will accompany these friends to their new home, and that Brother Miller will be remembered in prayer that the Lord may abundantly bless his labors, and the fulfilment of Matt. 19:29 be his final reward.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

THE time has come when announcement should be made of a matter that will very soon demand the attention of all our organized churches. It is quite probable that the next session of the State Conference will be held the latter part of January, 1907. This will make it necessary to elect delegates to attend this Conference not later than the first week of the new year. That all may have the exact wording of the Constitution on this question I will herewith present Article 4 which reads as follows:—

"a. All ordained ministers, with all others in the employ of the Conference, and one delegate from each local church, with one delegate for each (25) twenty-five members of the churches, severally, shall constitute the representation in the Conference sessions.

"b. The delegates representing the local churches shall be elected, and the church shall certify the same, sending the names of the delegates to the recording secretary of the Conference."

Churches organized since the last session of the Conference should, in addition to the election of delegates, prepare a written request for admission signed by the officers of the church and forwarded to the recording secretary of the Conference to be presented at the proper time.

I offer these suggestions hoping they may prove helpful in making some of the necessary preparations for the next annual session of the Conference.

Brother C. V. Hamer is the recording secretary of the Conference, and all official mail designed for his desk should be addressed to the Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Conference, Mount Vernon, O.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

IMPORTANT TO CANVASSERS

If you have not received your holiday shipment of books as yet, do not fail to notify the office at once, so that we can send tracers after them. Freight is very liable to be delayed at this season of the year. We trust that our canvassers will have little trouble from this source.

CARL E. WEAKS.

"KEEP your heart so full of loving-kindness that your words will take care of themselves."

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returned to the temple to find Christ teaching and praying with the people. The crowd, as they returned, saw with amazement the work of Christ. It was for the sake of those who would believe that Christ spoke these words. He knew his words would be misconstrued by his enemies. By his suffering here upon the earth he is able to sympathize with all mankind. He is a faithful high priest.

MAYBELLE KLOPFENSTEIN.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 30, 1906.)

Mary Hubble, Hamden.—Great Controversy; 10 hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$2.75; total, \$13.75.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy; 20 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$3; total, \$10.50.

Ira J. Gault, Mt. Vernon.—Great Controversy; value of orders, \$9.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$12.25.

J. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation; 27 hours; value of orders, \$20; helps, \$22.50; total, \$42.50.

Guy G. Hastings, Union Co.—Bible Readings and Daniel and Revelation, value of orders, \$47.25.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King; 25 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$5.25; total, \$14.25.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King; 20 hours; value of orders, \$11.50.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King; 3 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$3.75; total, \$5.75.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King; 25 hours; value of orders, \$3.

Dessie Adamson,* Elgin.—Miscellaneous; value of orders, \$27.25.

*Two weeks.

OBITUARY

PARKER.—Mary E. Clark Porter died November 3d at her home in Clyde. She leaves one son, Brother Claude Parker, and a daughter, Sister Loveland, mother of Dr. Bertha Selman, missionary to Honan, China, with many friends that "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." The deceased will be remembered by many as one of the pioneers in our missionary work. In early life she entered the service of the Master. Believing the gospel call meant to walk in all the light, she hastened years ago to accept the Message for the last days as presented by the Seventh-day Adventists. Acceptance with her meant sacrifice and labor, until advancing age demanded the laying aside of every burden. A useful life is closed, the fruits of which the judgment alone can reveal. Words of comfort by the writer from Rev. 14:13 were addressed to the many friends gathered to show a tribute of respect to one whose life example was admired by every one.

A. C. SHANNON.