

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS

TO SERVE

O LORD, I pray
That for this day
I may not swerve
By foot or hand
From thy command,
Not to be served, but to serve.
This too I pray,
That for this day
No love of ease
Nor pride prevent
My good intent
Not to be pleased, but to please.
And if I may,
I'd have this day
Strength from above
To set my heart
In heavenly art,
Not to be loved, but to love.

MALTBIE D. BARCOCK.

IS IT WRONG TO INSURE PROPERTY

IN a recent communication from one of our local churches, we learn of a difference of opinion that exists there on the matter of insuring church property. Several questions are asked by the writer of this letter that are of general interest, consequently we have concluded to answer through the VISITOR for the benefit of others who may desire similar information.

First.—"Is property insurance on the same principle as life insurance?"

Second.—"Are the Conference buildings insured?"

Third.—"Is it wrong to insure the church buildings?"

In answering we will take these questions in regular order.

1. No. The latter is condemned by both the Bible and the "Testimonies," while the former is not condemned by either.

2. Yes.

3. We think it is not. This is not a new question; it is one that received careful consideration at the organization of our denominational work. In the *Review and Herald* of Feb. 23, 1860, Elder James White, in his first article on the need of legal organization, said, "We hope, however, that the time is not far distant when this people will be in that position neces-

sary to be able to get church property insured, hold their meeting houses in a proper manner, that those persons making wills and desiring to do so, can appropriate a portion to the publishing department."

The reader will see that the very first point mentioned by Elder White in this article was the need of being in a position that we might insure church property. But there were men on the ground back there ready to oppose an action of this kind, the same as now.

The first writer against Elder White's position, claiming that property owned by the people of God, property dedicated to him the Lord would care for, was reproved as follows, "I was shown the wrong stand taken by Brother — in the *Review* in regard to organization, and the distracting influence he exerted. He did not sufficiently weigh the matter. His articles were perfectly calculated to have a scattering influence, to lead minds to wrong conclusions, and to encourage many in their slack ideas of managing matters relating to the cause of God. Those who do not feel the weight of this cause upon them, do not feel the necessity of anything being done to establish order. Those who have long borne the burden look to the future and weigh matters. They are convinced that steps must be taken to place the matters of the church in a more secure position, where Satan cannot come in and take advantage. Brother —'s articles caused those who fear order to look with suspicion upon the suggestions of those who by the special providence of God move out in the important matters of the church. And when he saw that his position would not bear, he failed to frankly acknowledge his error, and labor to efface the wrong impression he had made.

"I saw that in temporal matters Brother — was too easy and negligent. He lacks energy, considering it a virtue to leave to the Lord that which the Lord has left to him. It is only in cases of great emergency that the Lord interposes for us. We have a work to do, burdens and responsibilities to bear, and in thus doing we gain an experience." "Testimo-

nies to the Church," vol. I, pp. 211, 212.

"This brother saw clearly the error of his position after refusing to take legal steps to show his right to his home farm of which there had been 'peaceable possession' for twenty-one years. Instead of appearing in court to oppose a bogus claim, dating back of his title, he 'left it to the Lord,' and lost his home."—Elder J. N. Loughborough.

It seems to the writer that there is infinitely more embraced in the charge "occupy till I come" than many realize. It is also possible to be too religious, over conscientious, and thus fail in the more important matters. May the Lord help us in all things to heed the instruction he has given, and never presume upon his mercy.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

BENUMBED

WE are on enchanted ground. Heavy slumber is upon many of the Lord's people. Even as just before the dawn men sleep heavily, so now the enemy is making a desperate effort to so numb our sensibilities that we shall not realize the day in which we live. The calls of God for means are answered, Oh! so slowly. Shall we not realize the importance of the following solemn words, given to us, as we believe, by the Spirit of God?

