

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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HEAVENLY MANSIONS

Look up, lonely pilgrim and weary,
Bright mansions are waiting above,
No heart can conceive of their beauty;
They are builded in infinite love.

There are mansions on earth, all resplendent
With carvings and paintings of art;
But sin and death enter their portals—
And dwell there the weary in heart.

But the golden paved mansions of heaven,
The feet of no vile one have trod,
No sin can the pearly gates enter,
They wait for the people of God.

O pilgrim, grown weary with toiling,
The rough journey soon will be passed,
And safe in the mansions immortal
The tired shall enter at last.

I'll watch for the glorious morning
Whose dawning already appears—
The dawning the prophets discovered,
Down through the vista of years.

See Jesus preparing the mansions
For all who are loyal and true,
And "watch" was the message he left us:
"Soon I am coming for you."

MRS. P. ALDERMAN.

THE CAMP-MEETING

Tuesday, August 13

ELDER ALLEN MOON, president of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, spoke in part, Tuesday evening, as follows:—

The subject assigned to me is "The Greatest Thing in the World." From Isa. 55:10, 11, we learn that "as rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth." If we can understand the miracle of life in the vegetable kingdom, then perhaps we can understand something of the power of God's word. By the sending of the rain and the snow and the sunshine upon the dead earth, God causes life to be brought forth out of death in order to sustain the life of the human family. This was taken to illustrate the power of God's word. Man is said to be dead in trespasses and sin. God has sent his word into the world, and if it is received by men by faith, and becomes the ruling

principle of their lives, the result is life and power and fruit; thus again bringing life from death. This, in brief, is God's own estimate of his word.

We have a further statement in the thirtieth chapter of Proverbs which will help us to understand God's purpose in giving his word to mankind. From the fifth and sixth verses we read, "Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to them that put their trust in him." That is to say God has never uttered any superfluous word. He has given to mankind just that which is essential to their salvation—no more and no less. The sixth verse reads, "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar." In the service of God it is just as offensive for mankind to offer unto him that which he has not required as to neglect those things which are required in his word.

There is another scripture that is very similar to this and yet adds another thought, Deut. 4:2, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

It is commanded that we are neither to add to nor diminish aught from the word of the Lord in order that we may truly keep the commandments of God.

In Deut. 17:18, we have very forceful language as to man's duty with reference to the word of God. God, anticipating that Israel would demand a king that they might be like the nations around them, notwithstanding the fact that he had chosen to place judges over them who would teach them the word of God, says, "And it shall be when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life." It was not sufficient that the king should read the word of God occasionally, but the Lord commanded that he should read therein all the days of his life. It was offensive to God that Israel demanded a king; but if the king would follow God's instruction, God would still be king in Is-

rael, for his word would be the rule of the life of the king, and if the king was faithful in the teaching of the word to his people, it would be the rule in the life of the people as well.

Saul was the first king of Israel. Shortly after he came to the kingdom, the Lord commanded him to assemble the armies of Israel and go to the land of the Amelkites and to destroy the Amelkites, man and beast. But Saul diminished from the word of the Lord, and brought back the best of the sheep and oxen, and then he proposed to offer them as a great sacrifice to the Lord. It was right to offer sacrifices in those days, but the sheep and oxen of Israel had been dedicated to the Lord, while those of the Amelkites had been dedicated to the gods of Amelek, and to offer them in sacrifice to God would be an insult to the deity. Saul had diminished from the word of the Lord in bringing back from the battle that which the Lord had commanded him to destroy, and in an attempt to cover his sin he added to the word of the Lord in sacrificing unto him that which was not required.

History is full of illustrations of the results of the violation of the grand principles stated in the Bible.

Coming down to New Testament times, we find that Jesus, the Son of God, lived a life of perfect conformity to the word of God, and commanded his disciples to do the same. In reference to the importance of the Sabbath, the Saviour commanded them to pray that their flight from the besieged city of Jerusalem, forty years in the future, should not be on the Sabbath day. And history records that the prayers of the disciples were answered. But the time came when there was a falling away, according to Paul in 2 Thess. 2:3. The church began first to disregard the Sabbath commandment and to reverence the first day of the week. Here we find the same principle involved as in the case of Saul. The church failed to observe the word of God, and as a result darkness entered and men could not discern between the sacred and the profane, and so the first day of the week began to be offered to the Lord instead of the day that he had blessed and sanctified. The very name given

to the first day of the week, Sunday, indicates its character. It has been dedicated to the sun by the pagans of all nations, and thus it is an offence unto God.

