

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

ASPIRATION

MAY every soul that touches mine—
Be it the slightest contact—get therefrom
some good.

Some little grace, one kindly thought,
One inspiration yet unfelt, one bit of courage
For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith
To brave the threatening ills of life,
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mist,
To make this life more worth while,
And heaven a surer heritage.

—Selected.

THE HASKELL HOME

THERE are in the Haskell Home at Battle Creek a number of children that belong in the the Lake Union Conference, and as the General Conference has recommended that each Union Conference should have the care of all the orphan children within its own borders, arrangements having been made by which all the children now in the Home must be provided for outside of that institution, it becomes necessary for the Lake Union Conference to make provision for those now in the Home, as well as others that may need care, either by placing them in a home especially prepared for them, where they can be cared for, or by placing them in families to be educated and brought up as the children of the family.

It has been suggested that there are a number of responsible people in the various Conferences of the Lake Union who would be glad to take one or more of these children and adopt them. The ages of the children range from five to fifteen years.

If any of the readers of this article are interested in these children, and would like to take one or more of them into their families, they should first obtain a recommendation from the president of their Conference, and then send their application to the secretary of the Lake Union Conference, W. H. Edwards, 223 Unity Building, Indianapolis, Ind., and he will see that it is forwarded to the proper persons; and the applicant will be given an opportunity to visit the children

and select such as he may desire to adopt. Only Seventh-day Adventist families need apply, and these must be reliable and responsible.

ALLEN MOON.

REPORTS

Sherwood

SABBATH, April 13, we spent with the brethren and sisters of the Sherwood church, and were accorded a hearty welcome. At the morning service, the previously arranged program in the interest of Medical Missionary Work was carried out in every detail. Several copies of "Ministry of Healing" were ordered and all present seemed to enjoy the meeting.

After a short discourse in the afternoon from Rev. 12:17, testimonies, borne by the brethren and sisters, were indicative of an earnest desire to keep pace with the advancing light of the Third Angel's Message, and to share in its final triumph. We next celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house which brought us into closer touch with him whose servants we are, and made the occasion one of encouragement and spiritual strength to us all. Brethren and sisters were present from the Hicksville church. Brother John P. Gaede was also present.

Personally, I enjoyed this meeting with these brethren, and pray God to protect them from the perils of these last days, and grant them at last an abundant entrance into his everlasting kingdom. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Washington, D. C.

WE like living here very much thus far. However, living expenses are very high. On my rent, coal, and food is where I notice the greatest difference; on other things prices are about the same as in Ohio.

I live several miles from Takoma Park, where the General Conference offices are located, but I have been out there a few times. I have already become busy in connection with the Memorial Church, and I can see a large work before me. I truly feel the need of the prayers of my brethren

and sisters in Ohio: My greatest desire is to be a soul winner in this important center.

The efforts to reclaim Elder Sheafe seem to be in vain, notwithstanding the warnings which have come to him through the Spirit of prophecy; but there are a good many loyal colored people who stand by the organized body, both in his church and in the Eighth Street church. Your brother in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE.

OUR CANVASSING WORK

WHILE the weather has been bad and somewhat disagreeable for the canvasser for the past few weeks, yet the work is onward.

Brother Degarmo writes: "We have been having bad weather here. It has been raining for some time and still continues to do so, but this has not stopped me, for I have been working just the same as at other times, and I find that I can sell just as many books in the rain as in good weather." Another writes: "I called on a business man whom I knew to be a Catholic. He told me that he did not want the book, and went to wait upon a customer, but he told me to wait until he should return. While he was busy at his work, I asked the dear Lord to open his heart that he might look with favor upon the book. When he came back he said, 'Well, I think the only thing for me to do is for me to sign my name,' which he proceeded to do." This sister says she finds canvassing an easy and delightful work.

It is those who will press forward in the face of obstacles who will make a success in this work. We have the promise, "I will go before thee and make the crooked place straight. I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."

When we stand upon the promises of God, neither bad weather, nor prejudice, nor any other difficulty that the devil may bring, will frighten us out of the work, but with the help of God, we will go through them all, and come out victorious. E. R. NUMBERS.

"He that covereth a transgression seeketh love."

MISSIONARY

LET US GIVE THE TRUTH TO THE JEWS

"FOR the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a teraphim; afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days." Hosea 3:4, 5.

It must be evident to all that the first part of this text has been literally fulfilled, for it is now nearly two thousand years since the children of Israel have had any sacrifice, offering, or any of the original service of God.

It is apparent to us all that we are in the last days, and in the latter part of the last days. Then is it not clear that the time must have come when the children of Israel are to return and to seek the Lord their God? We believe the time is here, and we know there are many who desire to seek the Lord and to know him, but the Lord has always had some people who have carried out his purposes.