"As a people, we have been benumbed. Matters of but little importance have been brought in to absorb much means and precious talent. There are some whose hearts are responsive to the calls of God. But some are investing capital in enterprises that give no results in the salvation of souls. Such enterprises are snares of the enemy.

"The great enemy of souls would be pleased if we were kept busy with things of but little importance, and lose our present opportunities for labor. We need now to awake out of sleep, and to labor earnestly to warn those in the highways and in the byways. Soon the work will be finished, and now is our time to labor with intense energy and untiring industry."

J. S. WASHBURN.

TRAIN BULLETIN, MARION, O.

Aug. 1, 1907

TRAINS are due at Marion as follows:—

Erie

From the East		From the West	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
12:35	4:15s	12:20	6:02
10:44	10:45		12:42d

Hocking Valley

From the North		From the South	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
3:15	1:35d	7:00d	6:10
10:25	7:15	10:25	4:20
			10:50

Big Four

From the East		From the West	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
6:40	2:00	10:48	12:17
9:52	4:32d		5:27d
	7:30		7:25
			11:14

Pennsylvania

From the North		From the South	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
8:13	2:18d	7:40d	12:49d
	7:23d		7:02d
8:02s	8:42s	8:13s	8:26s

Interurban C. D. & M.

First car from Columbus arrives at 8:55 A. M.; last car, 10:55 P. M.

Trains leave Marion as follows:—

Erie

Going East		Going West	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
12:30	12:52d	1:15	4:26s
8:50s		10:59	
5:40			

Hocking Valley

Going North		Going South	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
7:00d	4:20	5:50	1:35d
10:25	10:50	7:20	7:15
		10:25	

Big Four

Going East		Going West	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
10:48	12:17	6:40	2:00
	5:27d	9:52	4:32d
	7:25		7:30
	11:14		

Pennsylvania

Going North		Going South	
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
7:40d	12:49d	8:13	2:18d
	7:02d		7:23d
7:51s	8:26s	8:00	8:42s
8:13s			

Interurban

First car out of Marion for Columbus, 6:00 A. M.; last car out, 9:00 P. M.

NOTE.—d., daily except Sunday; s., Sundays only; unmarked, daily.

INDIA

DEAR VISITOR: In behalf of the workers of India, I wish to thank those who so generously contributed for the opening of the work among the Bengali people of India.

As we look over this vast field, with its millions still in darkness, and hear the many calls for laborers, while we have no one to send nor means to support the work in new places, our hearts are made glad to learn that some one is raising money for the advancement of the gospel in this or any other field. We rejoice to know that God is touching hearts, and that so many are responding freely and abundantly. We can assure those who gave to the Bengali work that their money will be sacredly kept for that purpose.

We have not yet purchased the land on which to locate our Bengali mission, for we find that it takes a long time to negotiate for land in the native villages. We hope, however, by the time Miss Della Burroway, Brother and Sister J. C. Little, and Brother and Sister A. G. Watson master the language sufficiently to teach the people, that we will have a place in readiness for them, which will be a center surrounded by many Bengali villages. It takes about two years of hard study to be able to give a Bible reading intelligently in the Bengali language.

We have thirteen American workers who are studying some language. The Lord is showing his approval of this by helping those who are making an earnest effort to speak the vernacular. The native is grateful to know that some are learning the language in order to help him rather than better to take advantage of him.

I believe that God has honest souls in this land who, when they hear of the wonderful works of God, will appreciate the gospel as did the people on the day of pentecost, and we feel that the time has come when they must hear.

We rejoice that those who have contributed are taking part with us in this closing work of salvation. Others who are unable to give, or who have given to other fields, can help us by their prayers for this is a very essential part indeed. Without prayer money and labor are of little value.

