

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

NOT FAR FROM US

Not far from the valley of humiliation
The mountain of triumph uprears;
Not far from the tear and the sore lamentation
The gladsome re-union appears.

Not far from the broad road to pleasure and folly
Is the footpath to heaven and peace,
A step now,—but soon will the distance out-measure,
A chasm that ere will increase.

Ah! close to the soul all perplexed and heart-broken
Is the message of death and of life!
And soon may the words that so quickly are spoken
Give solace or deepen the strife.

Not far from the child that the tempter is luring
Is the heavenly guard from on high,
Not far is the crown with its glory enduring
To wear and for aye bye-and-bye.

Not far is the rest, and the home, and the glory.

Not far from the kingdom and crown,
Then faint not and fear not, proclaiming the story
Till earth's farthest echoes resound.
—North Pacific Union Gleaner.

HEALING THE SICK

No. 2

THERE is a great difference between the "remedies God has placed in our reach" and those placed in our reach by other agencies. We should not cheapen the light God has given us by using things he has condemned.

God's remedies are the simple agencies of nature, that will not tax or debilitate the system through their powerful properties. Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God, are remedies for the want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skilful use requires work that the people do not appreciate." "Testimonies," vol 5, p. 443.

Notice that these remedies must be skilfully used and their application requires work. The skilful use of water, for example, requires work.

For this reason—and for the reason that many have neglected to inform themselves on the simple treatments and the indications for their use—powerful drugs are substituted for the remedies God has placed in our reach. "It is of the highest importance that men and women be instructed in the science of human life and the best means of preserving and acquiring physical health."

In all cases of severe sickness and when there is uncertainty as to the nature of the condition or the treatment and diet indicated, medical aid or the services of a graduated nurse should be secured. "Do all that human skill can do" to relieve the sufferer. "When we do all we can on our part . . . we can ask God in faith to bless our efforts. . . . He will then answer our prayer if his name can be glorified thereby." Whenever possible we should place our sick in the care of those in the truth, but we are told that "in some cases the counsel of an earthly physician is very necessary." "If these fail, apply to the great Physician."

In an unpublished "Testimony," dated March 11, 1892, there is food for careful study, "I would come before the Lord with this petition, 'Lord, we cannot read the heart of this sick one, but thou knowest whether it is for the good of his soul and for the glory of thy name, to raise him to health. In thy great goodness, compassionate this case and let healthy action take place in the system. The work must be entirely thine own. We have done all that human skill can do, now Lord, we lay this case at thy feet. Work as only God can work, and if it be for thy good and for thy glory, arrest the progress of disease and heal this sufferer.'"

"But after I have prayed earnestly for the sick, do I cease to do all that I can for their recovery?—No, I work all the more earnestly, with much prayer that the Lord may bless the means which his own hand has provided; that he may give sanctified wisdom to co-operate with him in the recovery of the sick."

H. M. JUMP.

INGATHERING SERVICES

Elgin

THE Harvest Ingathering held at Elgin, October 19 and 20, proved of much interest and benefit to all who attended. God in his wisdom set apart this feast for the children of Israel, and we have proved that it is indeed a blessing to those who observe it in its true sense. Several friends from the neighboring churches were in attendance, also a few of the Conference workers.

Thanksgiving for the blessings of the harvest, and the continual tokens of God's love were mingled with practical lessons from nature, and the precious promises of Christ's soon coming and the great ingathering soon to take place. All were strengthened and filled with new courage as they returned to their several homes. Truly "the Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works." BESSIE E. ACTON.

Charloe

THE services held at this place Sabbath and Sunday, October 26, 27, were such as will not be forgotten by those who were in attendance. No labor had been spared to make the occasion one of interest and value. Great quantities of autumn leaves and fruits of the harvest were used in the decoration of the church; and these, together with the appropriate mottoes, carried the minds of all forward to the great and final ingathering.

Besides the regular Ingathering services, timely sermons were delivered by Elder Burkholder and Dr. Jump. Friends gathered in from the neighboring churches, and were warmly welcomed. The Walnut Grove, Van Wert, and Elgin churches were represented.

May the spirit manifested at this meeting so fill our lives that we may all again meet when the great Reaper gathers the wheat into his garner.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

"RICHES profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death."

WITH THE WORKERS

Springfield

SABBATH, October 19, the church at Springfield was made to rejoice when four willing souls followed their Saviour down into the watery grave, and came forth, we trust, to walk in newness of life. All but one of those baptized were brought into the truth through the faithful labor of Sister Talmage. We are to have another baptismal service in a few weeks. The Lord is adding his blessing to the work here in Springfield.

