

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### AN AUTOGRAPH

We write our lives upon our faces, deep,  
An autograph which they will always keep.  
Thoughts cannot come, and leave behind no  
trace

Of good or ill; they quickly find a place  
Where they who will may read, as in a book,  
The hidden meaning of our slightest look.

Reach for the things above—to those who  
climb

Steps ne'er wanting; ever the sublime  
Allures us onward, and our lives will be  
Just what we make them, to eternity.  
What they now are, the face will surely show,  
Like footprints on a field of untrod snow.

Time deepens all the lines, or dark or fair—  
Lines carved by grief or chiseled deep by care.  
Thoughts into actions very quickly grow;  
Actions are seeds that every one must sow.  
They reap the richest harvest of good deeds  
Who sow but loving words, most precious  
seeds.

—Selected.

### A NOTE OF WARNING

THE time has surely come when Seventh-day Adventists should throw a safeguard around their pulpits and church services. From what is occurring in various places and is likely to be repeated in the future elsewhere, the Conference Committee at a recent meeting unanimously passed the following:—

"Whereas, our churches and companies are being visited by persons desiring to preach, and instruct our people, and,—

Whereas, such persons are not authorized to teach,—

Therefore, we advise our local elders and leaders in such cases to extend the privileges of the pulpit only to accredited laborers of this and other Seventh-day Adventist Conferences."

I will now pass on this word of caution to the brethren and sisters of our various churches with the hope that it will serve the purpose for which it is intended, and in the end prove a blessing to the cause of God.

We are nearing the end of our mission, and the perils of the last days are multiplying on every hand. Now, just now, we need to fortify ourselves against every possible attack of the enemy.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### ARE WE GROWING IN GRACE?

"THEREFORE leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God." Heb. 6:1.

We are students of the word of God, we are able to give an answer for every point of faith we hold, but, brethren, is that enough?

No! It must go deeper than that; we find to-day too many that get no farther than professing. We must not be satisfied simply to learn the principles of faith, but we must grasp the thought that they are of vital importance, and must be lived out if they ever benefit us. If we go no farther than to gain a theory of the truth it is only a question of time until we will find our interest gone and the truths of the Bible will no longer be attractive to us. Then we will be ready to find fault with the church and think there is something wrong, and there is; but it is not where we think it is, for the wrong is with us, and if we fail to learn where it is, we will soon drop out and be lost.

As the language of our text indicates, after we have learned "the principles of the doctrine," then we must live each one out: then will characters develop into beautiful, Christian lives and we will go on unto perfection.

If we are not gaining victories over self, if we feel satisfied with ourselves, we ought to be alarmed, for such satisfaction is a sure indication of danger, and it is high time that we awake to the dangers that threaten us, for if we do not, we are sure to lay again the foundation of repentance.

God speaks plainly to us on this point in Jer. 15: 6, "Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou hast gone backward; therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting."

All who desire to be saved must come up to God's standard on every point; our faith and practice must take in a more careful keeping of the Sabbath, for many are Sabbath breakers who profess to keep the Lord's Sabbath.

Our words and actions, both in the home and abroad, ought to be considered more carefully, for they have a strong influence for either good or evil and often people are turned from the truth by one wrong act or hasty word.

Others are letting the cares of this life choke out the Christian graces, and a more strict regard for the tithe, which belongs to God, should come in. Think of a Seventh-day Adventist saying he cannot afford to pay the tithe! Brethren, we cannot afford not to pay it. We must have God's blessing on all we do in order to be successful. Please read the third chapter of Malachi.

Sometimes we find brethren not paying their tithes, but attending places of amusement which even the world considers of doubtful character. Again plumes, fings, and other costly; but useless articles of fashion take the money that should go into God's cause. When we use our means for such things, we are selling the cause of Christ just as much as Judas sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver.

Let us be zealous of good works, thereby going on unto perfection. Let us be Christians in practice as well as in theory.

W. E. BIDWELL.

### HOW WE APPEAR BEFORE OTHERS

THE following appeared in the Battle Creek *Enquirer* of Saturday morning, April 27, 1907:—

"Our Adventist friends are a peaceable and peace-loving people. They live their well-ordered lives according to the tenets of their creed and seek to live in harmony with all mankind.