Wednesday, August 14

Elder G. B. Thompson, of Washington, spoke at 9:30 on the subject of "Missions" from the text, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." The speaker dwelt on the fact that this text was more especially true now than when the Saviour spoke these words, for the reason that we have come down the stream of time and are nearing the close of the history of the world. He also showed that we are living beyond the longest prophetic periods, and that the time to save souls is almost over.

The speaker then referred to the great mission fields of the world that are waiting for the gospel message. He mentioned such fields as Africa, India and China, and the millions of souls that are in these dark lands, to whom the gospel of salvation must speedily be carried. He emphasized the thought that to be a Christian was to have the spirit of the founder of Christianity, who gave up all the riches of heaven in order to save men. The spirit of Christianity is the spirit of sacrifice, and only those who are willing to give up all in this world will have a home in the world to come.

At the conclusion of the address an appeal was made for funds to support missionary operations, and over \$2,600 was quickly subscribed. The meeting closed with the doxology.

Elder W. E. Bidwell, of Mount Vernon, spoke at three o'clock on the subject, "The Home of the Saved." He took for his text Isa. 45:18, "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord, and there is none else."

We find in this text the statement that God created the earth to be inhabited; he created it not in vain.

The question comes as we look over the world to-day and see that it is filled with sin and that men are continually doing that which is contrary to the teachings of God's word, Did God create the world to be inhabited by a people who would break his law? In the account of creation we find that God made man in his own image, and pronounced him "very good." "God

made man upright." Eccl. 7:29. He was placed here on probation to form a character that would conform to the commandments of God. But we find that men turned away from the commandments of God, bringing death and ruin to the human race, and bringing the earth under the curse. As the result of sin, "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away. . . . The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isa. 24:4, 5. Violence and sin everywhere fill the earth. Are these things to continue throughout eternity, or will they come to an end? Turning to Matt. 24:14, we learn that this condition will cease. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

God's purpose in creating the earth was that it should be inhabited by a righteous race. Now if this should continue in sin, Satan will have gained his purpose and God will have failed in his. The righteous are termed the meek of the earth, and in Matt. 5:5 we find the promise that the meek shall inherit the earth. As we look over the history of the world, we find that this promise has never been fulfilled. We must look for the fulfilment of this promise in the future. Will the earth be given to the righteous in its sin-cursed condition? No, for in 2 Pet. 3:13, 14 we find the statement that "we look for a new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

How is the earth to be cleansed? In the same chapter, verses 7-10, we learn that it will be cleansed by fire, that the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Then the change that will be brought in is one of righteousness, all the effects of sin will be blotted out; and those who have done God's will, in every generation from Adam's time to the present, will be the ones to whom the new earth will be given as an inheritance. Who are the subjects of the new earth? "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Where is this city?—"And John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:2, 3.

Thus we see that the kingdom of Christ will be set up on this earth when it has been restored to its Edenic beauty, that his subjects will be those who have kept the commandments, and through the eternal ages they will sound the praises of him who came to seek and to save that which was lost. "And there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."

At 5:30 Dr. Miller, in Chinese costume, gave an interesting talk on Chinese customs and his experiences in the Orient, emphasizing the great need of that dark field.

Elder Thompson, of Washington, spoke again in the evening on the subject of "Higher Criticism." He spoke from the words found in Luke 18:8, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" He said in part:—

"About six thousand years ago the dark footprints of sin were first seen in our world. The cloud of darkness has gradually been obscuring the light of God until we come down near the close of the world's history. Our text conveys the thought that real, genuine faith in God's word will be a rare article in the last days.

"The darkness was so great in the days of Noah that the Lord blotted out nearly all of the inhabitants of the earth, only excepting a few in whose hearts the light still shone. At the Saviour's first advent his own people rejected him; only a few had faith to believe that he was the promised Messiah. The Scriptures tell us that in the last days it will be as it was in the days of Noah. Matt. 24:37, 39.

"I wish to speak particularly tonight of that class of infidelity known as higher criticism. I do not hesitate to say that the work of these modern critics of God's word is doing more to uproot confidence in the word of God from the hearts of men and to darken the world with unbelief than all the rantings of Voltaire, Hume, Paine, Ingersoll, and others. This form of infidelity is taught in schools and universities, and saddest of all, is echoed from many a pulpit.

