

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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LIFE LESSONS

GREAT courage is not learned where all is calm:

The life of pleasure can not mold a noble soul.

He who would gain the mountain top, must toll and climb,

When clouds of darkness round his pathway roll.

The sunbeams could not paint the flowers of spring,

Or give them sweetness, without tempests and the rain.

And life must prove to us a weak and joyless thing

Apart from trial and its hours of pain.

The eagle, soaring toward the orient cloud, Opposed by storm winds, rises but to loftier spheres,

The tempest lends him strength. And giant oaks storm-bowed

But rise more proudly in their vale of rapids.

True courage comes alone through victories won:

Each contest strengthens for the coming, greater strife—

Endows the soul with more enduring power to run

That race, which forms the noblest plans of life.

Live nobly then, with purpose firm and true,

Meet trials faithfully and fearless as to thee they come.

Though end and object hidden from thy finite view,

They're cloud-steps leading upward to thy home.

—Selected.

CHINA

Steamship Mulee, Nov. 20, 1906.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER: This is the day the boys were to reach Shanghai, but instead we are half-way up the Yangtse River. The steamship "Minnesota" reached the outer harbor of Shanghai, Thursday morning at 11 A. M. and their launch arrived at Shanghai at 1 P. M. The river boat I came on reached Shanghai at 1:30 P. M. the same day, and we arrived at the same hotel about an hour apart, the boys arriving first. You know the ship was to reach here November 20, and I received word from the ship company here that it would come in on time. I intended to leave home on the 14th, getting in Shanghai the 17th, which would leave me plenty of time; but instead, for no special reason

known to myself, I left home on the 12th, took the boat that evening, and reached Shanghai as aforementioned.

I had heard that Brother Caldwell was in the city canvassing, so had written him that should the steamship "Minnesota" arrive ahead of scheduled time, to meet the boys. When I arrived at Shanghai port, I neither knew that the big boat was in, or that Brother Caldwell was really in the city.

Just before leaving home I saw an advertisement in the local paper of a "Lincoln Hotel," and decided to go there, although it was a new place to me. It so happened(?) that this was the hotel where Brother Caldwell was staying. He had met the boys, and being so well acquainted with the city was a better help to them than I would have been.

When I came in through the outer harbor, I saw a big boat at quite a little distance, but since it had only one funnel I did not surmise that it was the "Minnesota" since I supposed that boat was still in Japan. On landing I went direct to the hotel, thinking next to go to the B. P. O. and find where Mr. Caldwell was. I entered the front door, and inquired to see the manager to engage a room. As I walked in, to my right sat a young man and an old gentleman. The young man had a smile on his face as I glanced at him in passing. I found the manager, came back and stood in front of these parties awaiting an answer, and looking right at them. The young man hearing me make arrangements about a room, thinking his presence might make some difference in my plans, arose from his seat, grasped my arm, and said, "Don't you know who I am?" I was startled. Was this indeed Estabrook? Truly it was his exact image. How my heart did throb with joy to know that he was here in China. This joy was continued when a few moments later I met Orvie, who was also looking for a room: They both looked so fresh and healthy, and of such good cheer. We arranged to room together.

Finding that a German boat would leave Sunday evening, we decided to go on that boat for home. Thus no time was lost. I had some business

to attend to in Shanghai, and had just time for it.

Our visit with Brother Caldwell, a man very familiar with the East, having canvassed in all the treaty ports, was very interesting and profitable: We had a grand Sabbath together. We will reach Hanchow the morning of the 22d, and Sin Yang Cheo at 3 P. M. on the 23d.

This is a fine time of the year to reach China, and to-day is a most beautiful day for sailing up the Yangtse. We are going first-class Chinese cabin, and see much of the Chinese all the time. It is by being with them that we learn to know them and how to work for them. When one of the brethren knew the boys were coming, he wrote me, "Would there were twenty such men coming to China." Our prayers are for more laborers.

H. W. MILLER.

FIELD REPORTS

Wellston

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We certainly have much to encourage us in this part of the field. We are made to rejoice as we carry the Message to the people, and find many dear souls hungry for the truth. We are having some grand experiences.

I called at one house where the lady invited me in. While talking to her about the love of God, she told me that she was not a Christian, and that she believed that the Lord had sent me as a messenger to her to turn her from her sinful way and help her to seek for his pardoning mercy. We had prayer together and she told me that she was truly converted and that she was going out to help others. She gave me an order for a book and used her influence to get me two more orders. I called on another lady who gave me an order for "Great Controversy" and asked me to pray for her husband as he was not a Christian. I did as requested, and when I was in the neighborhood a few evenings afterward, she called for me to come in as she feared her husband was going to die. I went in and found him rejoicing as he had been converted. I am praying for him and expect to see him accept all the truth.