"On more than one occasion of late the press of the city has been the means of disseminating news concerning the internal condition of local church affairs which has been derogatory to the attendance at the Tabernacle and quite untrue as well.

"Upon one recent occasion a particularly aggravating instance of this sort happened, and we regret to say that through error the *Enquirer* was made a party to the crime. We call it a crime advisedly, for certainly it

savors of criminality to slaughter the reputation of the innocent.

"In the instance referred to, a garbled version of a church meeting, printed in one of our evening contemporaries, appeared the next morning in our columns. Our attention was then called to it and we investigated. We discovered, after some considerable search, that several things were quite untrue, insofar as that article was concerned, and we take this opportunity of telling people about it, and to tell them more.

"We found that in the instance cited, Mrs. White did not enter into the controversy as was alleged. We found that, despite what was printed, Dr. Kellogg's name was not once publicly spoken during the meeting. We found that the meeting instead of being a most inharmonious one, was a most decorous one, and we also found that out of the hundreds present at the meeting in question, but *three dissenting votes were cast to the will of the majority.*"

"Besides conveying a moral as to the propriety of requiring an exactitude of information, which the *Enquirer* promptly appropriates, the instance also shows how two or three individuals with an aggressive determination to stir up mischief, can easily do so.

"Almost the entire talk of trouble in connection with the church and a split in its congregation has emanated from what the non-sectarian person would describe as 'soreheads.' *There is no actual split in the denomination.* There may be a sliver off the main block, if three or four can constitute a sliver in a block of such dimensions as is made by the great congregation in the West End.

"Not only the *Enquirer*, but also another daily in Battle Creek, has therefore been made the unwilling instrument of a noisy and disgruntled few, and insofar as the *Enquirer* is concerned; we take this method of serving notice upon them that their graft upon our columns must cease herewith.

"We think we know an error when we see it. We frequently make errors, for all newspapers do, and quite presumably these errors will continue to occur. *We do not propose, however, to undertake to please three people who are wrong, when in so doing we displease four hundred and ninety seven who are right.*

"The circumstances of publication of the article herein commented upon constitutes a most disagreeable journalistic episode. It will not be repeated in these columns if care can prevent it."

## A LETTER FROM A PIONEER

DEAR EDITOR: Do not think I am a naughty girl because I have neglected to renew my subscription for your dear little paper. I have been having *la grippe* and rheumatism so severely that I could not walk at times, and it has made me somewhat careless; and among the rest of my failings, I neglected to renew my subscription to the VISITOR which I love so well. I know you are willing to forgive, and will pray for your lonely old sister.

I read of the nice meeting you are to hold at Mount Vernon for the young people, and it causes me to long to be where I can hear and learn more about the work.

This Message is going, and no man can hinder it, thanks to our dear Father in heaven. My courage is good. I hope to live faithful until the Lord comes to gather his tired ones home. I desire to be of the number that shall hear the "well done."

Hoping you will not forget to pray for your poor, unworthy sister in the good work, I am yours in Christ.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

Van Wert, O.

[Sister Taylor is over eighty-five years of age.—ED.]

## TOBACCO—A PARABLE

THEN shall the kingdom of Satan be likened to a grain of tobacco seed which, though exceeding small, being cast into the ground grew, and became a great plant, and spread its leaves rank and broad, so that huge and vile worms formed a habitation thereon.

It came to pass in course of time, the sons of men looked upon it, and thought it beautiful to behold, and much to be desired to make lads look big and manly. So they did put forth their hands and did chew thereof. And some it made sick, and others to vomit most filthily.

And it further came to pass, that those who chewed it became weak and unmanly, and said, "We are enslaved, and can not cease from chewing it." And the mouths of those that were enslaved became foul, and they were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit even in ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord of hosts, and the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby.

And in the course of time it came to pass that others snuffed it; and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they did sneeze with a great and mighty sneeze, insomuch that their eyes filled with tears and they did look exceedingly silly. And yet others

cunningly wrought the leaves thereof into rolls, and did suck vehemently at the other end thereof, and did look verygrave and calflike; and the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever.