We are holding meetings in different parts of the city, and thousands of tracts and papers are being distributed by our faithful brethren who are ever willing and ready to do their part in the fast closing Message. Our young people are taking an active part in the missionary work, and the city of Springfield is being warned of what is soon coming upon the earth. Your brother in the last closing Message, FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Elida, Kemp

DEAR VISITOR: We will again report our work for you. Brother Williams and I staked down our tent at Elida, O. The brethren from Conant did our hauling and helped us put up the large tent and on August 28, we held our first meeting with only a few present. We were one mile from the town so a few came from there. We were there two weeks and at no time did we have a good audience.

One of the Conant brethren, John Miller, secured a fine place to pitch near Kemp, and offered, with Brother Charles Miller and Samuel Potts, to again move us, so we took down our tents, beginning meetings again September 13. We have had a good attendance nearly every night. After the Sabbath question was given our attendance increased, and in spite of cold and storm, we have had a good audience. Some are not willing that we take our tent down even now, but we have decided that to-night will be our last in the tent.

There are many who desire to study farther, and some are obeying. Brother Williams will have plenty to do in holding Bible readings, for a time at least.

We are about two miles from where we pitched in the spring, and every night found a big wagon load from that neighborhood. Our brethren from there have done all they could both by their presence and with food supplies, to help on the work here.

October 19 we buried five persons with their Lord in baptism. It was a beautiful day, and although the water in the Auglaize River was cold, yet all passed off nicely. This makes six in full fellowship with us, while there are others who will take the step later.

We are now planning for a church building, which I believe will be gained; so there is another light kindled to hold up the truths of God's word to the world.

Sisters Williams and Lily Potts were with us most of the time, and we feel that this help and influence greatly helped in the success of the meeting.

Over \$200 worth of books and tracts were sold and many pages given away in this section since June 1.

About two-thirds of the said amount was sold by Brother Williams, so as we take down our tent we feel we have left with this people something that will tell them the way to eternal life. We fail to see that it has lowered us as ministers in the estimation of the people, but this we do see,—that it has an influence over our new converts to do all that they can to push the work.

I have enjoyed my work with Brother Williams very well this summer, and if it is my lot to work with him again, I shall be pleased.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Findlay

TO THE VISITOR FAMILY: Ever since our good camp-meeting at Marion, we have been waiting upon the Lord to know his will concerning us, and while we feel that we cannot do very much apparently, yet we feel that now is the time for every child of God to be true to the principles of the Third Angel's Message, in thought and word and deed.

These are times that truly try men's souls, and well it is for us to-day, if we know the Shepherd's voice; for then a stranger will we not follow. Many strange doctrines are being proclaimed to attract the attention of the fold of God. Let us see to it that we feed in the green pastures whereunto our Shepherd leads. And while a movement has been started claiming to do a new work, and crying, "the Spirit, the Spirit," the written Word has become a dead letter.

Although these same people may come to us with a very religious face, and say that God is turning away from the organized work of this people to call out a few honest men from the plough and the bench to proclaim the Laodicean message, let us not fear. "In this great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we

know not how to deal with; but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring his promises to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve him in righteousness." "Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 254. Then let us trust God, obey his word, and accept the comfort he sends.

This work is God's work, and so will not go to pieces or come to naught. Let us do our talking on our faces before God, weeping between the porch and the altar, that we with our loved ones may be spared in this time of shaking. Let us cease to look for the marvelous, and get down to real life, and let the Word work in us to the complete victory over every sin. Then we will have the witness of the Spirit that we are truly his; then we will not need to tell it, for people will know it by our daily life. Let us do our first work over again, confess our sins, and he will have mercy upon us, and he will give us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth until the Master's coming.

ELENE J. WEBBER.

NEVER MURMUR

IT is no part of our business to murmur against God or man. God can not do any unjust thing, and it is only a wicked heart that can murmur against his dealings with us. He may chastise us, but it is always for our own wrongs; and even then our good absolutely demands it. Therefore no affliction from the hand of God should ever affect us only to cause deep humiliation and penitence for our own sins. Men may do us an injury wantonly, and without provocation, yet it is folly to murmur even then. How much better it is to accept it as a chastening from the hand of God for our own sins, how much better to take it to the Lord in prayer. What a sad spectacle is a grumbling, complaining, murmuring Christian! Rather, what a contradiction in terms is such an expression. The Christian is a man that rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, in everything gives thanks. Murmurers, complainers, and grumblers are not Christians. Men that make God their portion, and that are heirs to endless and infinite felicity, cannot be otherwise than always joyful in the Lord.