Every one can have a part in the carrying out of this promise. The Jew can be reached, if we will but give him the opportunity to know the truth. It is true, it is difficult often to talk with him upon the subject of the truth, but the Jew will read. He is anxious to read, and the time is here when he is willing to read along the lines of the truth of the Message.

In the past there has been prepared two different tracts in the Jewish language. The first one has been distributed quite freely. Seventy-five thousand copies of it are already in circulation but there was a demand for another edition. So we have published it. We also have a supply of tract No. 2 on hand.

Besides these, we have just started Bible readings which, we believe with the help of God, will be the means of reaching many of the Jews. There will be a series of these readings, each one being in the form of an eight page tract, in two languages, making sixteen pages all told. The languages are Yiddish and English. They will also be gotten up in the German language, if there are Jews who prefer to read them in German.

Now No. 1 of the Bible readings is ready for circulation, and we have printed an edition of twenty-five thousand. It is entitled "God's Promises to Abraham." We hope the dear brethren and sisters will send for a

supply of them, and hand them out to their Jewish friends and neighbors. Give the Jews an opportunity to hear the truth. Give them a chance to know that the truth of the gospel is their only salvation. The spirit of the Lord will impress them to return and seek the Lord, and David their king, the Messiah.

We also have New Testaments in the Hebrew and the Yiddish (Jewish) which we will gladly send. Beloved in the Lord, let us all take hold now, and do something for the Jews. Let us remember this people who have lost their own God, and their only help, even Jesus, the Messiah; and let us show that we believe the word of the Lord, and perhaps we may see many of them return.

The literature is sent free. Send all your orders to the "Good Tidings of the Messiah" Mission, 105 Staniford St., Boston, Mass. If you have any offering for the work, send it in to the treasurer of your Conference, stating it is for this work.

F. C. GILBERT.

ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILE OF COPPERS

THERE are 40,000 Finns in the northern peninsula of Michigan who have never heard the warning of the Third Angel. It has been a question as to the best way to reach these people, since they speak their native tongue and are virtually a nation of themselves.

Finally the question was laid before the young people of the Lake Union Conference, and they have inaugurated the "Copper Campaign" in an effort to raise one and one-fourth mile of copper pennies for this needy enterprise. They have adopted as their standard of linear measure the following:

16 pennies make one foot
48 pennies make one yard
204 pennies make one rod

If they are successful in raising the desired number of coppers, the money will be used in starting a Finnish Mission in the northern peninsula of Michigan. Already we are encouraged to believe the required number of rods will be raised as the young people of the Union have done nobly, yet there are many who have done nothing. Superintendents of Sabbath-schools and leaders of Young People's Societies should enter with zeal into this enterprise, that the importance of this work may be impressed upon the minds of our young people.

One yard donated by each young person in this Conference will more than raise Ohio's quota.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

OUR SEMINARIES

THE fear of the Lord lies at the foundation of Christian education. Education acquired without Bible religion is disrobed of its true brightness and glory. Young men should not neglect the essential branches of education. These can not be found in the schools of the world. This instruction can be imparted only by those who know God. None can interpret the handwriting of God in the signs all about us except those who are walking in the light of the Third Angel's Message. Precious light has come appropriate for this time. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Their faith must be firmly founded upon the word of God, so that when the testing time shall come, and they are brought before councils for their faith, they may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear. Our schools should educate the young to have nobler views, aims and objects in life, giving them correct knowledge of human duty and eternal interests. Our seminaries should teach the correct relation between true science and religion. This will enable the student to discern God, whom to know aright is eternal life. God intends that our schools should reach a higher standard of intellectual and moral culture than other schools not favored by the light of the Third Angel's Message. Our colleges, like the schools of the prophets, should so train our youth that they may not only obtain the highest attainment in the sciences, but such a revelation of God through his word and the natural sciences as will enable them to instruct others in things pertaining to eternal life. Our colleges are God's instrumentalities to make himself known to man.

Men of culture and refinement are needed just now to carry the Message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Shall we not arouse to the situation? We must educate. Our schools should be filled to the overflowing. Hear the words of the Lord to us through his prophet, across the broad Pacific, relative to establishing a seminary at Mount Vernon: "In regard to the Mount Vernon institution, I would, could you hear my voice across the broad Pacific, say, 'Let the buildings be converted into a seminary to educate our youth in the place of enlarging the college at Battle Creek.' I have been shown that

there should have been a church at Cleveland, O., and that there should be located school buildings in Ohio which would give character to the work."

As we near the close of time the need of educated, Christian young men will become more imperative. Can we lower the standard of our work at Mount Vernon now?

