

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY

### OUR HOME

O SWEEETLY through the gloomy years  
That roll their dimming veil between.  
The promised goodly land appears,  
Ariayed in never-fading green.  
And from that peaceful, happy clime,  
Transporting bursts of song arise,  
And, rolling through the mists of time,  
Tell us of joy that never dies.

As voyagers on the stormy deep  
Look for some bright and sunny bay  
Where winds and waves are hushed in sleep.  
And joy lights up the happy day,  
So o'er the tossing sea of years  
We glance the eye and stretch the hand  
Where, robed in fadeless light appears  
The border of the shining land.

There angel hosts of glorious ones,  
With sinless hearts and stainless hands,  
Call us in glad and loving tones,  
And bid us welcome to their bands.  
Hark! how their harps and voices tell  
The glories of that radiant strand,  
And bid us breast the waves that swell  
Between us and the shining land.

Ear hath not heard, eye hath not seen.  
The glories of that home of song;  
Though stormy billows roll between,  
I go to join the angel throng.  
But of the joys beyond the tide,  
The welcomes on that golden strand,  
The best shall be from Him who died  
To bring me to the shining land.

—Selected.

## FROM THE SOUTHLAND

It has now been four months since we came South, and we cannot say that we are sorry we came to this needy field, for we have the satisfaction of knowing the Lord wants us here. We are enjoying good health and have no time to get homesick as there is so much to do, and so few to do it, that our time is very fully occupied.

Since coming to Birmingham, we have had the satisfaction of seeing the Sabbath-school increase in membership one-half, although one family has moved away. Next Sabbath being the occasion of our regular quarterly meeting, three or four will unite with the church. Others are keeping the Sabbath who are not yet ready to take upon themselves the responsibilities of church membership.

A great amount of good might be accomplished, and many souls saved if families of our people would move here and live out the truth and assist in strengthening the churches in large cities like Birmingham. The Lord has spoken with reference to this, so we do not hesitate to speak positively, since may be seen the great need of such help.

If there are those who read these lines who feel that they can give up friends, homes, and lands for Christ's sake (read Matt. 9:29 for the promise) and come South, they will find a good place to live, a good climate, and plenty of opportunity for doing good and exercising the talents God has given them. All kinds of mechanics are in demand, and wages are from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day.

While there is much ignorance among the poorer class of whites, the middle and higher classes are very polite and refined. Although much poverty may be seen, there is still much wealth.

The poorer class of the colored race is indeed to be pitied. I will relate one of the many instances that came under my observation. A poor sick woman, having no friends or home, who was too sick to earn a living, was dumped into an old shed to die. She had no bed, no fire, and nothing to eat or drink only as neighbors interested themselves in her, which was very seldom since she was only a poor "black." I reported her case to the authorities, and they took her to the county infirmary.

The prejudice against the colored race here is terrible. Many times they can get but a small amount of the money for which they have worked, and it is impossible to get justice at the courts. Many in the North might help these poor people by sending to my address barrels or boxes of partly worn clothing, bedding, boots, shoes, etc. The freight on all such should be prepaid, and we will attend to the drayage here.

I am sure our dear brethren in Ohio will not forget us in their prayers, that we may reap a rich harvest of souls.

MR. and MRS. C. C. WEBSTER.

## "MINISTRY OF HEALING"

APRIL 13 is the set date for opening of the campaign in the Ohio Conference on the sale of "Ministry of Healing." This book contains special light for the people of our time. Its pages should be read and studied by those who are specially interested in the work of preparation for the soon-coming Saviour.

It is to be hoped that all our people will rally to this call, and a united effort be made to place this, another of heaven's richest gifts, where it will accomplish the most possible good.

The programs that have been prepared and sent to all our churches should be carried out. A more favorable time for us to do the work that God would have done in connection with this gift, will never come.

Let a genuine effort be made all along the line to create interest and enthusiasm in this work. "Ministry of Healing" is one of the best books I ever read. He who will read this book with an unbiased mind will not fail to see in a clearer light the goodness of God and his tender love for the children of men.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## OUR CANVASSERS

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: As a canvasser, I beg space in your columns for a few words. I am busy in the field again placing the printed pages of God's blessed truths in the homes.

The Lord is truly showering his blessings upon us as we pass from home to home. The experiences that we meet day by day are grand and glorious.

