

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE MASTER IS COMING

THEY said, "The Master is coming
To honor the town to-day,
And none can tell at whose house or home
The Master may choose to stay."
And I thought, while my heart beat wildly,
What if he should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain
And honor the guest divine?

And straight I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat;
I swept and polished and garnished,
And decked it with blossoms sweet;
I was troubled for fear the Master
Might come ere my task was done,
And I nasted and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her sorrows,
And my comfort and aid to implore.
And I said, "I can not listen,
Nor help you any to-day;
I have greater things to attend to,"
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another--
A cripple, thin, pale and gray--
And said, "O let me stop and rest
A while in your home, I pray!
I have travelled far since morning,
I am hungry, and faint, and weak;
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek."

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry,
But I cannot help you to-day;
I look for a great and noble guest,"
And the cripple went away.
And the day wore on swiftly;
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was in my heart
That the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet him
And serve him with utmost care,
When a little child stood by me
With a face so sweet and fair--
Sweet, but with marks of tear drops,
And his clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I am sorry for you;
You are sorely in need of care,
But I cannot stop to give it,
You must hasten elsewhere."
And at the words a shadow
Swept o'er his blue-veined brow;
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,
But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended,
And my toil was over and done;
My house was swept and garnished,
And I watched in the dark, alone:
Watched, but no foot-fall sounded;
No one paused at my gate,
No one entered my cottage door:
I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened,
And the Master had not come;
"He has entered some other door," I cried,
"And gladdened some other home!"
My labor has been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept.
My heart was sore with longing,
Yet, in spite of it all, I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,
And his face was grave and fair:
"Three times to-day I came to your door
And craved your pity and care;
Three times you sent me onward,
Unhelped and uncomforted,
And the blessing you might have had was lost,
And your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me!
How could I know it was thee?"
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And he said, "The sin is pardoned,
But the blessing is lost to thee:
For, comforting not the least of mine,
Ye have failed to comfort me."
—Selected.

OUR HOMES

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST farms ought to attract the attention of all the world by their appearance. They should by the very way they are kept proclaim that the son of the King is staying there. We should be proud of our spiritual parentage, and in every way should show that we appreciate the true dignity of our calling.

If we should but stop to think, we would recognize the incongruity of inviting angels, who are used to the order and the perfection of heaven, to come and take up their abode in a house whose doors are out of plumb, whose gates are off their hinges, and whose fields are grown up with weeds and half tended, stunted and dwarfed crops. I feel sure, other things being equal, we would enjoy much more of the heavenly companionship were we to have our homes in such condition that they would be a delight when our visitants come.

How may this be accomplished? Repair and paint the house and the out buildings so that they will be clean and attractive. Put the fences, especially those about the house and barn, in good repair and keep them so. Take the trouble to have a good lawn and keep it mowed. It will take time, but so does every other thing worth doing.

Even though they may be but few, plant some shrubs and flowers on the lawn. The heavenly home abounds with such things. And when they are planted, care for them well.

When the crops are planted, do not be content to use any sort of seed that may happen to be cheap or convenient. Have the best varieties of every thing you can find, and then plant and tend according to its worth. When we do this as unto the Lord, his blessing will rest upon us and the angels will co-operate to make the work a success.

Then with what should the farm be stocked? This will vary much, according to the circumstances and the desires of the individual farmer; but whatever it be, I am sure God would be pleased to have it pure bred and the very best of the breed. There is no reason why he should, and I do not believe it is right that Satan have control of all the best of this world's goods. Aside from the first cost, high grade, or even thorough bred stock costs no more to keep than cheap stuff, and the profits are proportionally greater, besides the influence and satisfaction of having nothing else is a factor that should not be ignored or lightly passed over.

If all our people conducted their farms along these lines, how much more influence they would have, and how much more they could do toward getting the Third Angel's Message before the world in a way they would heed!—*Floyd Brallier in Home, Farm and School.*

DRESS

SIMPLICITY of dress will make a sensible woman appear to the best advantage. We judge a person's character by the style of dress worn. Gaudy apparel betrays vanity and weakness. A modest, godly woman will dress modestly. A refined taste, a cultivated mind will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire.

"THROUGH conflict the spiritual life is strengthened. Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character, and precious spiritual graces."

LOVELINESS

ONCE I knew a little girl,
 Very plain;
 You might try her hair to curl,
 All in vain;
 On her cheek no tint of rose
 Paled and blushed or sought repose.
 She was plain.

But the thoughts that through her brain
 Came and went,
 As a recompense for pain,
 Angels sent;
 So full many a beauteous thing,
 In her young soul blossoming,
 Gave content.

