

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### THE BETTER PART

I am weary, Lord, and foot-sore,  
With the roughness of the way;  
I would rest me in thy presence,  
Evermore with thee to stay.

I am cumbered, Lord, with serving;  
But my care I lay aside  
For the better part of hearing  
All thy words; be thou my Guide.

I am burdened, Lord, with sorrow,  
And my tears do ceaseless flow;  
Comfort me as thou canst comfort,  
And thy joy henceforth I'll know.

Bringing all, Lord, I forsake them—  
Burden, care, and bitter tears;  
I have found the chiefest treasure,  
Mine to keep through all the years.

ELLA CORNISH.

## A FAITHFUL TITHE

### Undue Carelessness Permitted

MANY presidents of State conferences do not attend to that which is their work,—to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches, by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury. Malachi has specified that the condition of prosperity depends upon bringing to God's treasury that which is his own. This principle needs to be often brought before the men who are lax in their duty to God, and who are neglectful and careless in bringing in their tithes, gifts, and offerings to God. "Will a man rob God?" "Wherein have we robbed thee?" is the question asked by the unfaithful stewards. The answer comes plain and positive, "In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Please read this whole chapter, and see if words could be spoken that would be more plain and positive than these. They are so positive that no one who desires to understand his whole duty to God needs

to make any mistake in the matter. If men offer any excuse as to why they do not perform this duty, it is because they are selfish, and have not the love and fear of God in their hearts.

### No Excuse for Neglect in Payment of Tithes

The Lord has always required this response to his arrangements in carrying forward his work in our world. He has never changed his own devised plans. He lays claim to all as his own, and of that entrusted to man, he claims his portion. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Those who claim that they cannot understand this plain and decisive statement,—which, if they are obedient, means so much to them in blessings which will be received when even the windows of heaven will be opened and blessings poured out to overflowing,—are not honest before God. Their excuse that they did not know the will of God will be of no avail for them in the great day of judgment.

### All to Do Their Duty

Let the neglected tithe be now brought in. Let the new year open upon you as men honest in their deal with God. Let those who have withheld their tithes send them in . . . that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed of God. Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your own words, but a plain "thus saith the Lord." Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home, that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse.

Let all who fear God come up to the help of the Lord, and show themselves faithful stewards. The truth must go to all parts of the world. I have been shown that many in our churches are robbing God in tithes and offerings. God will execute upon them just that

which he has declared. To the obedient, he will give rich blessings: to the transgressor, a curse. Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty which is a robbery toward God means a curse upon the delinquent.

The Lord will not hold guiltless those who are deficient in doing the work that he requires at their hands,—in seeing that the church is kept wholesome and healthy spiritually, and doing all their duty; in allowing no neglect which will bring the threatened curse upon his people. A curse is pronounced upon all who withhold their tithe from God. He says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby his work may be sustained and carried on in the world. God help us to repent. "Return unto me" he says, and "I will return unto you." Men who have a desire to do their duty have it laid down in clear lines in this chapter. No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord.

The Lord bestows his gifts abundantly upon us. He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Every blessing we have comes through Jesus Christ. Then shall we not arouse, and do our duty toward God, upon whom we are dependent for life and health, for his blessing upon our crops and fields, our cattle, our herds, and our vineyards? We are assured if we give to the Lord's treasury we shall receive of him again; but if we withhold our means, he will withhold his blessing from us, and send a curse upon the unfaithful.

God has said, "Prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out

a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." What a wonderful presentation in promised blessings he is giving us! Who can venture to rob God in tithes and offerings with such a promise as this! "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before her time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## TO THE OHIO YOUNG PEOPLE

How are you getting along with the Young People's Campaign for the Finns? The plan is being quite favorably received by our people generally, and already we are well passed the first quarter post of our copper path.

The secretary of the West Michigan Conference writes as follows: "Sabbath, March 9, I spent in Battle Creek and presented the matter to the young people, and they were ready for it. They will give thirty-eight rods or more. . . . The idea just struck them right. . . . In fact it seems to strike all the people favorably. Some of the older people say, 'I want to give a rod.' One brother asked if it made any difference about the size of the penny. I told him we would not object if he wanted to make them five dollar gold pieces. . . . I visited the church school and presented the matter there, and they voted to do something. I have not learned how much. Sabbath, March 16, I spent in Kalamazoo, and they are going to take hold of the work. We now have more than fifty rods reported."

The following word comes from Washington, D. C.: "We will do anything we can to co-operate with the young people while they are laying their copper line a mile and a quarter long. That certainly is a very unique plan. We trust their interest will be stimulated in their attempt to lay this penny line, and that they will not cease their efforts until they have fully accomplished their task."