I hope each one who was in attendance at the Institute is now in the field laboring for the Lord and receiving just as rich a blessing as they did at that time. Brother workers, hold up the blood stained banner of King Jesus that this dying world may see its dying need of the saving grace of Christ. Time is short and there is a mighty work to be done. Our Lord has told us of this in John 4: 35, 36.

Then let us glean the golden grain, and pass none by, for the Lord has

need of all. Eternity alone can tell what a blessed work we are doing. Let us cease not from our labors now, for the harvest is truly great. The time for rest will come when the harvest is over. Let us work that we may have joy in the refreshing showers of the "latter rain," and be prepared to meet our Lord when he comes to gather his elect. Your brother in the closing work,

A. L. BASSLER.

Mansfield, O.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

THE district meeting for District Number 7 will be held in Cincinnati, April 19-21. Springfield, Wilmington, Dayton and Hamilton churches are especially invited to attend. A program has been prepared covering the important issues of to-day, which should be carefully studied by all. The brethren have secured a good hall and are expecting one of the best meetings ever held in Cincinnati. Let all who possibly can attend these meetings. Arrangements have been made to entertain all that may come, free of charge, regardless of boundary lines. Watch the next issue of the VISITOR for further announcements.

R. R. KENNEDY.

## "LIFE AND HEALTH"

THE April number of *Life and Health* contains some exceptionally good things on timely topics. Doctor Kress's article on "Imaginary Diseases and Their Cure" forcibly presents the power of the mind over the body and reveals the difference between the Christian Science teaching and true faith of God, combined with a life of obedience to his laws. This article touches one of the most vital questions of the day, for it is estimated that nine-tenths of the diseases that afflict the human race have their origin in the mind. To teach how to cure these and to effectually avoid them in the future is the purpose of this article.

The entire contents of the April number of *Life and Health* will be of profit to all who read the journal. Published by the Review & Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. Fifty cents a year, five cents a copy.

"LOVE must be the principle of action; Love is the underlying principle of God's government in heaven and earth, and it must be the foundation of the Christian's character. This alone can make and keep him steadfast."

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

Thou art the Way, to thee alone.  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek,  
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth, thy word alone.  
True wisdom can impart:  
Thou only canst inform the mind,  
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life, the rending tomb.  
Proclaims thy conquering arm:  
And those who put their trust in thee,  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win  
Whose joys eternal flow.

—Selected.

## A CALL TO ACTION

WE are living in a time when the enemy is testing us on every point. We as a church have gained victory after victory as we have taken up the work to carry the gospel to the world, and God has added his blessing to each step until already the truth for these times is heard in every portion of the world. Has this been accomplished by any one individual?—No it has not; but, on the other hand, where persons have taken their stand to oppose the church, they have sometimes succeeded in making some noise, but at last they have sunk out of sight, and the church has gone on with its work. Separation from the body has in every case brought disaster to the one who has sought to weaken or destroy the church or its work. We sometimes seem to think that we are indispensable to the church; but this is a suggestion from the evil one.

Let us read from volume 4, pages 17 and 19 of the "Testimonies," "Church relationship is not to be lightly canceled; yet when the path of some professed followers of Christ is crossed, or when their voice has not the controlling influence which they think it deserves, they will threaten to leave the church. True, in leaving the church they would themselves be the greatest sufferers, for in withdrawing beyond the pale of its influence, they subject themselves to the full temptations of the world.

"Every believer should be whole-hearted in his attachment to the church. Its prosperity should be his first interest, and unless he feels under sacred obligations to make his connection with the church a benefit to it, in preference to himself, it can do far better without him. It is in the power of all to do something for the cause of God."

"They should also feel it a solemn duty to illustrate in their characters the teachings of Christ, being at peace one with another, and moving in perfect harmony as an undivided whole. They should defer their individual judgment to the judgment of the body of the church. Many live for themselves alone. They look upon their lives with great complacency, flattering themselves that they are blameless, when in fact they are doing nothing for God, and are living in direct opposition to his expressed word."

"If the world sees perfect harmony existing in the church of God, it will be a powerful evidence to them in favor of the Christian religion. Dissensions, unhappy differences, and petty church trials dishonor our Redeemer.

"All of these may be avoided if self is surrendered to God, and the followers of Jesus obey the voice of the church. Unbelief suggests that individual independence increases our importance, that it is weak to yield our own ideas of what is right and proper to the verdict of the church; but to yield to such feelings and views is unsafe, and will bring us into anarchy and confusion. Christ saw that unity and Christian fellowship were necessary to the cause of God, therefore he enjoined it upon his disciples. And the history of Christianity from that time until now proves conclusively that in union only is there strength."