The names of those from whom we have received contributions are as follows:—

Mrs. Minnie Dunmead.....	\$100.00
M. C. Kirkendall.....	61.15
Ira J. Gault.....	50.00
Mrs. Laura Pedicord.....	5.00
Mrs. Mary Shough.....	5.00
Mrs. Alfred Gault.....	2.00

Mrs. Norris Lawrence..... 1.50
Mrs. Hortense Andre..... .35

\$225.00

Now "the Lord loves a cheerful giver," "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." May the promised blessings for so-doing be abundantly poured out upon those who gave.

W. W. MILLER.

6 Royd St., Calcutta.

Camp-meeting at Marion, Aug. 9-19

Cleveland

WELCOME VISITOR: The Lord continues to bless the German work in Cleveland, and we give all the glory to him. Sabbath, July 6, four of our German readers were baptized in the Hough Avenue Church. Some others had thought of going forward at the same time, but something seemed to hinder. However, they will be baptized before or at the camp-meeting.

Since my last report a promising young man has begun to keep the Sabbath. We hope to have him attend school, and educate himself for a worker for the Lord. He is a German, but is acquainted with the Hungarian language. One family who accepted the truth a few months ago are trying to learn all they can of the truth, and hope to go to school for further preparation, and then carry the truth back to Hungaria where there is a German speaking province. This is the way the Lord wants us to do. So pray for these dear people. They are causing us to rejoice because of their love of the truth. A lady told me the other day that she was arranging her affairs so she may keep the Sabbath. Her husband has promised to do so a little later, as he is very busy just now in his printing work. We can praise the Lord that one by one they are coming into the truth. They see that the Lord is with us and want to share the blessings with us. Others express a desire to be with us but have not yet made a start.

Surely in the great city of Cleveland the fields are white already to harvest, but where are the reapers? Our canvassers in Cleveland are doing well, as you can see from the reports. So the Lord is blessing in every way. To him be all the glory. Pray for the work in Cleveland.

G. P. GAELD.

"A MAN'S greatness is seen in his recognition of goodness."

GENERAL AND UNION CONFERENCE INSTRUCTORS

WE are pleased to announce that Elders G. A. Irwin and George B. Thompson will attend our camp-meeting, also Elders Allen Moon and Prof. J. G. Lamson. There may be others whose names I cannot mention with certainty at this time. H. H. B.

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COURAGE, BRETHREN

TO-DAY the work is going to nearly every portion of the world. Victory after victory is won; but as the work moves on, the opposition is becoming stronger, for Satan knows his time is short. Not only is he putting forth every effort to prevent souls from embracing the great truths of God's word, but he is also striving in every way to discourage those who have stepped out to keep God's commandments. He will try us on every point, and if we are weak on any one, or our character has not been fully developed, there he will make his attack. Brethren, let us profit by his attempts and fully develop our characters by study and earnest prayer.

"Remember, prayer is the source of your strength. A worker can not gain success while he hurries through his prayers, and rushes away to look after something that he may fear will be neglected or forgotten."

In every line of work, whether at home or in the field, if we meet with success we must have the co-operation of Christ. Then let us ever be careful to counsel with God and ask for his guiding Spirit. If we earnestly do this and then thank him for each victory gained, there will be no chance for our becoming exalted over the success he gives.

While we are carrying on the work of God, seeking to teach others, we ought to be learning lessons of trust, patience and love by the efforts and sacrifices that we are making. We read, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." Heb. 5:8.

Let us with courage and hope look on the bright side of every thing and put all our mind, strength and possessions into the greatest work on earth, the carrying of the truth by word and example to all, in whatever field God calls us to work.

W. E. BIDWELL.

ARE you planning to attend the camp-meeting?

PROGRAM AT CAMP

(Standard Time)

Bell rings five minutes before and on the appointed hours.

