

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN

I SHALL not pass this way again,  
The thought is full of sorrow:  
The good I ought to do to-day,  
I may not do to-morrow.  
If I this moment should withhold  
The help I might be giving,  
Some soul may die, and I shall lose  
The sweetest joy of living.

Only the present hour is mine—  
I may not have another.  
In which to speak a kindly word  
Or help a fallen brother.  
The path of life leads straight ahead:  
I can retrace it never.  
The daily record which I make  
Will stand unchanged forever.

To cheer and comfort other souls,  
And make their pathway brighter;  
To lift the load from other hearts,  
And make their burdens lighter;  
This is the work we have to do;  
It must not be neglected;  
That we improve each passing hour,  
Is of us all expected.

I shall not pass this way again.  
O, then, with high endeavor,  
May I my life and service give  
To him who reigns forever.  
Then will the failures of the past  
No longer bring me sadness,  
And his approving smile will fill  
My heart with joy and gladness  
—The Burning Bush.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL OUR PEOPLE IN CON- NECTICUT

At the last session of the legislature of the State of Connecticut, the following law was passed; and on June 29, was approved and since that date has been in effect:—

"No person who conscientiously believes that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath, and actually refrains from secular business and labor on that day, or who conscientiously believes that the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night, and actually refrains from secular business and labor during said period, and who has filed notice of such belief with the prosecuting attorney of the court having jurisdiction, shall be liable to prosecution for per-

forming secular business and labor on Sunday, provided he disturbs no other person who is attending public worship."

We earnestly urge that all our people in this State attend to this matter at once, and file such a notice as the law demands. While we do not ask for exemption laws, yet there is *nothing* in this law *but what we can conscientiously comply with*; and it does afford us an opportunity to bring our faith and practice before leading men in our State.

The following gives an idea of what should be the form of the written notice:—

"I hereby give written notice that I conscientiously believe the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath: and that I actually refrain from secular business and labor from sundown on Friday night until sundown Saturday night."

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1907.

Again: in closing allow me to urge upon you the importance of attending to this matter without delay.

W. R. ANDREWS.

The above is interesting and from it we should get a better understanding of the purpose of exemption clauses. Who are they really for? Apparently for those exempted. In reality for those doing the exempting. Exemption is only toleration. This is ordinary exemption. while purporting to be a very generous exemption, it is really a proposition for the State in this underhanded way to take the supervision of Sabbath observance as well as Sunday observance. Privilege to work on Sunday is granted if we file notice that we keep the Sabbath. Thus the law requires the observance of one of these days, leaving the choice with the individual; but he must keep one day. Do we recognize the right of the State to require us to keep the Sabbath? Is it any more lawful to render Sabbath observance unto Cæsar than to render Sunday observance to Cæsar? whose superscription does it bear? It "is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." It does not belong to Cæsar, and with it he has no right to interfere directly or indirectly. I doubt very much the

advisability of keeping him informed regarding our attitude toward what is God's. When we acknowledge their right to exempt us by filing such claim, we not only recognize their right to supervise our religious observance; but their right to even withdraw such exemption. Nineteen years ago this nation was stirred and we hope to some extent enlightened by the controversy over the proposed National Sunday Law. This denomination, if it were rightly represented, went on record as repudiating the idea of exemption. It was then said for us, "We will never accept an exemption clause as an equivalent to our opposition to the law. It is not to obtain relief for ourselves that we oppose the law. It is the principle of the whole subject of the legislation to which we object; and an exemption clause would not modify our objection in the least. There should be no exemption from a just law. If the law is right, it is wrong to exempt."

Almost eighty years ago the Senate expressed the American attitude toward exemption or toleration, as follows: "What other nations call religious toleration, we call religious rights. They are not exercised by virtue of governmental indulgence, but as rights of which government cannot deprive any portion of citizens however small. Despotism may invade these rights, but justice still confirms them."

A. C. SHANNON, *Rel. Lib. Sec.*

## MISSIONARY WORK FOR MISSIONS

ALL our people in North America ought fully to understand that just now they have an unusual opportunity to render the cause of God excellent service. This particular opportunity will last for only a short time. In a few months it will be gone. A similar one may not come again for a number of years, if ever.

I refer to the circulation of the "World Missions Special" of the *Signs of the Times*. This important, valuable, and timely special number of the *Signs* has been prepared at great expense and untiring energy by the publishers and editors. When

the matter was nearly ready to go to press one year ago the manuscripts and illustrations were all destroyed in the Pacific Press fire. During the past year new articles and illustrations have been secured from all parts of the world and fresh up-to-date facts and figures relating to missions have been gathered.