Let us get self out of the way and take up the work that God has given us in this State, knowing that it is God's work—the salvation of souls, that we should be thinking of instead of how we could improve on the work that God has given others to do.

W. E. BIDWELL.

### Youngstown

Our church enjoyed a precious season Sabbath, March 30, the occasion being our regular quarterly meeting. Although we had no outside assistance, we enjoyed the presence of the Saviour.

Several of our scattered dear ones were with us, and as we communed together and admonished each other to live a more consecrated life during the coming quarter, we experienced some of the blessing God has promised those who will follow the example of his Son.

As we separated to go to our several homes, we resolved to live closer to our blessed Master, and help to scatter precious seeds of truth for him. Your sister in his service,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN, Clerk.

## A LETTER

DEAR BROTHER SHULTZ: I received your letter addressed to the "Young Co-Workers." After reading it and thinking the plan over I can say that I heartily endorse it, and am glad to have part in spreading the Third Angel's Message, and to be a co-worker with Christ. I am twelve years of age.

After receiving your letter, mamma and I wondered how we could help in this great work. So mamma said that I could have the eggs that the hens lay every Sabbath until this one and one-fourth miles of pennies is raised. The hens are laying from seventeen to twenty-four eggs each day. Last Sabbath was my first Sabbath. The hens gave me nineteen eggs or the equivalent of twenty-one cents. I should like to know when I am to send it. We have no church here, only Sabbath-school where two or three families meet. Trusting your effort will meet with good success I remain, your sister in Christ,

Shreve, O. ALICE BATES.

## A WORTHY EXAMPLE

BROTHER HAMER: As you have commended me several times lately for my promptness, I will say in answer that it is much easier to be prompt than to be dilatory. You may have experienced it in your time.

If you are prompt, there is a pleasure in the act; if you delay, it becomes a burden. So promptness brings its own blessing, and it never hinders the cause in any way. I have made it my rule for many years to owe no man anything, and by this way of doing I have received my reward in many ways. Your brother in Christ,

NIMROD JOHNSON.

Unionport, O.

## OUR CONFIDENCE

"THE humble worker who obediently responds to the call of God may be sure of receiving divine assistance. To accept so great and holy a responsibility is itself elevating to the character. It calls into action the highest mental and spiritual powers, and strengthens and purifies the mind and heart. Through faith in the power of God, it is wonderful how strong a weak man may become, how decided his efforts, how prolific of great results. He who begins with a little knowledge, in a humble way, and tells what he knows, while seeking diligently for further knowledge, will find the whole heavenly treasure awaiting his demand. The more he seeks to impart light, the more he will receive."

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

### A YEAR IN COLLEGE

AFTER a lonesome three months' vacation with empty halls and rooms for associates, we were very glad to welcome the students both old and new when school again opened its doors for them. The first few days were undoubtedly lonely days for many, but soon the association in the class rooms and at work in various departments brought happier and shorter days, for they were filled with study, labor, and recitations, which occupied one's entire time. Perhaps it is with only those who love many idle hours that time drags slowly through the weeks and months of the school year, but it may be here stated that minds and hands kept well occupied and busy are seldom troubled with that most tenacious malady—homesickness. In my own experience, I have had no time to think of such things, but with a certain object in view have plodded slowly on, on, on, day by day learning something here and something there, which has brought me this far in life's journey, and made me a little better able to serve as Christ's ambassador while here.

The classes which at first seemed to be dull and monotonous have proved the most interesting. Physical geography was the most disliked of studies when the fall term opened, but it soon became most interesting to me. We not only learned of the formation of land, seas and atmosphere and life upon the globe, but more than this.—God's creative and sustaining powers were more forcibly appreciated by those in the class.

Language study never won very great favor with me during the past years spent in school, until our Composition class has proved that there is not only a great benefit gained from the study of our many famous authors, but a pleasure in so doing. Our work has been fascinating and inspiring in this class, as we learn to express our thoughts more clearly and forcibly.

It is also most interesting to study the form and habits of the smallest unicellular organisms found in air, land or sea; and from these minute individual organisms to slowly approach the higher life, protozoecus and the parasitic and saphrophitic bacteria. We have also learned of God's wonderful works and would exclaim with the psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto showeth knowledge."