Every thought was full of grace,
 Pure and true;
 And in time the homely face
 Lovelier grew
 With a heavenly radiance bright,
 From the soul's reflected light
 Shining through. —Selected.

"AN HOUR WITH GOD"

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up." Ps. 5:3. The Christian should devote some portion of each day to prayerful meditation and study of God's word. How can any one meet the temptations and vexations of life without the strength such as prayer and devotion secure? And is not the best time for this immediately after rising in the morning? It is true that as a rule people think they have all they can attend to in the early morning,—the men going about their various duties, and the women attending to their household cares. But there is no time when the mind is so free from annoyances, and so rested and fitted to grasp the blessed lessons of the Bible as in the early morning.

It is right to give to our kind heavenly parent our first and best thoughts. It is right to honor him with the first fruits of our hearts. It is best for us to seek his blessing before we enter upon the duties, and assume the responsibilities of the day. It will be found a source of strength to rise an hour before the usual time for the family to rise, and take the Bible and carefully read it by course, one, two, or three chapters, according to the amount of study required to understand what is read. This invites the Lord near. It brings one into sweet communion with him. The light of truth from his word shines into the heart, and often is found a promise, a reproof, an exhortation—just what is needed for the day. It is well to have a pen at hand, and make such notes as may seem profitable. After thus reading the Word, bow in grateful prayer, and thanking God for the blessing of sleep and rest, and his love, seek grace and strength for the day. Then one is ready to arouse the household, and

together, before entering upon the cares of the day, have the regular family worship.

This course, if carefully followed, will be an inestimable blessing. It will require an effort and resolution to do this. Often one is weary and desires more sleep and rest; but the favor and help of God is more than all else to the Christian. We are nearing the judgment, and trials are thickening around us. We need to be closely allied to heaven. God will be found by those who diligently seek him. "An hour with God" is the happiest hour of the day. Try it, brethren and sisters, and see if you will not gain some rich experiences which would be an encouragement to you?—*The Missionary.*

TO THE CHILDREN

DEAR CHILDREN: I am sure that many of us are looking forward with great interest to the coming camp-meeting, and even now are making needful preparations for that occasion. How happy we should be that God wishes the children to meet together, as well as the older ones, to learn the lessons he has for them!

Now while we are preparing for this pleasant event, let us not forget to pray that God will help us to realize the sacredness of the meetings we are about to attend; and that he will help us to draw near to him so that we may receive the blessings that he has for us. If we do not remember to do this, I fear that we will return to our homes without receiving the help we each need so much.

God wishes his people to meet together at the camp-meeting that we may receive strength and help for the work that is before us. The children have a work to do as well as the grown people. So let us each go with an earnest desire to become better fitted for our Master's service. We are hoping to spend some pleasant and profitable hours together in the children's tent. If each one of us will only feel that the meetings' success depends partly upon his own efforts, I am sure that we will make it a success indeed as we strive to do our share.

The time will soon be here when the children will be called upon to give this Message, when others cannot. Let us work and pray that we may be ready whenever God calls for our service.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

"RIGHTHOUSNESS is right-doing, and it is by our deeds that all will be judged. Our characters are revealed by what we do."

MIGHTY WORDS

THE words of God, the sacred words of the Holy Scriptures, are mighty in comfort and peace to those in sorrow, perplexity, and conflict. Did you ever in trouble find the Psalms of David a comfort? He had many sad and depressing experiences. Of some of these he speaks in some of the psalms. "All thy floods and thy billows have gone over me." In terror and fear he turned with all his heart for help from him who made the heaven and the earth. Then you will find following the psalms of sorrow and distress mighty notes of triumph. God had brought deliverance.

When in trouble, how blessed are the short psalms that follow the 119th! Do you not find them comforting? How blessed are these promises: "The Lord shall preserve thee from evil. He shall preserve thy soul." "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

O the blessed comfort of these promises! O the mighty power of these words! It is the same word that spoke in the storm on Galilee, "Peace, be still," and the troubled heart, tossed on the waves, finds peace and rest and hope; and, lo, the morning of a better, brighter day is dawning. The storm is over, and we are safely entering the harbor of the city where the mansions are prepared for those who fight the good fight of faith, and trust in the mighty power of his eternal word.

J. S. WASHBURN.

WHAT CAN I DO

THIS is a question one often hears asked by many who have a real desire to do something for God and humanity. They are willing, but do not know what to do or how to do it. Some have home duties that require most of their attention. To such we especially appeal. Your spare time, though only an hour now and then, is most valuable when used in taking *Life and Health* to your neighbors, and after favorably presenting it to them, and telling them you want them to buy it, and read it for their own good, these few hours, in the course of a year, will yield a surprising harvest of good seed, and bring a flood of blessing to the individual doing the work.