I will enclose a sample of the card our primary pupils are using in soliciting for this campaign.

I shall be pleased to know what is being done in Ohio in this Young People's Campaign for the Finns.

W. D. CURTIS.

"CRY aloud and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression; and the house of Jacob their sin."

## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY

### A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THE pillar of cloud is risen, and the command is, "Move forward." We now feel the hand of God guiding: let us hasten to obey, let us fall in line and press forward. When God is with us, who can be against us? Be of good cheer, for Christ has said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The Canvassers' Institute has truly been doing its share of the work and we feel God's blessing resting upon upon us.

We are of good courage, and expect the fruits at the harvest.

Brethren, pray for the workers in the field that God's work may advance more rapidly than ever before, that we may be prepared for our Lord's soon coming. Every your brother in Christ and the closing work,

A. L. BASSLER.

## THE INSTITUTE

THE Institute that just closed at the College was, we believe, one of the best that Ohio has ever enjoyed.

There were over thirty good, active, young people in attendance. Nearly all are planning on entering the field with our good Message-filled literature this coming summer, so we have every reason to believe that 1907 will witness a revival in this work that has not been equalled in years.

One thing encouraging about the Institute was that so many are planning on taking up the work with our large books. Only a few years ago the idea was prevalent that our large books could not be sold, but the success that has attended those who have gone out with them of late has proved beyond a doubt that they can be sold.

The night the Institute closed a consecration meeting was held in the chapel of the College, in which nearly every one consecrated themselves anew to the service of the Master.

May God richly bless all these faithful laborers as they go from home to home with the printed page during the coming year. Your brother in the fast closing Message,

CARL E. WEAKS.

## REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE

ANOTHER Institute for Ohio has closed which was held at Mount Vernon College. The Lord blessed richly in all the work that was done, and it was evident from the testimonies of

ferred that all who were in attendance received much help from the meetings held and the classes that were conducted.

The association with the students and faculty of the College was certainly an inspiration to those who had been isolated from our people, and we trust that the encouraging testimonies from those who had been actively engaged in the field will do much toward influencing others to take up this all important, but neglected, work.

All seemed to be of good courage and praised God for the experiences of the past year. About thirty received training in the following classes: Coming King, Heralds of the Morning, Daniel and the Revelation, Great Controversy, Christ's Object Lessons, and Desire of Ages. Instruction was given by Brethren J. B. Blosser and C. E. Weaks, assisted by the writer.

The practical canvassing class which was held between four and five o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by Brother Blosser, was especially instructive and interesting. Much practical instruction was given and many, not only of the new workers but also those who have had years of experience, received suggestions which will be a great help to them in their future work.

Distribution of the workers up to present date is as follows: Darke County, I. R. Harden; Lorain County, A. H. Peet; Richland County, A. L. Bassler; Portage County, Richard Degarmo; Erie County, Mr. and Mrs. George Belenfeld; Seneca County, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simpson; Ashland County, Ira Gault; Pike and Jackson County, Elmer Sharp; Wayne County, Enos Horst; Summit County, William Degarmo.

Several have not decided definitely on their territory as yet, and quite a number of others are expecting to take up the work soon.

We feel confident that the workers will go from this Institute to their different fields of labor inspired with new zeal to do all in their power to carry the Message quickly to the neglected fields, that those in darkness may receive the warning before probation closes, and we trust that those who are so situated that they cannot go themselves will not forget to pray for those who are going out to meet the enemy on every side, that they may stand true to principle, be a light in the world, and be faithful in sowing the precious seed that we may see many saved in the soon coming kingdom as a result.

E. R. NUMBERS, Field Sec.

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

## SOME BENEFITS OF THE COLLEGE YEAR

To the student, a year in college is a very great event. It is either the making or breaking of him. And happily the majority are gratifyingly benefitted. The tendencies set in motion here are of incalculable moment to the after life. "The boy is father of the man." The benefits derive from many sources. Influences play upon the youth continually, urging him on to a nobler life. Opportunities galore are always within his reach. If he will but see them, and seize them, and unhesitatingly match them, he will grow. What he gets depends entirely on his choosing.

"Knowledge is power." It makes man a master,—a master of the material world, of men, of himself.

Anyone who is not is a pitiable object. Not that he should control everything but something. If he is ignorant, in this our day he has no show. People who know things will continually oust him. This power-giving knowledge comes mostly from books, either in or out of the regular class work. For example: History has given me a bird's-eye-view of the career of man; biography, a slight acquaintance with the greatest characters of history; general reading has taken me here and there, thus making life an infinity; each has done wonders in giving me thoughts and ideas—something to say. Grammar, composition, elocution, and my dictionary have taught me how to say it.

