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WHAT I LIVE FOR

I LIVE for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For the human ties that bind me,
For the task that God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story
Who've suffered for my sake,
To emulate their glory,
And to follow in their wake;
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crowd history's pages,
And time's great volume make.

I live to hold communion
With all that is divine,
To feel there is a union
'Twixt nature's heart and mine;
To profit by affliction,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction,
And fulfil each grand design.

I live to hail that season,
By gifted minds foretold,
When men shall rule by reason,
And not alone by gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted
The whole earth shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

LIVING FOR CHRIST

AS a Christian submits to the solemn rite of baptism, the three highest powers in the universe,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,—place their approval upon his act, pledging themselves to exert their power in his behalf as he strives to honor God. He is buried in the likeness of Christ's death, and is raised in the likeness of his resurrection. The Saviour went down into the grave, but he rose from the dead, proclaiming over the rent sepulcher, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

The three great powers of heaven pledge themselves to furnish the Christian with all the assistance he requires. The Spirit changes the heart of stone to the heart of flesh. And by partaking of the Word of

God, Christians obtain an experience that is after the divine similitude. When Christ abides in the heart by faith, the Christian is the temple of God. Christ does not abide in the heart of the sinner, but in the heart of him who is susceptible to the influences of heaven.

The light that shines forth from the life of the true Christian testifies to his union with Christ. Self is hidden from view, and Christ is revealed. Heaven recognizes the fulfilment of the promise, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Then those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

My brother, my sister, God's purpose for you is that you shall live a life that will make others better,—a life which will show that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. It is his purpose that you shall be able to say with the apostle Paul, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." In perfect content, resting in the love of Christ, trusting the Redeemer and Lifegiver to work out for you the salvation of your soul, you will know as you draw nearer and still nearer to him, what it means to endure as seeing him who is invisible. God desires us to rest content in his love.

Love the right because it is right, and analyze your feelings, your impressions, in the light of the Word of God. Misdirected ambition will lead you into sorrow as surely as you yield to it. Cherish an ambition that will bring glory to God because it is sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Consecrate every power of your being to the accomplishment of a holy work. Make every effort, in and through the grace of Christ, to reach the high standard set before you. You can be perfect in your sphere, even as God is perfect in his sphere; for has not Christ declared, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WHAT WOULD BE THE RESULT

FROM all lands there is arising a loud cry to God for a time of spiritual reviving, such as alone can uplift the depressed state of the living Church of Christ, and cause it to go forth in power for the fulfilment of its great commission, and to be the witness of God to a world still in darkness. Such prayer is the privilege and the monopoly of the true Christian people of the land; and to them, of whatever name or body, the appeal is addressed.

If the prayer of Abraham could have prevailed to save the godless cities of the plain of Jordan; if the prayer of Samuel could uplift all Israel from the misery of Philistine oppression; if the prayer of Amos could twice avail to avert a falling judgment from the race of Jacob (7:2-6); if captive Israel's prayers could secure the peace of the lands when they were carried captive (Jer. 29:7)—what then will be the result when and if the whole living Church of Christ in any land, and better still in the whole world, begins to take up this call to prayer in real earnest and to plead until it prevails?—*Rev. Hubert Brooke.*

FIGHTING SHADOWS

I AM told that engineers on the railway dislike moonlight nights, because they are all the time fighting shadows. There is a shadow just across the track ahead; it looks like a man or a horse, or a tree; but it is not; it is only the shadow of something extending across the rails.

We spend a lot of our energy—all of us do—just fighting shadows. We all are prone to mistrust God, and to see great trouble raising up before us. Time after time have we come to the place, and either, like the women at Christ's tomb, found the trouble removed, or found that God has given us grace to overcome it. One trouble is scarcely passed until we are looking into the future for new ones, forgetting that we have a promise good for all the days to come, "My grace is sufficient for thee;" or this, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."—*Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

THE VISITOR

A Union Conference Paper

SOMETIME ago it was announced that the VISITOR was to be thenceforth the reorganized organ of the Columbia Union Conference; of which Ohio now forms an important part. All the necessary steps for changing the VISITOR from a local conference to a union conference paper were taken several weeks ago. It was then agreed by all concerned that the name should be changed from THE WELCOME VISITOR to COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR. For various reasons this change had not appeared at the head of the paper until the present number.

