

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS

THY HELP

"He who has helped thee hitherto
Will help thee all thy journey through;
Though rough and thorny be the road,
It leads thee home apace to God;
Then count thy present trials small,
For heaven will make amends for all."

"Lord, go before and point the road;
I know not whither it may lead,
Nor what the work thou hast decreed:
Enough that thou wilt bear the load!
Let thy sweet presence light my way,
And hallow every cross I bear,
Transmuting duty, conflict, care,
Into love's service day by day."

-- Selected.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Number IV

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We find conditions here in Washington quite different than they are in the States. The District of Columbia is not a part, so far as government is concerned, of any State; but everything is controlled and regulated by the federal government. We have no mayor for our city, but the executive power is vested in three District Commissioners appointed by the President. It is strictly federal territory in the government of which the people who live here have no voice, so far as elections are concerned, because there are no elections and no votes. All offices are filled by appointment. Yet the people have to supply the needs of the city, its improvements, etc., by their taxes. However, the government pays one half of the taxes because one half of the property value is owned by the federal government in the form of government buildings and grounds. The city regulations are very strict. A license must be secured before the most commonplace acts can be performed. One must be secured by farmers who sell their produce in the city; or before you can repair a fence, porch, step, or sidewalk a license or permit must be secured. In fact, every detail of living is apparently governed by some regulation. Thus the officials of the government are most thoroughly in touch with every detail that occurs in the District of Columbia.

Washington is a very beautiful city and has many interesting features that attract and entertain the new comer. Nearly every street is lined on both sides with beautiful shade trees and these with the scores of small parks which are scattered throughout the city, present a beautiful and pleasant sight to the visitor. But that which, perhaps, more than anything else brings the thousands of visitors to Washington is the desire to see the place where the President lives, the capitol buildings, and the historic battlefields which lie so near. People visiting here for the first time are anxious to see the White House, the Congressional Library, Washington Monument, the Bureau of Engraving, the Smithsonian, the National Art Museum, the Medical Museum, the Navy Yards, the War Department, the Treasury, the National Postoffice, the Pension Building, the Patent Office, the Government Printing Office and dozens of other places of interest. Thousands take a boat ride down the Potomac River to General Washington's old home at Mount Vernon, Va., some sixteen miles from Washington City. Yet after all, although these things are of great interest to the American people and to every patriotic citizen, we many times are constrained to think that there is altogether too much hero worship among us and not enough attention paid to the Man of Calvary.

I might say before closing that our denominational work is also managed differently from the way it is in a local conference. The District of Columbia is strictly General Conference territory and is not connected with any local conference. The delegates from the churches in the District meet once a year and elect a chairman and secretary of the constituency to preside at their meetings. There are twenty-one delegates and these form the constituency. Besides the chairman and secretary already mentioned, a District Committee is elected, composed of seven members. The departments of the General Conference work are represented on this Committee, and also each of the churches in the District. Out of this Committee another chairman and secretary are elected.

This Committee has practically the same kind of work to do as a local conference committee.

It was the lot of the writer to be placed on this Committee soon after coming here. But I thank the Lord for the lessons he is teaching me, and also for the experience he is giving me. My only aim in life is to keep low at the feet of Jesus that I may be used of him for the salvation of souls till the work is done. We wish to be remembered in the prayers of our dear brethren and sisters in Ohio. Yours in the Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

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Camp-meeting at Marion, Aug. 9-19

MIDDLEBURG, N. Y.

DEAR FRIENDS IN OHIO: Because of our silence we would not have you feel that we have forgotten the many dear friends back in Ohio, neither do we want to feel that they have forgotten us. I assure you your little State paper, THE VISITOR, is read each week with the same eagerness as when we were connected with the work in your Conference.

Since leaving Ohio my winter and spring months have been spent in the interest of the canvassing work, and the Lord has blessed the work thus far. On account of the scarcity of workers in this Conference, I have been asked to enter the tent work this summer. So my time will necessarily be spent in this work instead of building up the canvassing work. We have located our tent in a village in the Schoharie valley where we are surrounded on every side with large hop fields, a characteristic of this locality, and those who have ever been in a hop district know that there wickedness abounds. Our meetings have been in progress two weeks with a good interest. We feel that we need the prayers of our brethren and sisters in Ohio that we may constantly be used in carrying this last Message of warning to those now in darkness. Yours in the Message, FRED C. WEBSTER.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CRITICISING BURDEN-BEARERS

THE church is suffering for want of unselfish Christian workers. Those who live upon the husks of others' failings and deficiencies, and who gather the unwholesome miasma of their neighbors' neglects and shortcomings, make themselves church scavengers, and no advantage to the society of which they form a part, but are an actual burden to the community upon which they inflict themselves.