- Rising Bell..... 5:00 A. M.
- Youths' Meetings..... 5:30 A. M.
- Devotional Services..... 5:30 A. M.
- Breakfast 7:00 A. M.
- District Meetings..... 8:00 A. M.
- Children's Meetings..... 8:00 A. M.
- General Meetings..... 9:30 A. M.
- Conference Laborers' Meetings..... 11:30 A. M.
- Dinner..... 12:30 P. M.
- Preaching 3:00 P. M.
- Church Officers' Meetings.. 5:00 P. M.
- Children's Meetings..... 5:30 P. M.
- Youth's Meetings..... 5:30 P. M.
- Preaching 7:30 P. M.
- Warning for Silence..... 9:00 P. M.
- Silence 9:25 P. M.
- Lights Out..... 9:30 P. M.

SABBATH SERVICES

- Sabbath-school..... 9:00 A. M.
- Preaching. . . 10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M. and 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Preaching..... 10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M. and 7:30 P. M.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING"

BROTHER N. S. MILLER will take to the camp-ground a good supply of "Ministry of Healing," by many pronounced to be one of the best of Sister White's publications. When we remember that all the profits from this book are devoted to the establishment of the work of the sanitarium connected with the College, every family in the State, at the very least, should have the book in their home, both for their own benefit, and to help forward this branch of our educational work.

ALMOST FINISHED

PROBATION is almost over. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. There is but a little time to labor, a little space, O so brief, in which to do the mighty work that God calls upon us to do. Have we done too much? Are we giving too much? Is \$150,000 too much for our people to raise?

In an article written by Mrs. E. G. White on the subject of cheerful giving, I find the following stirring statement:—

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the Message of warning that has been entrusted to us. We must give this Message

quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon his people to labor,—labor earnestly and wisely,—while probation lingers.

"Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor, in giving Bible readings, and in distributing literature. A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work interestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means. The treasury must not be allowed to become empty, when there are such urgent calls for help from all parts of the world." J. S. WASHBURN.

LIFE AND HEALTH

HAVE our readers examined the August number of *Life and Health*? If they have, we do not need to add our testimony in its behalf, for all will have recognized its value and their obligation to place it in the possession of as many as possible. It contains much of the "entering wedge" element of our Message, and will serve in the work of saving souls through its teaching the principles of a branch of our work that is as important in the great advent movement as the right arm is to the body. Order a hundred copies and sell them, and thereby add your mite of pleasant, reasonable service in helping advance a cause that is worthy of our best endeavors. Twenty-five copies will be sent for sixty-three cents post-paid; fifty copies, \$1.25; 100 copies, \$2.50.

NOW

WE are living in a time of great financial prosperity. Money is plentiful and people are spending it freely, and it is not a hard matter to dispose of our books. There certainly never was a more favorable time in which to carry on this branch of God's work. Are we doing what we can to place the truth in the homes of the people that when the time comes in which we cannot work as now they will have it? Or are we allowing the opportunity to pass unimproved? We are told that the great calamities which have come upon some of our cities are only the beginning of much more terrible judgments to come. Again and again are these words repeated, Now, Now, Now. May God help us to answer.

E. R. NUMBERS.

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Sabbath begins Aug. 2 at 7:11 P. M.

"ARE you going to the camp-meeting?" "Certainly, are you?"

AS has been our custom, there will be no VISITOR published during the camp-meeting.

MRS. T. A. SHERIDAN, and daughter Virginia, is visiting at her old home in St. John, N. B.

MISS NINA HAMILTON, who is taking the Nurses' Course at the Cleveland Sanitarium, is spending a couple of weeks with her mother.

THE Conference goods have been shipped to the camp-ground, where every preparation will be made for the comfort of those who shall attend the camp-meeting.

NEARLY all the Sabbath-school secretaries have sent in their quarterly reports. We are hoping that by August 1 there will not be one delinquent secretary in the State.

ELDER L. D. STARR and wife, of Iowa, attended the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention, and are staying a few days longer visiting her sister, Mrs. John Van Eman.

THE old contribution envelope has been done away with, and in its place we have one so arranged as to answer both the purpose of contribution envelope and class record. In the future all schools will be supplied with these. If any have not received their supply for the quarter, please notify us immediately.