And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty business on the earth; and the merchantmen waxed rich by the commerce thereof.

And it came to pass that the saints of the Most High defiled themselves therewith; even the poor, who could not buy shoes nor bread, nor books for their little ones spent their money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith, and said, "Wherefore this waste? and why do these little ones lack bread, shoes and books? Turn now your fields into corn and wheat, and put this evil thing far from you; and be ye separate, and defile not yourselves any more, and I will bless you, and cause my face to shine on you."

But with one accord they all exclaimed: "We cannot cease from chewing, snuffing and puffing—we are slaves." *Selected.*

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending April 26, 1907.)

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 35 hours; value of orders, \$17.50.

R. Degarmo, Portage Co.—Great Controversy: 12 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$1; total, \$8.50.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 43 hours; value of orders, \$26.50; helps, \$41; total, \$67.50.

Isaac R. Harden,\* Darke Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$2.50.

Mary Kuhu, Cleveland.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$10.50; helps \$2.45; total, \$12.95; deliveries, \$13.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 7 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$2.50; total, \$8.50.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Wooster.—Coming King: 23½ hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$2.75; total, \$6.75.

S. E. Regan, Cleveland.—Coming King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$9.50; total, \$22.50.

Alice Black, Rockford.—Coming King: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$1.50; total, \$10.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 28 hours; value of orders, \$18.50; deliveries, \$19.50.

\*Week ending April 19.

"DESTRUCTION cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none."

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

## A SAD PICTURE

If pictures sad are thy delight,  
Behold a man whose days are night,  
Whose faith in God is fully lost,  
He's like a ship by tempests tossed.

Or see a man with stooping form,  
Who's lost his anchor in the storm,  
Who knows not how, nor why, nor when  
His Lord will come to earth again.

He knows not God, nor yet his might  
To keep him in the tempest's height;  
His form is bent, his locks are gray,  
He struggles on and gropes his way.

The word of God throughout his life  
Was studied for debate and strife;  
He sees not what salvation costs,  
So like a ship is tempest tossed.

Have pity on the poor, old man,  
And show him God's salvation plan:  
The price a loving Saviour gave,  
Thereby a fallen world to save.

JAMES M. IRVING.

Lowell, Mich.

## THE CLOSING DAYS

THE closing days of the school year are right at hand and the remaining week will be a busy one, as the final examinations for the term and the closing up of the recitation work of the year, will be finished on this coming Friday.

Three students will finish their work with the close of this term. Miss Estella Kennedy and Miss Gracie Steinbaugh complete the Academic Course, and Mr. Addison Saffell the Business Course.

Elder R. R. Kennedy is expected to give the Sabbath address which is the beginning of the closing exercises of the school. The Commencement Exercises will be held at half past seven o'clock on Sunday evening, in the College Chapel, to which all the friends of the College are most cordially invited.

The following program has been arranged:—

Instrumental Solo

MISS LULU M. EDWARDS

Scripture Reading

Prayer

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY

Chorus, Awake, Thou That Sleepest

*Steiner*

Address, What Can You Do?

PROF. J. GRANT LAMSON

Instrumental Solo

LULU M. EDWARDS

Presentation of Diplomas

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER

Chorus, Be Not Afraid

*Mendlessohn*

Benediction

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL

J. B. CLYMER.

## LITERARY CONTEST

FOR a long time the English teachers of the denomination have realized the evident need of good Adventist writers, both in prose and poetry. We have the most beautiful truth in the world, but we lack writers who will convert it into really good literature. One step toward the remedying of this need has been taken by the teachers of Mount Vernon College. This was the Prize Contest which closed Saturday night, May 4. A month ago Professor Reese inaugurated a plan for creating an interest in written work and announced to the school that four prizes would be given to those who handed in the best papers, either prose or poetry. All the students except those who had been through the higher English class were invited to enter the contest.

A committee of five was chosen to judge the papers, the authors' names being unknown to them. The points of merit to be judged were as follows: first, the subject, which is most important; for, although a paper be well written, and perfect in mechanical construction, the failure in choosing a proper subject will result in the failure of the whole composition. Next in order followed the spelling, punctuation, paragraphing, and the general neatness and care displayed in the composition. Also in the poetical thought, meter, and rhyme the poetry was carefully judged.