What shall we do for our consecrated youth, who by the instruction given them at their homes are saying, Here am I, Lord, send me?

The work so nobly begun at Mount Vernon must not be lowered from the standard to which the Lord has appointed it. Parents to whom the Lord has entrusted children, will you, like Hannah of old, loan your children to the Lord? Will you send them without delay to this seminary to be trained for service? Men of means, who have been entrusted with the talents of the Lord, can you not assist some one of consecrated ability to secure the training so much needed in finishing the work? We have been instructed that the standard of instruction in our schools must not be lowered,—that it must be lifted higher and higher, far above where it now stands. We are under solemn, sacred covenant to God to bring up our children for him, and not for the world; to teach them not to put their hands into the hand of the world, but to love and fear God and to keep his commandments. To accomplish this, teachers must be chosen who love and fear God. They must be men who know and practice the principles laid down in the Scriptures and the testimonies of his Spirit. They should ever remember that the Third Angel's Message is the key that unlocks the great store-house of truth for the last days. Time is short. We are living in the closing scenes of the perils of the last days; these will continue to thicken all about us. Darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. Our seminaries should reach the highest point of true excellency in preparing our youth for service. The different lines and branches of our work are calling loudly for qualified men and women to fill places of trust and responsibility in our broadening work.

To accomplish this, the responsibility must not alone be placed upon our teachers and students, but we must individually and collectively rally to their support. Let not a single soul excuse himself and begin to murmur and complain and to find fault with those who are trying to do the work under discouraging circumstances.

We should earnestly study the needs of our schools and plan to supply them. Every dollar given to assist

our schools and students is money invested in the bank of heaven. Every word of encouragement spoken will be as apples of gold in pictures of silver.

The morning cometh and also the night.

The doors of our schools will soon be closed forever. What is done must be done quickly. There shall be delay no longer.

When the Lord called his people to build the tabernacle in the wilderness, all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun

This was done to help build a sanctuary so that the Lord might dwell among them. That was to be the great center of truth from which light was to emanate to all the world. We are called to help as truly as they. "Christ's Object Lessons" has been given us for this very purpose. Thousands of these books are still on our shelves unsold. Shall they remain there as a witness to our unfaithfulness, while the last atoning work is being done for us individually? Shall we be responsible for souls that might have been saved had we faithfully performed our work in placing this soul-inspiring book in their hands? I leave the answer for your prayerful consideration. Many have done nobly in the past. They have labored heartily as unto the Lord. What is needful now is an earnest, united effort to finish the work. There will never be a more favorable time.

How long wilt thou sleep, thou sluggard?
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep.
So shall thy poverty come as one that travel-
eth, and thy want as an armed man.

God desires us to make use of every opportunity for securing a preparation for his work.

God foresaw our need of acquiring a fitness for effectual service. Let us not be satisfied with reaching a low standard. We are not what we might be, or what it is God's will we should be. God has not given us reasoning powers to remain inactive, but to be trained to meet the people in a courteous, scholarly way. No man can reach the highest standard of usefulness without an education. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

"She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

and all her paths are paths of peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her, and happy is everyone that retaineth her. The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down dew. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion; so shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck." True education includes the whole being. It is not complete unless the body, the mind, and the heart are equally educated. This calls for a complete, collegiate course and a full surrender to the molding influence of his Spirit.

R. R. KENNEDY.

THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT

Concluded

BIBLE THREE.—The life of Christ in many respects is the best of all. In this we study the life of our Saviour from his birth to the ascension, and Oh! how beautiful and perfect is that life! We study this with the thought in view that we are to become like him; that he is our father, and that we are to be transformed into his image from glory to glory. We find that the life of our Saviour measures up with the law of God in all its perfection, and while we know that because of the weakness of the flesh we do not possess in ourselves the power to keep that law, yet we understand that "God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Gracious privilege! Wonderful opportunity! And yet the world, and many of those who claim to be looking for the Lord to come care more for their own selfish interests than for the souls that are perishing around them. Oh! that such might have the privilege of beholding, as we do many times in Bible Three, the unselfish life of our Saviour.

Then would they seek for wisdom's ways,
And be forever blest.

In Bible Two we begin study with the rebellion in heaven, the creation of the earth, the fall of man, and then trace the controversy between Christ and Satan as revealed in the lives of patriarchs and prophets down to the time of David and Solomon. While we find many defects in the lives of those who were children of God, yet we do not study them with the idea of justifying ourselves for the same sins, but that we may behold the great love of God in forgiving them when they

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

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BROTHER C. L. SHELTON, of Virginia, made the office a brief call recently.