J. N. ANDREWS.

"THERE is something infinitely more important in this world than making a living—making a life worth living."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

HER MALADY

"A MOST singular case is mine, I'm sure;
I'll tell it to you, you may know of a cure.
I can roam in the woods, or sprint with a
friend,
And fresh as a daisy appear at the end;
But if mother says, 'Come, the beds you must
make,'
My poor back is so weak, it is ready to break.
With roller skates on I can glide o'er the floor
Till hushed is the music, and closed is the
door;
But if mother says, 'Dishes,' now, what do
you think?
So weary am I, I am ready to sink.
I can swim, I can golf, and dance with a will,
But the sight of a washboard just makes me
ill.
All day I can row, though my hands are so
small,
But, brooms!—they are things I can't man-
age at all.
I'm sure I'm not lazy, no fun do I shirk;
But, oh, I'm so faint when you just mention
work!
Yes, a malady strange is mine, I'm sure,
And the worst of all is, I can't find a cure."
—Home, Farm, and School.

THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT

PERHAPS the patrons of the school and all the readers of the VISITOR would like to know what lines of study are being taken up in the Bible classes here in the College. We will briefly state that the First Year Bible consists of a class of thirty members studying Old Testament history, with "Patriarchs and Prophets" as a textbook. We are now considering Abraham's trial in being called to sacrifice his son Isaac.

The Second Year Bible class, numbering twenty, is considering the very interesting subject of the life of Christ, having now reached the topic of our Lord's conversation with Nicodemus, as brought out in chapter 17 of "Desire of Ages," which is used as a textbook in this class.

The Third Year class, of fifteen members, is engaged in considering doctrinal subjects, having spent considerable time on the second coming of Christ, millenium, state of the dead, nature of man, etc. The topic just now under consideration is that of Spiritualism. We are about to take up the Spirit of prophecy, using Elder Irwin's recent pamphlet as an outline for study.

The Fourth Year Bible class, with the books of Daniel and the Revelation for the subject of the year, is now engaged in considering the pivotal point of the great prophetic period of 2,300 days of Dan. 8:14. It is needless to say that this is a subject of intense interest. As this class consists of six members, it can read-

ily be seen that "there's room for many more." Who would like to join us in this study?

The book of Acts is receiving the attention of the Fifth Year class. The two members who constitute this class manifest a large degree of interest in this study. We find great help in using that very interesting little book, "Sketches from the Life of Paul," to throw light upon this part of sacred history. We are now about to consider the fifteenth chapter of Acts. It can readily be seen that we need more than two or three persons to consider this thrilling topic that called together the early gospel laborers to the first general conference of believers. The epistles will be taken up later, and we would be glad indeed if others could join this class with us.

It perhaps should not be said that the interest in the studies is in inverse ratio to the size of the classes; but it can readily be seen that small classes give in some respects more chance for attention to be given to individual members.

We would like to see all these classes increase in size. We are thankful that so many are participating in these studies. One of the students was received into the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath by baptism.

F. D. STARR.

COLLEGE NOTES

MR. HERBERT W. COLWELL and Miss Chesbro, from the State of New York, arrived last Thursday evening to take up work at the College.

THE laundry is being equipped with new cement washtubs and a new drain pipe, which will make the work in that department much more easy to handle than heretofore. Other improvements in this department are contemplated.

WITHIN the past week copies of the College Calendar have been sent to the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR throughout the State that they may become familiar with the Courses of study offered by the school, as well as the rates of tuition, and other points of interest to those wishing to attend, or to those contemplating sending some one to school. We hope that everyone receiving a copy will look it over, and then place it in the hands of some young man or young woman and thus interest them in our school work. A little effort along this line on the part of the friends of the school will undoubtedly result in some attending the school who otherwise would not do so.

A PAIR of new wagon scales have arrived for the College, and are waiting to be set up, which will be within the next few days. We have felt the need of these for a long time.

OUR enrollment for this year so far is ninety-two in the College department, while last year at this time there were seventy-six enrolled. There are several who are planning on coming soon. To these we would say, come just as soon as you possibly can, for the longer you delay the harder it will be for you to catch up in your studies.

MANY times, as we have received letters from good earnest young people, who have written us if there was not some way provided whereby they could obtain some help to get an education, we have wondered whether there were not some among our people who would consider it a privilege to provide from their means a fund for the helping of those who are worthy if they only knew that there was a real need for it. If you could read some of the earnest appeals which come to us, we are quite sure your hearts would be touched, and some would feel like responding to aid those who are thus in need. This is not to be given outright to students, but is loaned to worthy young people to help pay their expenses while in school, and then when they go out into the work they will be expected to return this to the fund again. If there are any who feel like giving anything toward this enterprise, will send it to the treasurer, Brother C. V. Hamer, Mount Vernon, O., stating it is for the College Student Aid Fund they will receive a receipt, and the proper credit be given, and good will be done.