A FULL report of the papers read during the Convention, with discussions, resolutions, etc., will be published in pamphlet form, and should be purchased and studied by our people generally. It will be published by the Review & Herald, and will be supplied by the tract societies. The price will probably be ten cents.

THE residence of Brother W. A. Gibson was struck by lightning last week, and the plaster torn from the ceiling and side wall of one of the

rooms, and a lamp which Sister Gibson was carrying through the room was knocked out of her hand.

THE Medical Department of the Conference will be represented at the camp-meeting by Drs. H. M. Jump and V. L. Fisher. For the convenience of the brethren and sisters who may desire to consult them, two tents will be fitted up, one for consultation and the other for treatments that may be necessary.

THE Lake Union Conference Committee held several important meetings while in attendance at the Convention. The following members were present: Allen Moon, William Covert, C. McReynolds, W. J. Stone, E. K. Slade, A. G. Haughey, S. E. Wight, H. H. Burkholder, W. D. Curtis, N. W. Kauble, J. B. Blosser and J. G. Lamson.

DR. H. W. MILLER gave a very interesting talk, during the Convention, on his experiences in China and the customs of the people. He was dressed in the Chinese costume, and two little children were also dressed in the costumes of the children. The doctor's friends were glad to renew old acquaintance and see him looking so well.

Zanesville

WELCOME VISITOR: Seven new members were added to our church last Sabbath—four by profession of faith, the remainder by letter. Our church has grown from eleven to twenty-three members since its organization. We hope to see others unite with the church very soon. F. H. HENDERSON.

TRANSPORTATION OF BAGGAGE

At Camp-meeting

TRUNKS, round trip, each 25 cents.
Hand baggage, round trip, each 15 cents.

OBITUARY

MOORE.—Died in Zanesville, O., July 19, 1907. John Church Moore, aged 87 years. Brother Moore was converted and united with the Baptist Church when a young man. About nine months ago he heard the Third Angel's Message preached by Elders B. L. House and Fairchild, and accepted it. He was a faithful and devoted man, the only desigp he had to live for was to circulate the Third Angel's Message. He was the father of five children, three of whom are still living. Short services were held here in the city, after which the remains were removed over the Baltimore & Ohio Railway to the Ark Spring church. Here we found a large number had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed. Words of comfort were spoken from Titus 2:13 by the writer. Our brother sleeps in a beautiful place, where he awaits the call of the Life-giver. F. H. HENDERSON.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending July 19, 1907.)

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: 24 hours; value of orders, \$28; helps, \$5.50; total, \$33.50.

Ross Lindsay, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: 26 hours; value of orders, \$41.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 14 hours; value of helps, \$1.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 23 hours; value of helps, \$12.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 24 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$3; total, \$4; deliveries, \$6.

J. C. Hankins, Paulding Co.—Coming King and Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$6.50.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Heralds of the Morning: 10 hours; value of orders, \$1.75; helps, \$1; total, \$2.75.

Mabel A. Rayle, Holgate.—Heralds of the Morning: 16 hours; value of orders, \$7; helps, \$2.50; total, \$9.50.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: value of deliveries, \$147.50.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$9; deliveries, \$5.

Hester E. Gerrard,* Delphos.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$3; helps, \$1; total, \$4.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 2 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$1.75; total, \$2.75.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 43 hours; value of orders, \$29; helps, \$.75; total, \$29.75; deliveries, \$1.

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$2; total, \$4.

Florence Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$3; helps, \$2; total, \$5.

A. L. Bassler, Crestline.—Miscellaneous: 22 hours; value of orders, \$32.75; deliveries, \$31.25.

Total value of orders.....\$164.50
Total value of helps 33.00

Grand total.....\$197.50

Total deliveries.....\$190.75

*Week ending July 12.

LET'S see you at camp-meeting.