This is education in the generally accepted sense. But there is more.

A man having a mind encyclopedic in its exhaustiveness might utterly fail of doing the greatest good; but not if he has made the most of his college privileges. Books are good companions, dead; people are the best of companions, good and alive, appreciative, loving, forgiving, sociable. And associating with people will make one sharp, and wide-awake, and quick-witted. Moreover, the facts of the case are that this body of students is a piece of the world—a place where each must sometime fight it out. How important, therefore, that every young person should have a little initiation here among his comrades—a little trial at living and achieving. Association is of inestimable value.

Habits are wonderful things. Men who go far do so because of habits formed which save them time and thought. Who can need such habits

more than college students? And when a more opportune time and place than school to form them? A habit that college life encourages, and one which many people never get, is that of tireless industry. A person with this habit gets vastly more out of life than the idler. And if he has the added virtue of thoroughness, his reputation is as good as made. This acquiring of habits, then, is a phase of education that is not bookish, but profoundly practical.

Brain training! Book learning is nice. Associations and friendships are excellent. Right habits are indispensable. All of them together do much. But the final, ultimate object of all education is a fully equipped brain. Such an accomplishment nothing can take away. It is the owner's forever, a fortune in itself. This year's work has not given anyone a new brain, nor more brain, but has utilized the one he already had. Can such a blessing be measured with dollars and cents?

How can the year in college, because of its bewildering complexity and divining energy demanded, be but hard work? It is climbing a hill—one's mettle is severely tested. But with the top gained, and the vision broadened, the college man is ready for success. And when it comes, it does not break him.

GURNIE YOUNG.

## DOES A COLLEGE EDUCATION PAY

DOES a college education pay?—For myself I would answer this question in the affirmative. The reader, after he has read this article, may answer the question intelligently for himself.

In looking over a list of twenty-five of our greatest statesmen, I found that eighteen of them were college men.

Our early, revolutionary statesmen—James Otis, Samuel Adams and Alexander Hamilton—were all college men.

Later, when the question of nullification, States rights, and the western extension of slavery arose, then such college men as Webster, Calhoun, Seward, Sumner and Jefferson Davis, by their debates, became famous as statesmen. Since that time, other college men have become great statesmen. Some of these were Stanton, Garfield, Choate, McKinley, Depew, and Blaine.

Do you think it paid those statesmen to use money in securing a college education? I think it did, and

in our work in the Lord's cause, it will pay us just as well to secure a good college education.

What if it does involve some expenses, hard work and self denial to secure this education? Ella Wheeler Wilcox says that money plays no part in human happiness.

A true college education, besides placing the student on a more elevated standing among his fellow men, prepares him for the sterner realities of life and equips him to fight its battles.

In her book "Education," Mrs. E. G. White says, "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of broader scope, a higher aim."

Our work of giving the Third Angel's Message to the world in this generation is a greater work than the statesmen had. In order to do this work we need a good education. It will pay us to secure a good education if we are going to work in the spreading of the Message.

R. B. WHEELER.

## COLLEGE NOTES

HAROLD FERGUSON returned to his home in Mansfield for a few days' visit.

OUR energetic business manager, Brother J. M. Levering, is actively engaged in preparing to begin the spring work.

MR. C. F. GLASCOCK, who is a member of the College family, has gone on a short business trip to Missouri. He will be back in a few days.

MR. SAMUEL FROST, a student of the College who was called to his home in New York to attend the funeral of his sister, has returned to resume his work.

"THE truth as it is in Jesus can be experienced, but never explained. Its height and breadth and depth pass our knowledge. We may task our imagination to the utmost, and then we shall only see dimly the outlines of a love that is unexplainable, that is as high as heaven, but that stooped to the earth to stamp the image of God on all mankind."

ROBERT B. THURBER, who is so well known to all our Ohio readers, has answered a call to connect with the Elk Point Industrial Academy of South Dakota. He is to act as principal of that institution. The school is a prosperous one, and we feel assured that its management acted wisely in its selection of Brother Thurber. He will visit friends in Ohio before leaving for the West.

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SISTER BESSIE E. RUSSELL has so far recovered as to be able to go to Cincinnati for a visit of a few weeks.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the Tent Fund should send the amount pledged immediately.

ELDERS F. M. FAIRCHILD and J. O. Miller have been conducting a short series of meetings in Powell, prior to the dedication of the church there.