"The *Christian Register*, a paper quite in harmony with the methods and conclusions of higher critics, says: 'Thomas Paine, though stigmatized and set aside as an infidel, finds reincarnation in the modern Biblical critic. Paine pointed out the contradictions in the Bible which rendered impossible the claim that it is an infallible book. He lived too far in advance of his age. The spirit of

modern scientific criticism had not yet come. . . . And now it is interesting to find that with a different spirit, and with a different tool, and bound by certain traditions from which Paine was free, the professors in our orthodox seminaries are doing again the work which Paine did, and like him in the interests of honesty and truth. This states the question as it is. The Bible is doubted in the house of its professed friends. While professing to believe the word of God, it is reined up at the bar of human reason and that which finite minds determine to be uninspired and unreliable is rejected.

"I have here a clipping from a daily paper giving an account of the regular weekly meeting of a popular protestant denomination at which 400 ministers were present. A paper was read in which the position was taken that the Bible contained many discrepancies and was not a true guide for truth. This paper placed the Bible on a plain with historical works and rejected the authenticity of all parts of the Bible that are not in accord with human reason. At the conclusion of the reading, the 400 clergymen present are said to have applauded. This is infidelity; and I shudder to think of the awful condition of the congregations presided over by these modern critics. This, I am sad to say, is not an isolated case. Many others might be stated.

"I have another clipping from another clergyman who spoke in Detroit, Mich., very recently. He said, 'The Bible is not the word of God, and the teaching to the contrary is the most prolific source of unbelief the church has to contend with.' Ingersoll never stated anything against the word of God much worse than this.

"Science so-called is also in the field helping in this destructive and soul-destroying work. I have here the report of the International Congress of Zoology, which held a session recently at Cambridge, England. A paper was read by a professor present upon the descent of man, in which the evolutionary theory was maintained, teaching that man came up through various stages from apes, etc., to his present station. This is contrary to what God's word teaches and a libel on the human family. I have no objection to a man's looking for his relatives in the zoological gardens if he wishes to and thinks his relatives are there; but mine are not there. The theory of evolution is simply infidelity under another name. Things do not evolve. God spoke the world into existence by his voice. 'He spake and it was, he commanded and it stood fast.' Ps. 33:9.

"In conclusion I wish to call attention to the fact that this condition is but a sign of the end. It is bringing the world under the dark shadow of unbelief. I wish to exhort all to cling to God's word in this age of unbelief and place your feet upon the sure foundation of God's written truth."

CANVASSERS' DAY

At the canvassers' meeting held on the camp-ground Monday morning, August 12, Elder Blosser occupied the first hour and at the close of his sermon read a report of the work in different fields which showed a wonderful increase. 1906 was the banner year for the book work, more books having been sold than during any previous year in the history of our denomination. And thus far the record for 1907 is still better. Before the meeting closed a number of encouraging testimonies were given by those who had been in the field. Of course this will arouse the enemy, and he will do all that he can to hinder those who are about to take up the work. "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We had hoped all along that this meeting would result in a marked increase in the canvassing work, and our expectations have been more than met in the prospect for the future. During the entire camp-meeting, the writer was kept busy helping those who are planning to enter the work.

Some will start immediately; others in a few weeks. Between twenty and thirty signified their intention of starting this fall, and if these dear brethren and sisters are faithful and do not allow anything to hinder them, we ought to have the largest force of workers in the field this fall that we have had for some years. Let us take courage and press to the front as never before, for it is evident that God is about to cut the work short in righteousness. It will soon be finished and we will go home.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Sec.*

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE

WHILE at the camp-meeting, a "Testimony" was read which had been sent to our youth. It set forth the extreme dangers of the use of light literature, or the reading of fiction of any kind. God earnestly pleads with us to give up that which is robbing us of our time, energy and self-discipline, which are so much needed in dealing with the stern problems of life.

In order to aid our young people in the choice of good literature, and also

to help them to read to a definite end, the Young People's General Conference Missionary Department has started the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

The Course this year will consist of three books to be read in the order named:—

1. "Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White.

2. "Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, is a work on modern missions. This will be supplemented by the booklet, "Outline of Mission Fields," by Elder Spicer.

3. "Pastor Hsi," by Mrs. Howard Taylor.

This course will be conducted through the *Youth's Instructor*, beginning October 1, and will continue eight months. At the close of each book, examination questions will be sent out, and all who satisfactorily complete the Course will be granted a certificate by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

No tuition for the work is required. All of our young people in Ohio who wish to take this Course should send their names for enrollment to the educational superintendent as soon as possible.

BESSIE E. ACTON, *Ed. Supt.*
Mount Vernon, O., Box 187.