The church is in need, not of burdens, not of fault-finders, but of builders in Zion, men who will be true as steel to preserve the honor of those whom God has placed at the head of his work. The Spirit of gossip and tale bearing is one of Satan's special agencies to sow discord and strife, to separate friends, and to undermine the faith of many in the truthfulness of our positions.

The names of God's chosen servants have been handled with disrespect, and in some cases with absolute contempt, by certain persons whose duty it is to uphold them. There are many who find special enjoyment in discoursing and dwelling upon the defects, real or imaginary, of those who bear the heavy responsibilities in connection with God's cause. They overlook the good that has been accomplished, the benefits that have resulted from arduous labor and unflinching devotion to the cause, and fasten their attention on some apparent mistake, when the truth is, had they been left to do the work, they either would have refused to move at all under the attending discouragements of the case, or would have managed more indiscreetly than those who did do the work.

In your blindness you have ventured to handle the servant of God in a cruel manner. "Touch not mine anointed," saith God, "and do my prophets no harm." It is not a small matter to array yourself against men whom God has sent with light and truth for the people. Beware how you influence souls and reiterate insinuations and misrepresentations which have originated in an unsanctified heart. Souls are defiled by this root of bitterness, and are, through these questioning, murmuring ones, placed where the testimony of reproof which God sends will not reach them.

Men's hearts are no softer to-day than when Christ was upon the earth. They will criticise and turn against the servant of God the very efforts he

is leading them to make. They will, with their evil surmisings, see fraud and dishonesty where all is right, and where perfect integrity exists. They lay selfish motives to the charge of God's servants, when he himself is leading them, and when they would give even their lives if God required, if by so doing they could advance his cause.

God's word is our standard, but how few follow it! Our religion will be of but little worth to our fellow men if it is only theoretical and not practical. The influence of the world and of selfishness is carried about by many who profess to be following the Bible. They are like a cloud, chilling the atmosphere in which others move. The religious zeal which is manifested in a raid upon brethren is a zeal not according to knowledge. Christ has nothing to do with such testimony.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Camp-meeting at Marion, Aug. 9-19

WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT CUT OUT FOR CANVASSING

OUR canvassers are often surprised when, at the end of the year, they count up the actual amount of time they have spent in canvassing, to see how many hours have gone to waste that might have been spent in service for God. The weekly reports show a remarkable correspondence between the number of hours and the number of the orders.

As a rule our canvassers are putting in good time, and God is blessing them with success accordingly. When working for the world, men are expected to put in eight or ten hours each day; but when taking up the Lord's work too often it is the case that the hours drop to three or four a day, three days in the week, and twenty-five or thirty weeks in the year. Putting in so little time as this, it is hard to make a success of the work, and one is very likely to decide that he is not cut out for canvassing.

In "Christ's Object Lessons," page 342, we find the following words on the value of time, "Our time belongs to God. Every moment is his, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to his glory. Of no talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time. But time squandered can never be recovered. We cannot call back even one moment. The only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that which remains, by being co-workers with God in his great plan of redemption." E. R. NUMBERS.

Spencerville

DEAR VISITOR: Brother L. R. Williams and I came to Brother Samuel Potts's home June 3. We secured a location on Judge Miller's farm, about two and a half miles from Kemp, Allen County, and had hauled about half our goods. But as it rained every day, we were unable to pitch the tents and begin our meetings until the evening of June 7. As it also rained this evening, there were only twelve persons present.

We have had meeting every evening, our audience ranging from thirty to more than the tent could hold. We had asked for a small tent this season, but the fifty-foot tent that was sent is all right.

The people in this section are above the average in intelligence, and several seem deeply interested. They attend every evening and give the best attention. The order is almost perfect.

Sister Lilly Potts assists in the singing and plays the organ. Sister Williams came last week, and is doing good work in visiting the people in their homes. Brother Potts and his wife are doing all they can to make the meeting a success, and are present at every service. We are in hope that when the meetings close, they will not be the only ones in this locality keeping the Sabbath.

We have decided to call a general meeting of the Elgin, Walnut Grove and Lima churches for July 13 and 14. We also extend a cordial invitation to the brethren to attend who do not live too far away. Bring your dinners. All who can stay over the Sunday meetings will be provided with a place to sleep, either at the tents or nearby dwellings.

Sabbath, June 22, I was called to Elgin where I baptized two persons. They united with the Elgin church. One is from the faithful little company at Ohio City. I found the brethren here of good courage. They recently ordered a good new organ which they needed badly.