And now this Special is ready for distribution. It is ready to tell its splendid Message to the world. Its message is intensely interesting. It is instructive, thrilling, uplifting. It will tell the world that God has decreed that the gospel of his coming kingdom is to be given to all the world in this generation and that when this is done the end will come. It will tell of God's wonderful providences during the last century which have been preparing the way for the gospel to be preached to all the world in this generation. It will tell of the open doors in all lands for God's messengers to enter. And for the first time it will tell the Christian churches in this country of the world-wide missionary work now being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. This is information the people ought to have. It will impress many minds as nothing else will that we can tell them. The paper is ready for circulation. This is the opportunity for our people. In a few months it will be gone. What we fail to do now cannot be done six months from now. Surely our people will be wise and prompt in this matter. People who have confidence in this cause, and love it as we do, will not let this opening for service go by default.

The good news has recently come to us that one of our Young People's Societies has subscribed for over two thousand copies of the Missions Number, and has dedicated the profits to the ever needy and interesting cause of foreign missions. This donation of profits amounts to \$131. Such a liberal consecration of both time and money for the home and foreign missionary work affords a beautiful example for others to follow.

May the Holy Spirit move all to great earnestness.

A. G. DANIELLS.

#### Derwent

SABBATH, November 2, we had the pleasure of again meeting with the company of believers at this place. Brother W. C. Moffett was the Lord's instrument in carrying to this people the Third Angel's Message and of leading them step by step till they desired to be organized into a

church. One by one the different points of our faith were studied, taking sufficient time to make clear every duty that comes with the sacred pledge to church fellowship. This study concluded, the remaining steps necessary to an organization were taken, and as a result we now have a church of twelve members at Derwent, with the necessary officers to carry forward their heaven-appointed work for others, who from time to time come in contact with their influence.

I am thoroughly convinced that to take the solemn vow to live out in every-day life the principles of the everlasting gospel as revealed in the Third Angel's Message requires nothing less than a complete consecration. Unless this step is taken at the start there can be no real growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Personally we enjoyed meeting with these new converts, and of sharing with them the blessings of this occasion. May the Lord richly bless them and prosper all their efforts for the upbuilding of the precious cause of Christ.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### THE GERMAN WORK AT CLEVELAND

DEAR VISITOR READERS: I feel that I have not done justice to you in not reporting sooner. It was not because I had nothing good to say, but because I did not take the time. But I believe it is our duty to report, and to encourage one another in the good work for the Master.

Since camp-meeting I have been working in Cleveland among my German speaking people. I have been working quite a little with the German paper, and have been holding Bible readings nearly every night in the week in private homes where we were invited. The openings for this work have been more than we were able to fill. Some nights we have had as many as twenty people of Hungarian and German blood listening to the explanation of the prophecies with such deep interest that a person could hear a pin drop. The ministers of other churches became very earnest and tried to stop the interest in some way, but this only worked to our advantage. Three Germans have just begun keeping the Sabbath and a number of others are on the point of turning. Of course only one missionary meeting a week, makes it rather hard to give them the truth quickly, and the German speaking people are rather careful. Before they step out

they desire to be sure they are doing the right thing in leaving a large church, and uniting with a little company. But the Lord gives the victory. We are giving the Sabbath question to quite a number of our readers now, and soon the decision will have to be made.

We have nearly 2,000 copies of the special number of the German paper on hand, and quite a number of the German *Family Bible Teacher*, also a number of German books, but not enough workers to help us to take them into the homes of the German people in Cleveland who need them so much. So pray for the German work. The Lord loves the German people just as much as any other people. It is a pleasure to me, to explain the Bible to these hungry people who can not understand these truths in English. God is blessing us with liberty in working for them, and we are grateful to God for a part in the work.

MR. and MRS. G. P. GAEDE.

### GONE TO THE CONFERENCE

THE Ohio delegation composed of the following persons is in attendance at the third biennial session of the Atlantic Union Conference, to be held from the fourteenth to the twenty-fourth of this month at Philadelphia, Penn: H. H. Burkholder, R. R. Kennedy, R. G. Patterson, A. C. Shannon, Francis M. Fairchild, C. T. Redfield, W. E. Bidwell, Dr. H. M. Jump, C. V. Hamer, E. R. Numbers, N. S. Miller, G. C. Quillin, and Prof. J. B. Clymer.