THE WORLD'S NEED

THIS world is in need of young Christians. Never was there a time when there was so much for them to do, and never were there so many avenues of usefulness open to them. Never were their abilities so fully recognized and valued, and never was so much done to impress upon them the beauty and helpfulness of the true Christian life. This is the young people's era; we must come to the front and improve our opportunities. God has a work for us to do; and he is willing to show us our work just as soon as we give up our own ways and present ourselves to him for service. He is pleading to enter our hearts. Let him in; and heaven will seem nearer and nearer with each advancing year.

GEORGE L. STERLING.

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MRS. ELMER HOLDEN, and little son, of Columbus, is visiting friends in Academia.

MR. WALCOTT HAMER is spending a two week's furlough with his father, Brother C. V. Hamer.

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY was in Academia last week and addressed the Mount Vernon church Sabbath morning.

BROTHER W. T. WEAKS, who has been working on the College Springs Sanitarium, spent Sabbath and Sunday with his family at Clyde.

MRS N. S. MILLER has been seriously ill for several days, but is slowly improving. Remember the admonition to pray for one another.

A SAMPLE copy of the World's Mission Number of the Signs has been received at the office, and it is certainly a very interesting number. We trust that it will be widely circulated by our people everywhere.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Oct. 25, 1907.)

Mary Hubble, Shawnee and Crooksville.—Daniel and Revelation: 16 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$13.85; total, \$18.85.

A. L. Bassler,* Richland Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 38½ hours; value of orders, \$20.50; helps, \$10.30; total, \$30.80; deliveries, \$12.50.

Florence Carter, Shawnee and Crooksville.—Daniel and Revelation: 12 hours; value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$5.70; total, \$12.20; deliveries, \$15.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 21 hours; value of orders, \$46.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Summit Co.—Coming King: value of helps, \$.75; deliveries, \$23.50.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 15 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$3.75; total, \$28.75.

L. H. Waters,* Wayne Co.—Coming King: 62 hours; value of deliveries, \$237.50.

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 5 hours; value of orders, \$3.

Clara Saam, Collinwood.—Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$18.50; deliveries, \$53.95.

Mary E. McClure, Muskingum Co.—Coming King: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$3.70; total, \$5.70.

Fannie Stevens, Newburg.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$14; helps, \$1.40; total, \$15.40; deliveries, \$1.

Total value of orders.....\$140.50
Total value of helps 39.45

Grand total.....\$179.95

Total deliveries.....\$343.45

*Two weeks.

TITHE RECEIPTS

OCTOBER, 1907

Akron.....	\$257.11
Alliance.....	32.74
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	7.72
Beaver.....	13.70
Bellefontaine.....	22.53
Bellville.....	10.87
Bowling Green.....	70.00
Broughton.....	.....
Brokaw.....	.....
Camden.....	113.89
Canton.....	14.63
Chagrin Falls.....	51.53
Charloe.....	9.19
Chillicothe.....	36.98
Cincinnati.....	196.92
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	.....
Clyde.....	44.50
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	355.06
Conneaut.....	35.05
Corsica.....	23.23
Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnets.....	15.31
Dayton.....	43.85
Defiance.....	46.01
Delaware.....	4.25
Delta.....	11.00
Dowling.....	5.60
Dresden-Trinway.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	56.70
Elgin.....	49.89
Fairfield.....	2.50
Farmer.....	.....
Findlay.....	2.85
Postoria.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	30.75
Hamilton.....	76.88
Hamler.....	233.69

Haskins.....	.....
Hicksville.....	64.59
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	21.60
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	8.99
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	114.02
Lake View.....	10.00
Laura.....	34.75
Leesburg.....	25.90
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	24.10
Lima.....	25.11
Locust Point.....	35.00
Mansfield.....	29.29
Marion.....	25.59
Marshfield.....	7.25
Marysville.....	3.00
Massillon.....	81.39
Medina.....	15.55
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	8.40
Middiefield.....	28.00
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	207.50
Nashville.....	2.00
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	49.46
Norwalk.....	53.12
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	1.70
Pleasant Hill.....	21.91
Plimpton.....	57.00
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	2.87
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sandusky.....	7.77
Sherwood.....	3.85
Shreve.....	24.99
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	25.25
Springfield.....	135.37
Swanton.....	8.37
Toledo.....	44.45
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	.....
Unionport.....	.....
Van Wert.....	10.10
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	100.67
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	81.05
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	123.04
Wilmington.....	88.62
Youngstown.....	46.57
Zanesville.....	26.95
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	33.00

Total.....\$3,592.57
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

October, 1907

Tithe.....	\$3,592.57
Ohio Tract Society.....	745.29
Weekly Offerings.....	128.85
Sabbath-school Donations.....	371.21
Y. P. Society.....	70.54
Orphanages and aged.....	2.80
\$150,000 Fund.....	338.56
China.....	72.95
Southern Field.....	428.45
Total.....	\$5,746.28

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