The *how* to properly present it will be found in a careful study of its contents, and in its teachings adopted in the individual life. When one feels the importance of the message he or

she has, and is possessed of ordinary Christian tact, the question is not so much *how* as *Am I willing to do it?*

Many do not seem to remember that our health literature is to be to our gospel work as the right arm is to the body, and that it is to be used as an entering wedge to the full Message. It is true the full Message is due the world to-day, but if, through wrong habits of life, men and women are not able to comprehend it, will we not be as wise in the preparation of the mind for the reception of the Message as we are in the preparation of the unproductive soil?

Let those who have entered new fields begin their missionary work in the way the Lord has provided. To those who have lived in communities for a long time, where the people no longer seem interested, we recommend intelligent, systematic effort with *Life and Health*. It has in many instances opened the way for aggressive gospel work where prejudice existed almost to the point of being contempt. People are becoming more and more interested in the study of the principles of healthful living, and we should discern our opportunities and use God's means in his way of preparing them for the reception of his Message which will bring salvation to the people who are now living in this generation.



MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

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PLAN TO ATTEND SCHOOL

THE College opens the eighteenth of September this year, which is two weeks later than our usual time of opening. This gives all a better opportunity to get ready after the annual camp-meeting, which heretofore came so near the close of August that there was but little time for preparation after the camp-meeting.

We would urge all who possibly can to come for the opening days of the school as then it is that the classes in the various courses are arranged, and will not be changed very much throughout the year. If you are not there at

dollars per school month, while this year it will be ten dollars per school month and the student is to work for the school one hour a day. This is thought to be better for both the student and the school as all will then have a share in the burdens of the school, and will have had a better preparation for carrying on the same lines of work when they have finished their course and they are called upon to take up the work in other places. A person who has never practiced upon an instrument of any kind would hardly be expected to act as an instructor of that instrument. Likewise when young men and women are wanted to fill responsible places those who have passed through the work themselves in any particular line are almost always the ones chosen for that line of work, because they know better what is required. Now the College wishing to give to its students the best possible preparation for the various lines of work have thought that it would be better to have all Home students work for one hour each day in the duties of the Home, and have reduced the cash payments accordingly in order that all the students may have the benefit of the training in performing the duties of life punctually at the time when they should be done and also receive proper credit.

J. B. CLYMER.

Byesville

JUNE 2 Brother George L. Sterling and the writer began a series of tent meetings at Byesville, Guernsey Co., continuing till July 14. The interest and attendance were light, but we enjoyed our work together, believing that the Lord of the vineyard had directed us to this place. Four have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others who are interested attend our Sabbath-school, which now numbers fifteen members.

Along with the effort at Byesville, we have continued to follow up our work at Derwent, three and one-half miles away. Another lady in Derwent has taken her stand. Our Sabbath-school here also numbers fifteen members, nine of whom are eligible for church membership. These are earnestly working for their friends and neighbors. We are of good courage in the Lord.

WALTER C. MOFFETT.

the beginning, you will not be able to guard against two or three studies coming at the same hour and thus causing you to vary your work from the order in which you had arranged for it, or possibly to fail in getting the studies at all. Another point in favor of beginning at the first is that you are then able to get the outline which is to be followed in each subject given by the teachers at that time, and you will have no back work to make up as must be done when one comes late. But of course if you can not be present on the opening day, come as soon afterward as you possibly can, that no more time be lost than necessary.

Several have written concerning the rates for tuition and expenses as though they were to be higher than last year. The rate for the Home expenses is practically the same as in the past few years. The only difference is in form more than anything else. Last year the charges for the Home aside from board was twelve

NOTICE

AT a recent meeting of the College Board it was voted that our State Sanitarium should be named "College Springs Sanitarium." We are now in condition to receive and care for those desiring to take advantage of the rest, care and treatment offered by this institution. Those desiring information as to rates, etc., will receive the same by addressing either the College Springs Sanitarium or V. L. Fisher, M. D., Mount Vernon, O.

THERE are now four patients at the College Springs Sanitarium, and others are expected soon.

BROTHER JOHN SHULTZ who has been engaged in ministerial work at Columbus, O., came to the Sanitarium last Thursday forenoon on account of having a severe attack of nervous prostration.

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ALL communications intended for the Ohio Conference or the Ohio Tract Society from August 7-18 should be addressed to Marion, O., S. D. A. Camp; after that date as formerly.

DR. G. T. HARDING, JR., of 78 South Third St., Columbus, O., desires any strong, healthy, Seventh-day Adventist woman who can give good recommendations, and who is able and also willing to do housework and hygienic cooking at liberal wages, to write him at once at the above address.