I could tell you of many more only that space will not permit. Should you find room for this, I may give you some more of our blessed experiences. Pray for the work here. Your sister in the work, MRS. M. E. GRUBB.

Cygnets

WELCOME VISITOR: A few words relative to the condition and progress of the cause at this place will, perhaps, be of interest to your readers.

I am happy to be able to report a thriving condition of the little company here. The love of the truth still bears sway in the hearts of the brethren and sisters of the church. As a natural and inevitable consequence of this abiding love of the truth, there is manifest a loyalty to the heavenly Master, which is shown in various ways.

I believe there is an increasing desire among us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth; to attain to a higher, individual spiritual condition. This desire is leading us to seek God earnestly for grace to put away sin, to obtain the imputed and imparted righteousness of Christ which alone will qualify us to stand, arrayed in white, without spot and blameless before the throne.

There is a commendable willingness on the part of our members to maintain the local Sabbath-school, and church, and other branches of the work as far as circumstances will permit.

This spirit of helping is not confined merely to the local work, but extends to the general work of the denomination. We are in hearty sympathy and unison with the plan of raising the one hundred and fifty thousand dollar fund. We have already done something in this line, and I am sure more will be done later. Our recent quarterly meeting was an occasion of much spiritual blessing to those who made up the good attendance. The election of officers passed off very pleasantly and harmoniously. The removal of one of our members to her distant homeland it necessary to make changes in some of the officers at this time, but others willingly took up the work necessarily laid down by the one now moving away.

About a year and a half ago, a family removed from here, which took from our midst two of our members. Now another family is moving away which deprives us of the presence of another member; though all these are retaining their membership with the Cygnets church. Though such losses may be but little noticed in large churches, they are keenly felt by small companies. Our prayers go

with those who are thus separated from us, and we trust that God may make some use of them to extend his cause in other fields.

We have had cause of rejoicing from time to time because of others accepting the truth. A year ago last summer and fall two of our sisters, who are still with us, began to keep the Sabbath. Recently two men also have begun to keep the Sabbath, whose companions have been in the truth for some time. This is a source of much encouragement to us who have stood by the work, and sought to extend the truth in this field.

We praise God for his blessing upon the work here, remembering that he alone giveth the increase.

J. O. YOUNG.

KNOWLTON, CANADA

WELCOME VISITOR: Enclosed please find twenty-five cents for renewal of VISITOR another year. It is a most welcome VISITOR indeed.

We are in usual health. Yesterday I drove twelve miles over the mountains to hold a quarterly meeting. The thermometer showed four below zero, and a snow storm was raging. The roads were so filled with drifts that they were almost impassable, but I found a warm welcome at the end of the journey. We had preaching service last night and ordinance meeting this morning.

The storm was raging so to-day that it was advisable for me to drive home this afternoon for fear that by to-morrow the roads could not be traveled. It took me three and a half hours to come twelve miles, and I was all but frozen when I arrived at home, and yet it was a pleasant ride. Not a track could be seen for miles, nor a bird the whole length of the journey. The wind blew a gale.

It is quite different in the cold north from the sunny south, and as I read Elder Webster's letter in the VISITOR this evening. I could but think what changes take place in a few months. I am of good courage and expect to triumph with God's people at last.

We have a very comfortable home so that the howling blasts do not effect us in the least when sheltered in our pleasant home. The rough experiences of life will only add to our appreciation of the "Home land" when we gather there.

With Christian greeting to all the dear saints scattered abroad in Ohio, your brother in Christ,

D. E. LINDSEY.

Jan. 12, 1907.

THE 1907 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION

Sabbath, February 2

THE annual collection for the Religious Liberty Department, appointed by the General Conference Committee, will be taken this year on Sabbath, February 2.

It will be remembered that this is the only general collection which is taken for the support of this important line of work, and furthermore, the department has no other resources by which to carry on its work. Hence it is necessary that this collection should be a liberal one.

There has never been a time in the history of our work when the demands were so great upon us to exert our very best efforts in laboring and sacrificing for the cause of religious liberty as now, for the enemy was never so active in seeking to deprive men of the exercise of the rights of conscience as now.

Intelligence has just been received that twelve hundred persons had been summoned to court in the city of Boston for the violation of the New England Sunday law. A Sunday closing crusade is also on in Willimantic, Conn., and in California a desperate effort is being put forth to secure a change in the State constitution which will provide for a Sunday law in that State. So the battle is on in many places throughout the country.

The latest news which shows a little of the fruitage of what this movement means is the arrest of three of our own people in Spartansburg, S. C. Their trial was appointed for January 10.

It should not be forgotten that there is also a Sunday bill pending in Congress, the outcome of which no one can say.

Shall not we willingly sacrifice of our substance in helping stay the relentless and fearful oncoming tide of intolerance and persecution, which will soon overtake us, by enlightening the honest ones?