The students were not limited in their choice of subjects, and there was a great variety of thought displayed in the many papers which were handed in.

On Saturday night there was a goodly number assembled in the chapel, and Prof. Loughhead, as chairman of the committee of judges, read the prize winning papers. Prof. Rees then called for the winners to come and claim their papers and receive their prizes.

Miss Grace Steinbaugh received as first prize for the best poem, which was entitled "At Midnight," a set of five volumes of selected prose and poetry by standard authors. This prize was given by Prof. Rees.

The second prize was awarded to Mr. George L. Sterling for his poem called "The Love of God." The faculty selected as the prize a volume of poetry by American authors.

The English classes offered a set of five volumes of English and American poetry, which was won by Miss Maybelle Klopfenstein, whose essay was, "Do Difficulties Count?"

A volume of English poets was given by the faculty as second prize to Miss Verna Shultz for her amusing

essay, "How a Tent Company was Received by the Western Ohio Villagers."

Each happy winner received a hearty round of applause as he or she received their prize. The wish was expressed that there would be another contest next year, and, if there is, it is certain that many more will take part than this year.

MILDRED PALMER.

## EDUCATION

THERE probably are at least two classes of our people who have children to educate who are not yet in one of our denominational schools.

One class is quite indifferent to the necessity of Christian education for one or the other of two reasons, one of which is lack of information regarding what God has said upon that point; and the other, a discredit of the importance of taking their children from the public schools.

The other class *desire* Christian education for their children, but do not see how to afford the tuition. Now there must be a way; for God has *never* asked of his children anything he knew they could not do. It seems as though a few have surmounted the obstacle, at least in a measure. We cite the Worcester school as one instance. The young people have helped themselves to their own education by selling books and papers. In their young people's report, ending Dec. 31, 1906, there was thirty dollars to home missionary work, which I understand went to the support of their school. This is perfectly legitimate, yes, noble. Many more might do likewise.

We would offer this suggestion, also, Why not pay a second tithe for the support of a church school in those districts where there are children not yet under the instruction of a Christian school?

It certainly is high time that we consider the importance of the following instruction, given in 1899:—

"Mother tells me that the time has fully come when our people should withdraw their children from the public schools, and that it is the duty of farmers, mechanics, and business men to put their minds, their physical ability, and their capital into the work of making our church schools a financial success."—*W. C. White.*

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER.

"If we are Christians, we are actual workers in the cause. At the present time there are so many channels in which one can labor, that it does seem that one is without excuse if he is not connected somewhere in the work."

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Sabbath begins May 10 at 6:58 P. M.

WHAT have you subscribed to the  
\$150,000 Fund?

SISTER ANNA RICE, formerly of  
Cleveland, is now engaged in Bible  
work in Columbus.

ARE all the members of your church  
receiving the VISITOR? If not, can  
you not assist in raising its subscrip-  
tion list?

BROTHER E. U. WHITEIS, proprietor  
of the Columbus Bath Parlors, who  
has undergone an operation for apen-  
dicitis, is rapidly recovering.

DR. H. M. JUMP was called Thurs-  
day to speak in the interest of true  
temperance in Dresden, where an ef-  
fort is being made to vote out the sa-  
loons.

THE whole man must enter into  
preparation. We need a develop-  
ment that is broad enough to take in  
the spiritual, physical, moral and in-  
tellectual natures.

SISTER CORA GIBSON is sufficiently  
recovered to engage in Bible work  
in Cleveland. This fact will be a  
pleasure to her many friends who  
will pray that God may sustain her.

BROTHER F. C. WEBSTER, who is  
Field Secretary of the Eastern New  
York Conference, is aiding Brother  
F. E. Painter who is conducting a  
canvassers' institute at South Lan-  
caster, Mass.

THE pamphlet, "The Church: Its  
Organization and Discipline," should  
be in the home of every Seventh-day  
Adventist. Twenty-five cents will  
bring it promptly from the Ohio Tract  
Society.  
N. S. M.