The WELCOME VISITOR, as the Ohio Conference paper, has enjoyed a successful and popular existence for many years. Doubtless some will regret the change of name. But consideration will likely lead all to approve the plan for the paper to occupy a much wider place in the interests of "present truth." With its entering upon its mission in the entire field of the Columbia Union Conference, it is apparent that it should bear a name that will clearly indicate the extent of its field and importance under the new arrangement. Hence the new name—COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR.

It is to be hoped that the future visits of the paper to the homes of loyal friends of the Message in Ohio will be more welcome even than the visits made in the past years. It is also to be hoped that the UNION VISITOR will find a welcome entrance to the homes of the lovers of the advent message in the other six conferences composing the Columbia Union.

It will be the steadfast purpose of the Union Conference administration in publishing the VISITOR to make it stand forth as a vigorous and creditable exponent of an aggressive movement for the finishing of the work for the salvation of the world. To this end the hearty co-operation of all believers in our union conference, conference workers and church officers, are urgently invited to contribute frequent reports of the progress of the cause, and other suitable matter. The people generally may aid the purpose of the VISITOR by arranging for it to enter every Seventh-day Adventist home in the Columbia Union Conference. If the VISITOR receives such support as this, it will serve as a medium of a mighty magnetism to

draw and hold our churches together for a splendid and continuous forward movement.

May all this be realized.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

ACTIVITY IN THE CONFERENCES

SINCE the organization of the Columbia Union Conference in November of last year, it has been my privilege personally to attend general meetings in each and all of the conferences in the Union. Of these meetings three have been conference sessions, two committee and College board meetings, five conference workers' councils, and four special meetings for church officers.

The conference sessions, committee meetings and councils of conference workers were all characterized by a spirit of staunch loyalty to the Message, and deep earnestness for its advancement. It is evident that the several local conference administrations are thoroughly committed to a policy for aggressively pushing the work. May every worker partake of this spirit to the fullest measure.

I have attended church officers' meetings in Eastern Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. I am now on my way to attend two such meetings in the West Pennsylvania Conference. Soon the New Jersey Conference will conduct two conventions for the officers of the church in that State.

The special efforts in behalf of the church officers means much for the strengthening of the organized work, and the rapid spread of the Message. I am convinced that no local conference can do a wiser or better thing than to conduct suitable conventions for the officers of the local churches. Special efforts should be made to bring all the church elders in a conference together for special instruction and counsel at least once a year.

The church officers' conventions thus far held in this Union have been most interesting and enthusiastic gatherings. It has been a great personal pleasure to me to meet the leaders of the local churches in meetings for special prayer, counsel and instruction.

May the conferences, one and all, make ample provision for bringing together the leaders of the local congregations, and may the local leaders avail themselves of such opportunities.

The work is onward, but let us unitedly pray and labor for greater progress.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

STAND fast in the Lord.

NEW JERSEY, NOTICE!

It has been decided to hold our Canvassers' Institute at Trenton, N. J., April 12 to 26. We have arranged to have Brother I. D. Richardson, the Union Conference Canvassing Agent, take charge of the Institute and furnish such other help from the Conference as may be necessary. Just now seems to be an opportune time for opening up the book work in this State. At least we have no reason to expect that waiting will bring us any better opportunities. Those who have gone out so far have had good success. There is so much territory in the State that has never been worked with our publications that no one need have any fear on that score. The Conference will furnish board, room and railroad expense for those who attend the Institute and enter the work as regular canvassers.

I would like to call special attention of students in the College, who are anticipating entering the canvassing work during the summer, to the New Jersey field. It affords a splendid opportunity to those who are desirous of working in this line during the summer months. With a large population who are accustomed to reading books, and so little canvassing done previously, the field is especially inviting. All who are contemplating entering the Institute should send their name and address, with recommendations from the church elder, to me as soon as possible. Address 621 William St., Trenton, N. J.

B. F. KNEELAND.

THE LAST CALL

West Pennsylvania Canvassers' Institute

THIS will be the last notice given in regard to the Institute to be held at Johnstown, March 29 to April 12. All who desire to attend this school should immediately correspond with the writer.

Board and room will be furnished free to all who attend with the intention of immediately, or in the near future, entering into the field selling our books. Car fare will be refunded by allowing five per cent. extra on deliveries, until the amount expended in going to the Institute and return into your field of labor is made up.

The above offer is both to the old and prospective canvassers and we are glad to note that a number of the old as well as the new have announced their coming. There is room, however, for more and we hope to hear from others immediately.

You will need to bring with you the book that you wish to study in the school, also your Bible, and it would be well for those who have "Gospel Workers," "Early Writings" and volumes 6, 7 and 8 of the "Testimonies" to bring them along.