W. E. BIDWELL,
L. R. WILLIAMS.

ORDER IN THE CHURCH

BRETHREN, never allow anyone's ideas to unsettle your faith in regard to order and harmony which should exist in the church. Many of you do not see all things clearly. The directions in regard to order in the tabernacle service were recorded that lessons might be drawn from it by all who should live upon the earth. Men were selected to do various parts of the work of setting up and taking down the tabernacle, and if one

strayed in carelessly and put his hands to work assigned to another, he was put to death. We serve the same God to-day. But the death penalty has been abolished, had it not been, there would not now be so much careless, disorderly work in his cause. The God of heaven is a God of order, and he requires all his followers to have rules and regulations, and to preserve order. All should have a perfect understanding of God's work. "Testimonies for the Church," vol. V, p. 274.

BE CONSIDERATE WITH THE CHILDREN

A CHILD enjoys himself more heartily, when he does enjoy himself, than an older person does. That everybody admits. A child suffers at heart much more keenly, when he does suffer at heart, than does an older person. That is not recognized by all. A child's power of enjoyment is made a proverb. A child's power of mental suffering is hardly thought of by the world generally. . . . Yet, as a matter of fact, and as a matter of course, a child's intenser sensitiveness gives it the same added power of suffering as of enjoyment; and the little ones about us have a harder time of it in the days of their childhood than we know anything about—save as we remember our childhood, and retain more or less of its freshness in our maturer years. We say that we "take things more philosophically as we grow older," which is only another way of saying that we grow tougher-hearted. But even if this be the case with ourselves, let us remember that the little ones who lack our measure of philosophy deserve, therefore, a larger share of our sympathy. It is good to have the light-heartedness of a child. It is hard to have the heart-racking sorrows of a child. Children deserve our love, and they need our pity. Moreover, because children are so sensitive, they demand considerateness of treatment from us all. It is a cruel thing to disregard a child's feelings.—*Sunday-school Times*.

BRING THE CHILDREN TO CAMP-MEETING

ESPECIAL efforts will be made for our children at the camp-meeting. The children's meetings will be conducted by Bessie E. Acton, while the Kindergarten will be in charge of Miss Deborah Secor. These workers will call to their aid competent teachers, and will endeavor to make the work practicable.

J. E. SHULTZ.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THE POETRY OF THE BIBLE

Concluded

THE three species of parallelism illustrated in our article last week explain the greater portion of the poetry of the Bible. Sometimes, however, the poet drops almost to prose, and uses a second and sometimes a third line to complete the thought, in which case but little trace of parallelism can be noticed. The eighth Psalm is beautiful in sentiment, but there is very little similarity of lines throughout the chapter, if, indeed, we except the introduction and conclusion, which are parallel.

O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider thy heavens, the works of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
What is man that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him a little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honor.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen,
Yea, the beasts of the field;
The fowl of the air, and the fish of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Perhaps the subject has been sufficiently illustrated to occasion a deeper interest in, and a better appreciation of, the poetry in which God saw fit to embody some of his most treasured instructions and most precious promises. Whatever else is said on the subject of parallelism will occur in the notes on the selections given for study.

I shall close this article by quoting an interesting paragraph from Kitto's "Daily Bible Illustrations": "Respecting the thought-rhyme which constitutes, in its various forms, the most peculiar characteristic of Hebrew poetry, it is important to remember that this is a quality which is *not lost in translation*—is indeed scarcely affected by it, and is manifested in a book designed to be translated into all the languages of the earth. 'While the metrical arrangements of the classical Greeks and Latins, as depending solely on the language, are quite lost by translation into another tongue, the rhythmical structure of the Hebrew poem is unimpaired by transla-

tion, the most literal reading of the words preserving best the beauty of their poetic arrangement.'"

D. D. REES.

CONVENTION—NOTICE

AS the time of the Convention approaches, it is apparent that there will be a much larger attendance than that for which we had planned. The program as printed in the *Review* has awakened the interest of many who had not thought of coming.

This being true, it seems necessary to inform our Ohio people to bring one comforter, one pillow, and pillow case, one sheet, one bed tick, towels and napkins.

We are sorry thus to burden you, but it is evident that it will be necessary to pitch tents to accommodate those who will come. As has been announced, board will be furnished on the American plan at twenty-five cents a meal in the College Dining Hall.

Those arriving in Mount Vernon should take the street car at either station, ask for transfer for Academia, and get off at the College. Everything is being done to make the occasion one of profit.

JAMES E. SHULTZ

COLLEGE NOTES

THE work in the Summer Normal continues with interest. All seem eager for a better preparation for their life's work.

BROTHER ARTHUR KENNEDY and Sister Edith Fisher have joined the nursing force of the College Sanitarium. Already they are having sufficient to do.

BROTHER CHARLES BELGRAVE has successfully undergone an operation for the removal of a growth on his right eye. Dr. V. L. Fisher, our College Sanitarium physician, did the work.

DON'T forget to attend the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention to be held at Mount Vernon College July 10 to 20. Read the article written by Brother Shultz instructing you what to bring.