BROTHER and Sister George Cemer,  
recently from Washington, D. C.,  
where Brother Cemer has been en-  
gaged in helping to construct the  
buildings being erected for the accom-  
modation of the General Conference  
Officers, were visiting friends in Aca-  
demia during the past week.

MISS DOROTHY WHITE, of Clevel-  
land, is visiting friends at the Col-  
lege.

ELDERS H. H. BURKHOLDER, R. R.  
Kennedy and Dr. H. M. Jump spent  
Sabbath and Sunday with the Dayton  
church.

ELDER JAMES E. SHULTZ left Mon-  
day for Berrien Springs, Mich., where  
he will attend the Educational Council  
of the Lake Union Conference.

A GOOD WORD

A GOOD brother writing from Plimp-  
ton, O., says, "We have found that  
the payment of tithe and offerings is  
very important for the time in which  
we are now living. If we would all be  
as particular in paying tithes and  
offerings as we are to receive our  
three meals a day, there would be  
plenty in God's treasure house to  
send this last blessed Message to this  
world of sin.

"Hoping soon all will see the im-  
portance attaching to the payment of  
tithes and offerings, and that this  
work may be done quickly and we all  
reach that home prepared for the  
righteous, I remain as ever, yours in  
the blessed hope."

TITHE RECEIPTS.

APRIL, 1907.

Akron.....	\$148.95
Alliance.....	19.00
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	3.30
Bellefontaine.....	77.45
Bellville.....	6.82
Bowling Green.....	120.00
Brokaw.....	7.00
Broughton.....	7.00
Camden.....	93.10
Canton.....	26.75
Chagrin Falls.....	18.61
Charloe.....	3.28
Chicago.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	7.75
Cincinnati.....	90.41
Cleveland.....	7.50
Clyde.....	155.67
Columbiana.....	17.62
Columbus.....	99.53
Conneaut.....	9.21
Corsica.....	30.85
Coshocton.....	37.22
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	79.43
Defiance.....	15.20
Delaware.....	.....
Dowling.....	10.50
Dresden-Trinway.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	11.45
East Liverpool.....	41.23
Elgin.....	50.64
Fairfield.....	2.50
Farmer.....	.....
Findlay.....	71.01
Fostoria.....	3.84
Green Spring.....	32.91
Hamilton.....	51.85
Hamler.....	135.91
Haskins.....	.....

Hicksville.....	58.11
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	10.91
Jefferson.....	34.06
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	54.82
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	124.20
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	47.83
Leesburg.....	22.50
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	6.00
Lima.....	29.10
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	50.82
Marion.....	52.34
Marshfield.....	20.00
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	21.91
Medina.....	6.00
Melgs.....	11.99
Mendon.....	20.00
Middlefield.....	16.60
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	167.27
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	52.35
Norwalk.....	25.70
Ohio City.....	.....
Ollvett.....	6.50
Pemberville.....	13.90
Piqua.....	.60
Pleasant Hill.....	11.00
Powell.....	4.83
Reedsville.....	2.04
Ravenna.....	.....
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	8.27
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Shelby.....	3.00
Sherwood.....	53.85
Shreve.....	11.99
Sidney.....	3.00
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	241.53
Toledo.....	100.63
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	9.00
Wadsworth.....	68.00
Walnut Grove.....	50.54
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	47.25
Wellsville.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	97.02
Wilmington.....	58.56
Youngstown.....	22.45
Zanesville.....	25.10
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	110.28

Total.....\$3,264.61  
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

April, 1907.

Tithe.....	\$3,264.61
Ohio Tract Society.....	491.66
Weekly Offerings.....	114.81
Sabbath-school Donations.....	242.48
Orphanages and aged.....	156.80
Y. P. Society.....	42.97
Southern Field.....	2.20
India.....	17.00
\$150,000 Fund.....	170.50
Annual Offering.....	12.85
Religious Liberty.....	3.20
West Indian Training School.....	12.00
Cleveland Church.....	15.00
Jamalea Church Fund.....	2.00
Bicycle for Brother Strickland.....	10.00
Total.....	\$4,558.08

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