Not only in the study of the smaller forms of animal and vegetable life, but as we take up the larger organisms of plants, we can say, "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow, they toil not neither do they spin; yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Although sin has marred God's work in creation, yet the beautiful flowers which brighten our school days, in the spring are messengers of beauty and love sent by our heavenly Father.

In the first year Bible class it often seemed as though we might be traveling with the apostles and their divine Master as we learned of their journeys and experiences during the three years of Christ's ministry. The memory drill received in this class was given in no other class as thoroughly, and although we may not use the lessons learned to-day, they will be stored in our minds, ready for use throughout eternity.

While mentioning a few lessons learned in classes we must not omit those learned outside of class, when associating with students and teachers. The influence of Christian association is felt by every member of the school, and the excellent meetings which have drawn us so near to God will not soon be forgotten. Were it not for everyday trials, experiences and temptations we would not be building noble, strong, Christlike characters.

As we part this spring, having been brought so closely together by the year's relations, who could not feel sad at the thought of parting with those whom we may never meet again in this world? It is our privilege to live and labor with Christ here on this earth and when he comes whose right it is to reign, we may have a home with him on high. So let each of us here be "laborers together with God."

CORA A. MILLER.

MR. and MRS. HAROLD COBBAN, of Washington, D. C., have been visiting at the home of Sister Cobban's parents at Leesburg, O., prior to their departure for the West Indies where Brother Cobban goes to act as secretary and treasurer of that union.

SOME one was so kind as to forward us copies of our Calendar for 1898 and 1899. But as the name of sender was not enclosed, we could not properly acknowledge them. We yet need two copies of Calendar for 1897 to complete files.

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MRS. H. M. JUMP is visiting friends  
in Columbus, O.

THE address of Elder B. L. House is  
1306 E St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

THE address of John W. Shultz is  
244 S. Glenwood Ave., Columbus, O.

THE Executive Committees of the  
Conference and College were in ses-  
sion at this place March 26 and 27.

BROTHER O. B. PERRINE who is  
working in the mining district of  
eastern Ohio, has been visiting his  
family in Academia.

FROM *Eastern Tidings* we learn that  
Elder W. W. Miller has recently been  
elected assistant superintendent of  
the India Mission Field.

SISTER CARRIE LEACH, head nurse  
of the Newark Sanitarium, was called  
to her home in Litchfield to attend the  
funeral of her grandmother.

FROM the Southern Illinois *Herald*  
we learn that Gilbert J. Iles is now its  
editor. The VISITOR extends greet-  
ings to the new "Buckeye Journal-  
ist."

PROFESSOR W. E. HOWELL, presi-  
dent of Loma Linda College, has resign-  
ed to begin pioneer work in Greece, and  
is visiting at his old home at Franklin  
Furnace, O.

THE quarterly report blanks for  
Sabbath-schools and Young People's  
Societies have been sent to all secre-  
taries. We hope that our secretaries  
will promptly fill out the blanks and  
return them at once.

SAMPLES of the soliciting cards to  
be used by our children in raising  
"Coppers for the Copper Country"  
have been sent to all secretaries of  
Sabbath-schools. More may be had  
by addressing the Educational De-  
partment of the Ohio Conference,  
Mount Vernon, O.

ELDER J. O. MILLER and family  
started for their new field of labor at  
St. Johns, N. B., Canada, April 2.  
We trust that they may enjoy a safe  
journey, and that God may prosper  
them in their work for him in this  
needy field.

LET our Sabbath-school superin-  
tendents and leaders of Young Peo-  
ple's Societies work energetically to  
lay our share of the one and one-  
fourth miles of "Copper Line." This  
work should soon be finished and the  
mission for the Flins established.

BRETHREN R. T. RAGSDALE and  
H. E. HOYT have recently purchased  
the new sanitarium and hospital lo-  
cated at Dehance, O. We feel assured  
that with such a valuable building  
and advantageous location, under the  
wise management of these brethren  
and the blessing of God this institu-  
tion cannot fail to prosper.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Mar. 29, 1907.)