All collections should be sent through the regular channels:

K. C. RUSSELL.

BOLDNESS

THOSE who have accomplished anything in this world may have been very modest, but they have not been afraid. They have not been cowards. Elijah faced Ahab and the prophets of Baal, a grand figure standing upon the mountain, and opposed to him all Israel, with those ringing words that come to every soul to-day, "If the

Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The secret of his boldness is found in the words: "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand." Hear the mighty words of the great reformer, Luther:—

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed,
His truth should triumph through us.

Only guilt can bring fear. All have sinned, but on the ground of forgiveness, we may be bold as an angel of God. He who has wholly confessed is wholly forgiven, and stands clear before God without fear now; and God, who makes him brave and strong for each day's conflict, will give him boldness in the day of judgment, when the captains and the mighty men flee in terror, praying for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them to hide them from the face of him that sitteth on the throne. O then may this be your experience and mine:—

Bold shall I stand in that great day,
For who ought to my charge shall lay,
While through his blood, absolved I am
From sin's tremendous curse and stain.

J. W. WASHBURN.

FROM a report sent back by Elder C. D. McMody, who recently visited Wittenberg, Germany, on his way to the Levant Mission fields, we note the following:—

"My next stop was Wittenberg, the old home of Luther and Melancthon. Much could be said that would be interesting of this birth-place of the great German Reformation. The old house in which Melancthon lived is standing and also the buildings in which Luther conducted his school after he broke with the papal See. The living room of Luther, which was in one of these buildings, still contains the humble furnishings which Luther used.

"For the most interesting historical feature of Wittenberg is the great old church, upon the doors of which Luther tacked his ninety-five decretals against the papal system. To-day, at the very doorway where these decretals were hung, are two massive iron doors, with the ninety-five decretals moulded upon them in bold relief in the German language. Inside the church are the tombs of Luther and Melancthon. There are also the statues of these reformers in marble. Not far from where Luther's school was held, is the old oak tree under which Luther burned the pope's bull. But with all this which is of such interest to Protestant travelers, God has a greater memorial than brick or stone of the great work accomplished by these conscientious, God-fearing reformers."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

REALIZING that there are many good, earnest young people who would gladly avail themselves of the advantages of a year or two in school if there was any possible way of their being able to meet the expenses, arrangements have been made with the Conference and Tract Society officers whereby a young man or a young woman, by selling \$150 worth of our subscription books, and turning the whole retail price over to the Tract Society, can obtain a scholarship in the Mount Vernon College for one year, providing the student does three hours' work per day for the College during the school year.

Thinking that there might be those who would rather sell more books and do less work, the following schedule has been made:—

\$190 retail for books sent to the Tract Society, and two hours' work.

\$230 retail for books sent to the Tract Society, and one hour's work.

\$270 retail for books sent to the Tract Society, and no work.

It is understood that this is the regular \$17 per month rate which allows the student five dollars per month for food on the European plan, which is a fair average rate. If more food is ordered than the above amount, the student will be required to pay the difference in either money or labor. This does not cover instrumental music, or the different laboratory fees which are always extra charges.

All books must be ordered through The Ohio Tract Society, and the full retail price sent to them on delivery of the books in order to be applied on a scholarship.

This offer is open to all alike, whether you are an old canvasser or a new one, an old student or a new one.

One may earn more than one scholarship, if he chooses to do so, and help a brother or a sister in school, or come himself as many years as his scholarships call for.

Arrangements should be made with the State Agent before taking up this work, and all orders taken are to be reported weekly to the Tract Society.

We hope that many will take this opportunity of gaining a Christian education in our school, which has been established by God for the sole purpose of preparing young men and women to act their part in this closing Message. While you are thus working, you can be accomplishing more

than one thing at the same time, and you can consistently claim a special blessing upon you while you are doing the work. . . . J. B. CLYMER.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

I HAVE been glad to see the steps our different conferences have taken to encourage our young people to earn scholarships in our schools by the sale of our denominational books. This is truly a step in the right direction, — a God-ordained arrangement. The training gained in the selling of the books is worth as much to the young person as the book learning he gets in school; it puts stamina in him. If you can help a young man to help himself, you are doing far more for him than to simply furnish him with all the money he needs to defray expenses without any effort on his part.

It has been interesting to notice the success that attended those who went out from some of our Western colleges last year on this plan. Although nearly all of them were inexperienced in this work, yet nearly every one made at least one scholarship, and several made two and three. One young lady sold between \$800 and \$900 worth of books in six weeks, thus securing a scholarship for nearly a whole college course. Another young lady from Union College sold \$751 worth, and she had never received any experience before going into the field except that that she had gotten at the Institute at the College before going to her field.