ELDER JAMES E. SHULTZ has accepted the call to go to Korea, and is making preparation to leave his home land some time in September. While it is with a feeling of sadness that we witness the preparations for his departure, and realize that Ohio is losing a capable worker, we are glad that it is our privilege to contribute another tried and true laborer to the distant needy fields. We feel assured that the prayers of many friends will accompany Brother Shultz and his faithful wife to their new home.

THE work of the Young People's Societies has demonstrated that there is a mighty force in the energies of the young people which if organized and rightly directed will prove no small factor in finishing the Third Angel's Message in this generation. To this end the General Conference formed a new department to be known as the "Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Missionary Volunteers," and the members will be called "Missionary Volunteers." Prof. M. E. Kern, of College View, Neb., is chairman and Miss Matilda Erickson, of Washington, D. C., is secretary.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending July 26, 1907.)

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—
Desire of Ages: 36 hours; value of
orders, \$36.50; helps, \$7; total, \$43.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Dan-
iel and Revelation: 11 hours; value of
orders, \$2.50; helps, \$4; total, \$6.50;
deliveries, \$2.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great
Controversy and Coming King: 33
hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps,
\$.25; total, \$13.75.

E. J. C. Sharp, Pike Co.—Coming
King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$31.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming
King: value of deliveries, \$19.25.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Shreve.—Com-
ing King: 30 hours; value of orders,
\$12.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$15.25.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Com-
ing King: value of deliveries, \$102.

Ward E. Hart, Paulding Co.—Com-
ing King: value of deliveries, \$19.

J. C. Hankins, Paulding Co.—Com-
ing King: 5 hours; value of orders,
\$3.50; deliveries, \$15.

Florence Carter, Zanesville.—Com-
ing King: 11 hours; value of orders,
\$7; helps, \$1.40; total, \$8.40; deliver-
ies, \$2.

A. L. Bassler, Crestline.—Miscel-
laneous: 33½ hours; value of orders,
\$26.50.

Total value of orders.....\$133.00
Total value of helps 15.40

Grand total.....\$148.40
Total deliveries.....\$159.25

TITHE RECEIPTS.

JULY, 1907.

Akron.....	\$147.39
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13.00
Beaver.....	28.56
Bellefontaine.....	37.70
Bellville.....	29.60
Bowling Green.....	226.75
Broughton.....	3.70
Brokaw.....	.....
Camden.....	132.20
Canton.....	13.15
Chagrin Falls.....	29.65
Charloe.....	9.86
Chillicothe.....	30.71
Cincinnati.....	180.83
Clarksfield.....	15.52
Cleveland.....	196.62
Clyde.....	78.06
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	182.37
Conneaut.....	13.16
Corsica.....	43.15
Coshocton.....	30.85
Cygnat.....	5.00
Dayton.....	261.83
Defiance.....	15.10
Delaware.....	4.60
Delta.....	.....
Dowling.....	5.00
Dresden-Trinway.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	16.00
Elgin.....	11.00

Fairfield.....	.....
Farmer.....	14.00
Findlay.....	29.75
Fostoria.....	16.60
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	58.44
Hamilton.....	47.84
Hamler.....	105.06
Hicksville.....	34.73
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	8.30
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	20.23
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	168.64
Lake View.....	10.25
Laura.....	30.27
Leesburg.....	34.50
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	45.92
Lima.....	16.90
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	70.13
Marion.....	13.02
Marshfield.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	4.00
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	21.96
Mount Vernon.....	168.49
Nashville.....	.....
Newark.....	46.29
Norwalk.....	28.44
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	30.47
Pleasant Hill.....	4.50
Powell.....	3.98
Reedsville.....	.25
Rio Grand.....	5.00
Rows.....	28.47
Sherwood.....	45.30
Shreve.....	3.66
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	28.31
Springfield.....	324.86
Toledo.....	79.64
Troy (Ashland County).....	4.08
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	112.71
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	50.98
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	157.93
Wilmington.....	.....
Youngstown.....	26.05
Zanesville.....	17.50
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	79.85

Total.....\$3,760.46
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES, July, 1907.

Tithe.....	\$5,760.46
Ohio Tract Society.....	359.84
Weekly Offerings.....	89.76
Sabbath-school Donations.....	234.96
Orphanages and aged.....	6.00
Y. P. Society.....	7.46
India.....	3.60
\$150,000 Fund.....	693.12
Religious Liberty.....	1.00
Africa.....	.62
India Mission Home.....	25.58
Spartanburg Church.....	9.00
Atlanta Church.....	8.00
Total.....	\$5,690.40
C. V. HAMER, Treas.	