It will be remembered that a new Union Conference is to be organized at this meeting to be called the Columbia Union Conference of which Ohio has been requested to become a member. No doubt but many of our brethren and sisters will await the results of this meeting with no small degree of interest. If this step is taken it will have much to do with our future history. We herewith promise the VISITOR readers full particulars at the earliest possible date.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### GOLDEN THOUGHTS

GIVE me the lowest place; not that I dare  
Ask for that lowest place, but thou hast  
died  
That I might live and share  
Thy glory by thy side.  
Give me the lowest place; or if for me  
That lowest place too high, make one more  
low,  
Where I may sit and see  
My God, and love thee so.

CHRISTIANA ROSETTI.

## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY

## THE SPECIAL WATCHMAN

## "The Morning Cometh"

THE new special issue of the *Watchman* will be ready to mail about the middle of November. It will contain twenty-four pages filled with articles written for the one purpose of teaching the solemn and wonderful gospel message which has been entrusted to the last generation to live on this earth. It will be one of the strongest, clearest, and most satisfactory issues ever printed of any paper to explain the fundamental principles of present truth in an age when vital Christianity is being repudiated in the lives of so many professors of religion. Believers and unbelievers will read it with deep interest.

The cover-page illustration shows that the morning of eternity is about to break, and suggests that just now there is a special message due earth's inhabitants. This beautiful design will attract attention and lead to a study of the message contained in the pages which follow. The Special will be made very attractive by the use of several colors of ink in the numerous choice cuts. It will sell readily at ten cents per copy. There is no quicker way of getting the message of the soon-coming Saviour before the people than by means of such literature as this grand number of the *Watchman*. Here is a golden opportunity for thousands of consecrated workers.

The following are suggestive titles of the leading articles:—

The Messages of Revelation 14, G. I. Butler; The Kingdom of Christ, Mrs. E. G. White; "The Morning Cometh," L. A. Smith; Armageddon, P. T. Magan; Immortality Through Christ, J. S. Washburn; Christ and the Sabbath, K. C. Russell; Peace or War, Which? C. P. Bollman; The Last Generation, S. N. Haskell; The World-Wide Missionary Movement as a Sign of the End, W. A. Spicer; The Millenium, or Order of Events in the Judgment, R. W. Parmele; An Important Work in Heaven, G. B. Thompson. Besides these there will be a number of poems and short articles, and whole pages devoted in a new and striking manner to special features.

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\$8.00; 300 copies, \$12.00; 500 copies, \$17.50.

Orders may be sent at once. Send through the Ohio Tract Society, or direct to the *Watchman*, Nashville, Tenn.

## BIBLE READINGS

THERE are many persons who would like to give their friends and neighbors a series of Bible readings on present truth who do not feel capable or cannot spare the time to do so. The Bible readings series of the *Signs of the Times* furnishes a splendid opportunity for all such to carry out their desires. The next twenty-four numbers, beginning November 13, will contain a course of Bible readings covering all the main points of the Message.

These studies will be taken up in the form of questions and answers. The answers in the main will be in the exact words of the Scripture,—a plain "Thus saith the Lord." The texts will be quoted and references given, thus making the subjects plain and impressive. We hear on every side what man says; let us now hear what God says.

These Bible readings alone will be worth the price of the paper for six months, but in addition to these readings all the other departments of the paper will be kept up the same as usual. All who subscribe now, or during the month of November, will be entitled to the World's Missions Double Number which is really a part of the series.

Brother E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, writes as follows:—

"I fully believe that under the blessing of God this Missions Number and the Bible readings series to follow will be the most effective means for spreading the Third Angel's Message ever yet devised by one of our periodicals. If our people only knew what this paper will really contain and what it might accomplish in bringing God's work for these last days vividly before their friends and neighbors, they would surely awaken and would give this number such a circulation as no paper in the past has ever had. We have never issued such a paper as this before. Surely we must make this a mighty factor in God's work."

The long winter evenings are now right upon us and this series of the *Signs of the Times* will be just the things to place in the hands of our friends and neighbors in order that

they may become more intelligent in regard to the times in which we live and the important events transpiring all around us.

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Address the Ohio Tract Society, or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

## LIBERTY NO. 4

THE "Rome and the United States" number of *Liberty* for the fourth quarter issue, comes out with sixteen strong editorials showing that religious legislation ever leads to persecution, that the attitude of the ministry, the ever-recurring school matter, the demand for Sunday legislation, the strange experiments in legislation, the dangerous precedents, the making of and enforcing Sabbath laws, the inconsistency of enforced religious observances, and the present tendency to make Christ's kingdom of this world, are subverting the principles of good government, and destroying the genuine religious experience.