R. Degarmo, Portage Co.—Great  
Controversy: 27½ hours; value of  
orders, \$12.50; helps, \$9.35; total,  
\$21.85.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel  
and Revelation: 21 hours; value of  
orders, \$5; helps, \$9; total, \$14.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel  
and Revelation: 15 hours; value of  
orders, \$7.50.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—  
Christ's Object Lessons: 5 hours;  
value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$3.90;  
total \$16.40.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-  
ing King: value of deliveries, \$1.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming  
King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$14;  
helps, \$1.70; total, \$15.70.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscella-  
neous: 14½ hours; value of orders,  
\$9.65.

A. R. Hasemeier, Henry Co.—Mis-  
cellaneous: 30 hours; value of orders,  
\$29.75.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Miscella-  
neous: 14 hours; value of orders, \$19.

### OBITUARY

COLVIN.—Callista S., daughter of Myron and  
Elizabeth Hard, was born July 8, 1839, and died  
March 31, 1907, aged 67 years, 8 months, and 23  
days. She was one of seven children, five  
sons and two daughters. She was united in  
marriage to Timothy Colvin. To this union was  
born two sons, Louie, with whom she has made  
her home, and Frank. She had never fully

united with any church organization, but was  
inclined to the belief of the Baptists. Sister  
Colvin had been a great sufferer for two years,  
but uncomplainingly and with patience bore  
her affliction until she fell asleep. She is sur-  
vived by two sons, three brothers, one sister  
and two grandchildren. Thus another life has  
gone out, and another dear one has laid down  
the cares of this life to await the call of the  
Life Giver.  
J. O. MILLER.

WOOD.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs.  
Adaline Wood, nee Hale, was born Feb. 15,  
1829, in northern Indiana. She passed from  
this life March 23, 1907, having reached the  
advanced age of 78 years, 1 month and 28 days.  
Her father, Calvin Hale, a pioneer of the State  
of Wisconsin, removed to that State with his  
family while Sister Wood was in her early  
childhood. Being religiously inclined she was  
converted in her youth and united with the  
Disciple Church, remaining a faithful Christian  
in that church, until the voice of the third  
angel, with his Message, was heard by her in  
1855 or '56. To this call she heartily responded,  
thus showing the depth and strength of char-  
acter which she exhibited during the remain-  
der of her life. On Oct. 11, 1859, she united  
her interests with those of Elder J. G. Wood,  
with whom forty-eight years of her life were  
spent, they being members of one of the first  
Seventh-day Adventist churches in Wiscon-  
sin. Five children were entrusted to their  
parental care, three of whom are still living—  
Mrs. Chlo Miller, of Springfield, O., Doctor  
Lillis Wood-Starr and Frank Wood of Cal-  
ifornia. The years of her married life were  
devoted to loving, faithful service in her  
home and family. Much of the success that  
attended the labors of Elder Wood was due  
to the fact that by Sister Wood was carried  
the responsibility of the home and training of  
the children, while he was out in the gospel  
field, sowing the seeds of truth, which have  
produced the harvest of souls that has fol-  
lowed his efforts. Hospitality and love for  
and sympathy with those in need or distress  
were characteristic of her nature. Never  
was one who needed help in any way turned  
away unaided. Her home was always open to  
those who were ministering the word of truth,  
and often have Brother James White and Sis-  
ter E. G. White been entertained by her.  
Her tenderness and thoughtfulness for others  
was manifested in her last illness, and al-  
though not conscious of what she was doing,  
was constantly making preparations for the  
comfort of those who, in her imaginations, were  
in need of care and assistance. Not at any  
time was she careless in the performance of  
her Christian duties, always rendering to the  
Lord his own whether her income was large  
or small. Her hope in Christ was at all times  
strong, and she often wished, because of her  
great suffering, that she might be laid to rest.  
But while this was her desire, there was heard  
no word of complaint from her lips, but al-  
ways an expression of resignation to what-  
ever might be her experience, believing that  
all things work together for good to those  
that love the Lord. The children, with sev-  
eral brothers and sisters mourn their loss, but  
to none is the loss so great as to dear old  
Brother Wood, who for almost half a century  
shared her joys and sorrows. Elder R. R.  
Kennedy conducted the funeral services,  
which were held in the Seventh-day Adven-  
tist church at Springfield, having chosen for  
his text the beautiful words, "Precious in the  
sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."  
We laid her away in beautiful Ferncliff cem-  
etery, confident that she sleeps in Jesus, and  
while we grieve over the separation, yet we  
rejoice that she is of the company of whom  
the Lord has said, "Blessed are the dead  
which die in the Lord."  
KATHARINE E. MILLER.