Now that this plan has been put into operation in our good Mount Vernon College, we hope that many of our young people in this State will avail themselves of this opportunity to gain a Christian education.

Please read Professor Clymer's article in this paper carefully, and notice the plan. There is no better territory to be found for selling books than we have right here in Ohio. There are counties in the southern part of the State that have scarcely seen one of our workers.

Our Institute will soon open here at the College, and we are in hopes that many young people from this State, and in fact from other States as well, will be present to receive the instruction that will be given, so that they may be well fitted to go into the field this spring, and make a success of this work.

The Institute will open February 20, and continue for two weeks.

Let any who are planning on attending, please write me at as early a date as possible.

CARL E. WEAKS, *Field Sec.*
Mount Vernon, O.

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

BROTHER WILLIAM RAPP desires a good man to work on his farm. Any one interested should address him at Urbana, O., R. F. D. No. 4.

WE hope that all the old canvassers, and many who have thought that "sometime" they would enter the canvassing work, will read the announcement of the coming Institute and decide that this is the opportune time, and plan to be present on the appointed day, February 20.

BROTHER HAMER desires to thank the church treasurers, and the brethren throughout the State generally for their hearty response to his request to forward all moneys for the Conference promptly. The delay in this acknowledgment of his appreciation lays in the fact that it was overlooked in the printing office.

EDITOR VISITOR: I have been missing the weekly visits of the VISITOR for a while, and feel that I cannot afford to do without it, so enclose remittance to continue it. My subscription expired in August, but as I failed to get to the camp-meeting, failed to renew as usual. If you can, please send back numbers.

MRS. O. F. ATTERBURY,

West Williamsfield, O.

Gallipolis

DEAR BROTHER HAMER: I am here on board the steamer "Keystone State," bound for Brokaw. We are flood bound between two bridges so we can neither go up nor down until the river falls. Railroad connection is also out off. I have been able to interest two fine gentlemen on the boat in the Message. Pray for us. Your brother,
R. R. KENNEDY.

In all similar experiences we can but remember the promise, "All things

work together for good to them that love God." This compulsory halt in the busy activities of life may have been the only opportunity the gentlemen would have had of hearing the Message. Pray that the good seed sown may bring forth an abundant harvest.—ED.

ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES

THE entertainment of all accredited delegates representing local churches at the coming conference will be free. Conference employees and visitors will be expected to pay for their meals only. A restaurant will be conducted in the church school room at the rear of the church where meals will be served during the conference at a rate of twenty cents each.

We would suggest that wherever necessary the local churches share in meeting the traveling expenses of their delegates. Every church should be represented.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE forty-fifth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held at Clyde, Jan. 28-31, 1907. The first meeting of the session will be held Monday, the 28th, at 7:30 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. V. HAMER, *Sec.*

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Clyde, Sandusky County, at the time of the regular annual session of the Ohio Conference, Jan. 28-31, 1907. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, at 3 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. V. HAMER, *Sec.*

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Clyde, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1907; at 9 o'clock A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. E. WELCH, *Sec.*

ANOTHER INSTITUTE

THE time is approaching when the gospel evangelists of the Ohio Conference will meet again in a Spring Institute. The appointed time for this

meeting is February 20 to March 8, 1907. We believe this occasion will be the most agreeable and profitable of the kind ever held in the State. To make it such, no pains will be spared.

The past year has been one of prosperity to this department of the Master's cause in Ohio. We do not attribute this success to chance, but rather to well directed efforts on the part of those who have engaged in this work. The earnest, active efforts of the Field Secretary; the consecration and devotion of the God-fearing, truth-loving men and women in the field, coupled with the approval and blessings of God, brought about the good results.

I am writing this article, however, not so much to call attention to what has been done the past year, but to solicit the presence and co-operation of others who have not yet entered this exalted branch of the Lord's work. May we not see at the coming Institute many new recruits?

Are there not many other strong, courageous young men and women who want a part in this work? The purpose of the Institute is for mutual encouragement, and to impart such instructions as will better prepare laborers to engage in this line of work.

Too much cannot be said in behalf of this branch of the Lord's cause. God has highly exalted it. He has placed it on an equality with the work of the gospel ministry.

Think this matter over, dear reader, and if you feel called to take part in this good work, plan to attend the Institute.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Jan. 12, 1907.)

E. R. Numbers, *Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation; value of orders, \$28.50.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy; 16 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$3.25; total, \$5.75; deliveries, \$10.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy; 16 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$11.50; total, \$19; deliveries, \$13.50.

Euos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King; 24½ hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$5.00; total, \$19.50.

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Coming King; 30½ hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$5; total, \$30.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Coming King; 9 hours; value of orders, \$11.50.

A. T. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous; 23 hours; value of orders, \$25.50; deliveries, \$7.75.

*Two weeks.