We especially mention, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," the new book, "Home and Health," and "Heralds of the Morning" as the books we wish to push this year but if there are any who have a special burden for some other book we can but say bring it along.

It would be well also to bring two towels with you.

Remember we are also going to have services every night for the benefit of the public, so come prepared to enjoy a good spiritual time. Brother I. D. Richardson will be with us all the way through, so the most efficient advice will be given.

We trust that all who think of attending will correspond with the writer, as it may save confusion that may result otherwise.

I. G. BIGELOW, *Field Miss. Agent.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

THE Canvassers' Institute to be held at Johnstown, Pa., March 29 to April 12 we hope will be attended by many of our young people who desire to enter the work. This meeting will be two weeks of educational work for gospel workers. "The intelligent, God fearing, truth loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister." "Testimonies," vol. VI, p. 321. "To those who are engaged in this work, I would say, as you visit the people, tell them you are a gospel worker and that you love the Lord." *Id.*, p. 323. Brother I. D. Richardson, general canvassing agent for the Columbia Union Conference, will be present during the time and some of our ministers will be there a part of the time. Board, room, and tuition will be free to all who will enter the work at once as regular canvassers. To all who desire a part in the closing Message, get ready soon, for the work will soon be finished.

All communications to the president of the West Pennsylvania Conference should be addressed to I. N. Williams, Corydon, Pa., until further notice.

I. N. WILLIAMS.

CANVASSER'S LETTER

DEAR VISITOR: This is my first report to the VISITOR, and I will say first that I am thankful that I am spared to have a part in the work in this sinful world.

I am young in years, and in this truth, yet I feel that God has wonderfully blessed my efforts in the past two weeks, for which I thank him and take renewed courage. I love the canvassing work and feel that the Lord is preparing me to do acceptable work for him in getting the books, which contain the truth, into the homes of the people. I felt discouraged when I first came out, but now I can not do enough for him. I work from 8 A. M. till 6 or 7 P. M., four days in the week, and nine hours Friday, and I believe all can do it. My first week out I took \$14 worth of orders; and the week just ended, my orders amounted to \$12.50. I pray that God will bless me

in the future and also all canvassers everywhere, for we need the prayers of all of God's praying people.

We find that the people are afraid of the hard times and its attending conflict which they see coming upon the world, and so do not buy the books as readily as they otherwise would. But the Lord has shown that there is a great work to be done through our canvassers, that these books should be scattered throughout the world, and we should feel that God has placed us here for the finishing of the work in this generation and should take courage knowing that he will be with us.

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending March 6, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. Lindsey, Licking Co.,	D A	5	33½	9	\$31.50	\$4.50	\$36.00	\$.85	
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,	G C	3	23	4	10.00	3.85	13.85	.35	
E. M. Horst, Medina Co.,	G C	9	84	11	27.50	28.95	56.45	8.05	
R. French, Wood Co.,	BR CK	4	31	9	12.00	.75	12.75	21.25	
L. Waters, Mahoning Co.,	C K	5	40	32	37.50	1.40	38.90	1.40	
Totals		26	211½	65	\$118.50	\$39.45	\$157.95	\$31.90	

Chesapeake, Month of February, 1908

H. Scott, Baltimore, Md.,	C K	10	34	50	\$65.85		\$65.85	\$18.50	
C. B. Ingram, Chestert'n	C K	5	29	6	6.50	\$23.60	30.10	19.40	
E. Franklin, Severn, Md.	C K	3	18	13	14.50		14.50		
J. Mitchell, Lansd'ne, Md.	C K	1	6	10	10.50		10.50		
Lillie Warnick, B'ltm're,	D R	1	4	4	10.00		10.00	2.75	
K. E. Wright, Kent Isl'd,	C K	2	3					3.00	
D. W. Johns, Baltimore,	C K	1	3	4	4.00		4.00		
Totals		23	97	87	\$111.35	\$23.60	\$134.95	\$43.65	

New Jersey, for Week Ending March 6, 1908

D. Percy, Hackensack,	G C	5	\$14.50		\$14.50				
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Virginia, Week Ending March 6, 1908

J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,	D R	36			\$6.15	\$6.15	\$9.70		
M. Jemerson, Richm'd,	C K	10	2	\$3.50	.35	3.85	2.60		
E. McGlocklin, Richm'nd,	D R	7	3	4.50	.35	4.85	1.55		
Totals		53	5	\$8.00	\$6.85	\$14.85	\$13.85		