The general articles of this number are unusually strong among which are:—

"Rome and the Constitution."—The marvellous change fifteen years has made in the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the government of the United States.

"Conscience Free"—Cannot Be Coerced.—"You can forge a crowbar on an anvil, but you cannot hammer out a conscience."

"The Triumph of Rome."—In her co-operation with Protestants in the exalting of Sunday, she is seeking to regain her lost supremacy.

"Threatening Shadows."—The lamb-like nature of this nation is to be changed into that of the dragon,—historical and Scriptural evidence given.

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## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 8, 1907.)

I. R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 17 hours; value of helps, \$7.50; deliveries, \$4.

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 4½ hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$1; total, \$16.

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Mrs. S. E. Reagon,\* Cleveland.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$15.

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Fannie Stevens, Newburg.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$5.50; helps, \$.35; total, \$5.85.

Total value of orders.....\$139.25  
Total value of helps ..... 28.20

Grand total.....\$167.45

Total deliveries.....\$ 28.55

\*For week ending November 1.

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"The Sphere of Law."—The object of civil law is to regulate civil conduct, but the civil law that modifies, changes, or interferes with the law of God transcends the powers conferred, and is not respected by the courts of heaven.

"The Papal Theory of Government."—A union of church and state, with the church as the *superior*, and commanding obedience from the state as the *inferior*.

"The Importance of the Sabbath."—The Sabbath of the fourth commandment—its purpose. The enforcing of its observance being the transgression of the moral law of which it is a part.

"Why Religion Was Disestablished in Virginia."—An interesting sketch of American history in which is revealed the evils of a union of church and state, and the blessing of religious liberty.

"Teaching Only What God Has Commanded."—Men are to take the law of God just as they find it. They have no right to urge as a matter of universal obligation what God has left as a matter to be decided by every man's conscience.

"Temperance."—Sunday-closing of the saloon,—the cause of the moral paralysis upon society,—Lincoln's temperance pledge,—England's drink bill,—liquor drinking in the United States.

The magazine has been enlarged to forty-eight pages, better illustrated and the price raised to *ten cents per copy*. The costs to agents are as follows:—

2 to 25 copies, 5 cents each.

25 to 500 copies, 4 cents.

Subscription price, 25 cents. Foreign, 35 cents per copy.

Ten or more copies one order to one address 15 cents per copy.

Place all orders for *Liberty* with the Ohio Tract Society.

## GOOD NEWS FROM A CAN- VASSER

THE following good letter was received at the Tract Society office:—

AFTON, O., Nov. 10, 1907.

THE OHIO TRACT SOCIETY,  
Mount Vernon, O.

Dear Brethren: After a struggle which I never shall forget I have settled down to work in my old territory, and I will by the help of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus continue to scatter the printed page.

I did not want to give up the canvassing work, and at the same time

was very undecided as to what was best for me to do. So I left the matter with the Lord and asked him to direct and guide me to do my duty. I received a blessing and had one of the richest experiences I have enjoyed in all my time as a canvasser. I want to work harder and pray more earnestly, and search the Scriptures for wisdom and understanding of God's revealed will to us.

I met a man eighty years of age who heard the Message through Brother Haughey, and is living it to the best of his knowledge. He has a Bible that escaped being burned in Scotland in the seventeenth century, and if ever I chance to be in that part of the country I shall go to see it.

Wishing you all the choicest of God's blessings, I remain, your brother in the blessed hope,

ISAAC R. HARDIN.

## HARVEST INGATHERING

WE take pleasure in reporting another very interesting Ingathering service, which was held at Walnut Grove, Sabbath, November 9. The church was tastefully decorated with the products of the harvest field, and the fruits and flowers of autumn, mingled with branches of evergreen.

As we gathered together for worship, the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving seemed present on every side. Every one strove to make this thanksgiving service a success. The entire program pointed forward to the second coming of our Saviour—the grand antitype of our present Ingatherings, and as the many precious promises of the Saviour to his people were recited and his invitation given to those who were without the fold, all hearts longed for a closer connection with him. The need of active preparation for his soon coming was emphasized and a plea made for those who are still in darkness. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. The Master is calling for service. Let us not be found standing idle.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

## NOTES

MISS ESTELLA KENNEDY, of Wheelersburg, O., is visiting relatives and friends in Mount Vernon and vicinity.

ALL subscriptions to the WELCOME VISITOR, received during this month and next are dated to expire January, 1909.