THE College matron had a very pleasant experience Sunday afternoon. Several bushels of strawberries had been bought for canning, but it seemed that they must soon spoil, as the weather was so very warm. The teachers took in the situation, sallied down into the kitchen and worked with a zest until every quart of berries was ready for canning.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sabbath begins July 5 at 7:28 P. M.

MRS. OBERHOLTZIER, of Wadsworth, came to the Sanitarium this week for treatment.

ELDER FRANCIS FAIRCHILD, who is visiting the churches in this district, called at Academia Sunday and Monday.

THE new lawn mower, which arrived recently, is making the College Hill look much better wherever it has been used. It is a 36-inch one-horse mower of the revolving type and does excellent work, which will be appreciated by all.

THE man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a no man. Have a purpose in life, if it is only to buy and sell oxen well, but have a purpose; and having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you.—*Carlyle*.

WE have been disappointed in not receiving our supply of Sabbath-school contribution envelopes in time to send out with the quarterly reports. However we have been notified from Washington that they will be forwarded our office as soon as their order is filled.

"LET the world go into spiritualism, into theosophy, into pantheism, if they choose. We are to have nothing to do with this deceptive branch of Satan's work. The pleasing sentiments of pantheism will lead many souls into forbidden paths. God forbids his servants to leave their fields of labor to enter into a discussion of these sentiments."

JAMES E. SHULTZ attended the commencement exercises of the Adelphian Academy, located at Holly, Mich., having been called there by the Academy Board to consider a proposition to take the principalship of that school during the coming year. He reports

that the school is delightfully located in one of the best farming sections of the East Michigan Conference, and is most thoroughly equipped to do the work for which it was established.

Camp-meeting at Marion, Aug. 9-19

DID you read carefully the article from the pen of Elder G. B. Thompson which appeared in the last issue of the VISITOR calling attention to the General Conference Convention to be held in Mount Vernon, July 10 to 20? Has your church planned to send a delegate? This will be no ordinary meeting, and we should see representatives from every church. Such a meeting may never be within your grasp again. It should give an impetus to the work for our children. Every young man or woman who plans to be a worker in this great cause should be here to receive its blessings, and the indifferent should attend that they may catch the spirit of this worldwide Message, and enter upon a preparation for service. Let us pray that God's blessing may attend the meeting, and that his will may be done in us.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

A CHEERFUL GIVER

THE Lord loves the one who gives gladly, cheerfully. He asks nothing from the grumbling, complaining giver. It is not that God is poor and that he asks us to give. It is for our sakes, that we may lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through or steal.

Under the heading, "The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver," dated March 8, 1907, we find the following given to us by the Spirit of God:—

"I address the members of all our churches. We are living in a special period of this earth's history. A great work must be done in a very short time, and every Christian is to act a part in sustaining this work. God is calling for men who will consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving. Those who desire to be regarded by God as liberal should devote mind and heart—the entire being—to his service. When we begin to comprehend what a sacrifice Christ made to save a perishing world, there will be seen a mighty wrestling to save souls. O that all our churches might see and realize the infinite sacrifice of Christ!"

J. S. WASHBURN.

MRS. FRED FAIRCHILD has been quite ill with an attack of heart trouble.

OWING to the change in the Canadian postal regulations, it will be impossible for us to send the WELCOME VISITOR to our Canadian subscribers each week. Hereafter we will treat them as foreign subscriptions and send all papers for the month with the last issue of the current month. Otherwise the postage is one cent for each paper. Some prefer paying the extra postage and thus receive the weekly visits.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending June 21, 1907.)

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: value of orders, \$35; helps, \$6.75; total, \$41.75.

L. R. Williams, Van Wert and Paulding Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$7.50; deliveries, \$90.15.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$5; helps, \$7.05; total, \$12.05; deliveries, \$95.50.

Mary Hubbell,* New Lexington.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 25 hours; value of orders, \$31.50; helps, \$3.50; total, \$35; deliveries, \$22.50.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$6; total, \$18.50; deliveries, \$36.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 15 hours; value of orders, \$24.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 20 hours; value of orders, \$11.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$14; deliveries, \$27.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$10.50; helps, \$4.75; total, \$15.25; deliveries, \$9.25.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 34 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$.25; total, \$13.75; deliveries, \$1.

A. L. Bassler, Crestline.—Miscellaneous: 21 hours; value of orders, \$19.75.

Maybelle Klopfenstein, Cleveland.—Christ's Object Lessons: 20 hours; value of orders, \$20; helps, \$1.75; total, \$21.75.

Total value of orders..... \$190.75
Total value of helps..... 32.55

Grand total..... \$223.30
Total deliveries..... \$281.40

*Two weeks.