MR. and MRS. A. F. SHULTZ have re-opened treatment rooms at Green Spring, O.

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

SISTER J. O. MILLER writes that plenty of snow is still in evidence at St. John, N. B.

MRS. B. B. NOFTSGER, of the Canadian Union Conference, is visiting friends in northern Ohio.

MISS IVY WALKER, who is teaching the church school at Hamilton, was an Academia visitor last week.

MISS BESSIE LOE, who is taking the nurses' course at the College, was visiting at South Charleston last Friday.

MISS CORA MILLER, of the nurse's department of the College, was called to Columbus, Monday, on professional business.

MISS BESSIE WEBSTER, of Michigan, has recently joined the College family and will remain as a student throughout the summer.

THE young people of the following churches have subscribed to the "Copper Fund."—Columbus, Hamler, Hamilton, Mount Vernon, Lima, Shreve.

THE Educational Department of the Conference has not yet received all the Young People's Reports. They are waiting for these before making up their quarterly summary.

F. A. STAHL, proprietor of the Prospect Sanitarium, Cleveland, O., has been enabled to purchase a large farm, at a very reasonable price, beautifully located near Akron, O., on which he has begun the erection of a commodious sanitarium. Brother Thomas Rusk, formerly of Camden, O., will manage the farm.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL has accepted an invitation to connect with the Northern Illinois Conference. He will locate near Sheridan, Ill., soon after the close of the present college year.

FRIENDS of Miss Daisy A. Mitchell will be pleased to know that she was recently married to Mr. R. H. Taylor of Fresno, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have located at Burrough, Cal. The VISITOR joins their many friends in wishing them many rich blessings from a beneficent, heavenly Father.

BROTHER and Sister Homer Le Fevre who have been connected with the Carribbean Union Conference have been forced to return to their old home in Springfield, O., owing to the severe illness of Brother Le Fevre who is suffering from an attack of catarrh of the stomach.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending April 19, 1907.)

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 26 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$5; total, \$19.50.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 23 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$.50; total, \$5.50.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 32½ hours; value of orders, \$31.

R. Degarmo, Portage Co.—Great Controversy: 12 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$10.15; total, \$17.65.

A. R. Hasemeier, Henry Co.—Heralds of the Morning: 32 hours; value of orders, \$19.25; helps, \$13.25; total, \$32.50.

L. A. Holobaugh, Chillicothe.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$16.50.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps \$1.80; total, \$11.80; deliveries, \$23.

Hester E. Gerrard,* Ohio City.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$9.50.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 31½ hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$4; total, \$15.

N. O. Coffman, Elgin.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$7.75.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: 21 hours; value of orders, \$26.05.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Christ's Object Lessons: 7 hours; value of orders, \$3.75; helps, \$.75; total, \$4.50; deliveries, \$1.25.

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turned to him in true repentance. God said of some of them that they were men after his own heart, but that did not mean that they never made any mistakes, but that when they did make them, and were convinced of the same, they turned to God with true repentance.

In Bible One, we study the geography, history, and chronology of the Bible. This is especially hard because of memorizing so many texts, dates, and hard names; but we have had a very interesting class this winter because all have taken hold with a determination to win, and as a result, nearly all this class stand high in their grades.

Now, dear parents, let me add a word of encouragement. You can never afford to keep your children from the opportunities offered in our schools; and while it is true that many perplexing things arise because of children of different temperaments are brought under different surroundings, yet the moral influence in our schools is far beyond that found in the schools of the world; and I know that the teachers are men and women of God.

May the Lord bless our schools that they may accomplish the purpose for which they were established.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

OBITUARY

HIRSTAND.—MRS. Mary A. Hirstand nee Overholser, died at the home of her daughter, Sister Carmony, in Dayton, O., on April 21, 1907, aged 76 years and 13 days. She was married to Jessie Hirstand. There was born to this union eleven children, five of whom are living—three sons and two daughters. Besides these, she leaves twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. The light of the Third Angel's Message came to her in the early part of her married life, while residing in Wisconsin, since which time she has been faithful to her Master. In keeping with her life and peaceful death, the latter part of verse 10 in the twenty-third chapter of Numbers was chosen for the basis of the discourse which was delivered in the United Brethren church at Arlington. The remains was deposited in a magnificent vault built by a brother of the deceased for himself and certain chosen members of his family. We have the blessed assurance that Jesus will soon call her from the tomb to meet all his saints in the glorious mansions above. Review and Herald please copy.

R. R. KENNEDY.

THE faithful little church at Hamilton, of which Brother G. A. Keppler is librarian, has been circulating thousands of religious liberty tracts among the citizens of that city. Many who are honest in heart are being aroused as the result.