SISTERS MARY HUBBELL and Grubb say that the floods in southern Ohio have cut them off from the outside world, which has greatly hindered them in their canvassing work.

SOLICITING cards for our primary children to use in helping to raise "Coppers for the Copper Country" may be had for the asking by addressing the Educational Department of the Ohio Conference, Mount Vernon, O.

"BEHOLD I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of his covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts; but who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like refiners' fire, and fullers' soap, and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

BEGINNING with April 1, 1907, the date marking the beginning of the second year of *Liberty*, the rates on this magazine will be as follows:—

Regular subscription price, twenty-five cents a year; all renewals, twenty-five cents; ten or more subscriptions for one year either to one address or different addresses, fifteen cents each; twenty-five or more copies of any one issue, one order, one address, two and one-half cents each.

Only annual subscriptions received.

### Lagrange

THE district meeting held at Lagrange March 1 to 3 was not largely attended. A number of our people were sick, and the inclemency of the weather kept those at distance from attending.

The Norwalk church was represented by Brother and Sister Watross, and Sister Stanford. Elders Shannon and Patterson rendered valuable assistance. The soon coming of Christ, The Eastern Question, and Rendering to God His Own were among the subjects of interest presented. All present seemed to enjoy the meeting, and we believe the blessing of the Lord attended the effort.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD,

### COLLECTION FOR ORPHANS

ARTICLES have appeared in the *Review* from the General Conference Committee calling our attention to the collection to be taken Sabbath, April 6, for the benefit of the old people and orphans of the denomination.

The General Conference Committee, at a meeting held in Washington last October, passed a resolution to the effect that each Union Conference be recommended to arrange for the care and maintenance of the old people and orphans within its borders, and that an annual collection be taken, and the amount be raised in each Union Conference be retained for the purpose of carrying out this plan; so this becomes a matter interesting the Lake Union Conference. I trust that a liberal collection will be taken on April 6.

Applications have been made by old people leaving the James White Memorial Home for help from the Lake Union Conference, and there are many within our borders that will need to be cared for; and provision must be made for all such. So let each church take this matter up at the time mentioned, turning the funds over to the church treasurer, to be forwarded to the State treasurer, and by the State treasurer to the Union Conference treasurer, where the amount will be retained as a fund to be drawn upon for the purpose of helping the aged and infirm as well as orphans.

The Union Conference Committee will take under consideration plans for caring for the above classes of individuals, either by providing a home, or arranging for each conference to care for its own poor; and the policy of the Union Conference will be made known in the near future.

ALLEN MOON.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Mar. 15, 1907.)

R. Degarmo, Portage Co.—Great Controversy: 10 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$1; total, \$11.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 7 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$1; total, \$2; deliveries, \$42.25

L. R. Williams, St. Marys.—Heralds of the Morning: 4 hours; value of orders, \$7; helps, \$2.75; total, \$9.75; deliveries, \$1.75.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; deliveries, \$2.

E. J. C. Sharp,\* Jackson Co.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$3.50; total, \$14.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$2; deliveries, \$3.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2; total, \$10.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 16½ hours; value of orders, \$19.25; deliveries, \$13.25.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Miscellaneous, 3 hours; value of orders, \$4.25.

\*Week ending February 22.

### OBITUARY

KRABILL.—Died at the home of his parents at Orrville, O., Feb. 21, 1907, Howard William Krabill, aged 7 months and 1 day. He had been a rugged child, having never been ill until four days before his death. A father, mother, and many friends are left to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 40:1 and Jer. 31:15 in the home of Enos Horst, also in the German Mennonite church which is located six miles from Orrville. Being the first Adventist sermon these people had ever heard, very marked interest was manifested by all as the Lord gave liberty in the presentation of his word.  
G. P. GAEDER.

CRAMER.—Lucy M. Cramer, daughter of Brother and Sister Handley, of Corsica O., was born Sept. 30, 1882, and died at Galion, O., March 1, 1907, age 24 years and 5 months. May 17, 1902, she was united in marriage to George T. Cramer and to this union was born two children, Oliva Marion, aged four years, and M. Frances, aged two years. Her death was the result of complications caused by la grippe. Those who are left to mourn are her husband, two children, her father and mother, and two brothers besides many distant relatives and friends who respected her because of her loving disposition and consistent life. While the sorrow of the occasion was great and the eye was dim with tears, yet we were able to grasp the precious promise of the Saviour. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live." May the Lord help us do all that is in our power to hasten the coming of the Saviour when all such occasions will be forever in the past.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.