Zanesville

DEAR VISITOR: I am convinced in my own mind that we do not appreciate you as we should. I stated in the workers' meeting on the camp-ground that I believed every worker should report his work monthly, let it be little or much. This is due to those who pay their tithes and offerings from month to month. I believe the time has come, if we are to go into the kingdom, that we must be more faithful in what we may call the little things of life.

When I returned from the camp-meeting, I found two new Sabbath keepers. This made my heart to rejoice, for I had been laboring for them for several months. The church stands ready to lift on the \$150,000 Fund. One dear old sister who washes for her daily bread gave five dollars. Other members of our church have said, "Brother Henderson, I want to help you to raise the twenty-five dollars that you became responsible for at the camp-meeting." The Lord has said his people would be willing in the day of his power.

F. H. HENDERSON.

"LISTEN, you girls, I've a word for you;
'T is the very same—' Be true! Be true!
For truth is the sun, and falsehood the night;
Be true, little maids, and stand for the right."

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ELDER R. R. KENNEDY spent Sabbath, August 24, with the Columbus church.

MR. and MRS. H. P. FRONDORF nee Miss Inez Gibson are visiting Brother W. H. Gibson and family.

MISS MAUDE PENGELLY is back in the office after a few days' visit at the Ontario, Canada, camp-meeting.

THERE were thirty-four candidates baptized at the camp-meeting. A few others preferred to be baptized at their home church.

BROTHER CHARLES G. CLYMER and family have moved to Holly, Mich., where he will connect with the Adelpian Academy.

MR. and MRS. JAMES ROWE accompanied Brother Shultz and wife as far as Chicago, and will visit relatives in College View, Neb.

DRS. H. M. JUMP and Venen are holding a tent meeting at Marion, and have their tent located at the corner of Church Street and Olney Avenue.

MRS. CORA CAMPBELL has been called home by the serious illness of her mother and sister. We hope that we shall soon hear that they are recovering.

BROTHER N. S. MILLER has been confined to his home for several days during the past week. We trust that our readers will bring this faithful worker in the arms of faith to the Great Physician.

ALL persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the Conference for storage of tents, hauling freight, etc., are requested to settle their accounts immediately, as the treasurer wishes to close up all camp-meeting accounts. Address THE OHIO CONFERENCE, Mount Vernon, O., Box 187.

SANITARIUM NOTES

MRS. HENRY PIEPER is still improving and will return to her home Monday.

MRS. J. S. OBERHOLTZER, of Dresden, O., has returned to the College Springs Sanitarium. She has been home for three weeks.

THE work on the new addition to our building is rapidly going on. When this work shall be completed we shall have a good ward, operating rooms, elevator, and more room for patients for which we have felt the need for some time.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For four weeks ending Aug. 23, 1907.)

Ross Lindsay, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: 24 hours; value of orders, \$53.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$3.50; helps, \$2; total, \$5.50; deliveries, \$14.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 27 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$7; total, \$22; deliveries, \$23.50.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 24 hours; value of deliveries, \$12.

J. C. Hankins, Paulding Co.—Daniel and Revelation and Coming King: value of orders, \$17.50; helps, \$1.50; total, \$19.

A. R. Hasemeier, Defiance Co.—Heralds of the Morning: value of deliveries, \$35.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Heralds of the Morning: value of deliveries, \$12.

Mabel A. Rayle, Holgate.—Heralds of the Morning: value of deliveries, \$18.75.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 90 hours; value of orders, \$98.

Howard W. West, Noble Co.—Coming King: 20 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$4; total, \$12.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$20; helps, \$21.55; total, \$41.55; deliveries, \$5.25.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Wooster.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$9.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 32 hours; value of orders, \$21.50; helps, \$13.45; total, \$34.95; deliveries, \$13.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 44 hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$3.50; total, \$19.50; deliveries, \$37.35.

Ward E. Hart, Delaware Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$12.50.

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$3.50; total, \$4.50.

Florence Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$7; helps, \$1.55; total, \$8.55; deliveries, \$2.

Mrs. Carrie Rankin, Cleveland.—Coming King: 34 hours; value of orders, \$22.25; helps, \$10; total, \$32.25; deliveries, \$8.

Clara Saam, Collinwood.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$15.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$19.25.

Waller Lindsay, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 47 hours; value of orders, \$60.50.

A. L. Bassler, Richland Co. and Crestline.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$41.25; deliveries, \$66.50.

Total value of orders.....\$418.50
Total value of helps 65.80

Grand total.....\$484.30
Total deliveries.....\$256.85