West Virginia, for Week Ending March 6, 1908

A. Moyer, Braxton Co.,	C K	5	52	11	\$11.00	\$ 1.50	\$12.50		
W. L. Logan, Braxton Co.,	D R	5	42	14	26.00	20 00	46.00		
J. Marlatt, Marsh'l Co.,	D R	5	34	4	8.00	2.50	10.50		
John Moyer, Wood Co.,	G C	3	24	3	7.50	6.00	13.50		
O'D. Fletcher, Marshall,	S P	4	19	10	14.25	.30	14.55		
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley,	D R	4	18	5	9.50	1.90	11.40	\$2.55	
H. Waggoner, Berkeley,	C K	3	17	7	8.00	1.00	9.00	3.50	
L. A. Moyer, Wirt Co.,	C K	1	10	3	3.00		3.00		
Totals		29	216	57	\$87.25	\$33 20	\$120.45	\$6.05	

Eastern Pennsylvania, for Week Ending Feb. 28, 1908

G. Siegel, Jersey Shore,	D R	4	21	1	\$ 1.75	\$.25	\$ 2.00	\$2.50	
H. Gerhart, Telford,	D R	8	51	19	41.50		41.50		
W. Siegel, Jersey Shore,	C K	3	25	7	7.50	3.50	11.00	24.75	
H. J. Detwiler, Gladis,	C K	8	60	30	30.00	3.20	33.20		
C. Vaughn, Slate Run,	H M	3	24	6	10.50	11.85	22.35	22.35	
J. F. Phillips, Scranton,	B R				16.25	5.35	21.60		
Totals		28	181	63	\$107.50	\$24.15	\$131.65	\$49.50	

*Two weeks.

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THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

ELDER W. J. FITZGERALD was in Academia several days last week on conference business.

"A BRIGHT, cheerful, and happy temperament will accomplish more real results than a hundred grumps."

It has been arranged to hold the next Ohio camp-meeting August 13-23. The location has not as yet been decided, but let every one remember the date and begin to plan their work accordingly.

SISTER CORA GIBSON, who was unable to continue her work in Cleveland last month, writes that she is somewhat improved in health and hopes to continue her work from now on without interruption.

BROTHER FRED M. FAIRCHILD and family have moved to their new home at Cumberland, Md., where he has connected with the work in the Chesapeake Conference. The good wishes of many friends follow them.

WE hope that the Sabbath-school secretaries will order their supplies immediately, so no school will be inconvenienced by not receiving their lesson pamphlets for the first Sabbath. It is not an unusual occurrence to receive an order something like the following, on Friday morning:—

"MARCH 26, 1908.

"Dear Brother Miller: Please send us immediately — lesson quarterlies, so we can have them in time for Sabbath morning. I forgot to order sooner." Then Brother Miller, or his assistant, hurriedly ties up the quarterlies, and rushes out to catch the car to Mount Vernon, but the best that can be done is to get them out on the evening mail — too late to be on time for the Sabbath-school. *This ought not to be.*

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I love to talk to the people about their soul's welfare, and when they ask me to what church I belong, I just love to answer the question.

I receive encouragement in every paper I get and want to have my report of work in each issue of the VISITOR.

I ask the readers of the VISITOR to pray that the Lord will send angels ahead to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the printed page as it is presented to them by his servants.

A. J. MOYER.

ITEMS FROM CHESAPEAKE

WORD has been received that Brother Virbrook Nutter, who is in charge of the work in Wilmington, Del., is ill. Let us remember Brother Nutter in our prayers that God will speedily restore him to health and strength.

THREE of the canvassers starting out from the Canvassers' Institute recently held in the Chesapeake Conference took orders to the amount of \$160 the first week in the city of Baltimore. We trust all the others have done as well.

BROTHER PRENER reports that he conducts ten regular Bible readings every week and that one or more have accepted the truth at each place. Surely the Lord is blessing his work. This should encourage all our people to do what they can in holding Bible readings.

BROTHER CARLISLE B. HAYNES, who recently came from the Atlantic Conference, is doing a good work in the No. 1 church in Baltimore. He expects soon to begin another series of meetings in the city. He is now located at 4107 Massachusetts Ave., Baltimore, Md.

BROTHER CLARK, after spending a few days with the canvassers in Baltimore, went to Washington, where he expects to arrange with some of the students now attending the Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary to spend their vacation next summer canvassing in this Conference. He also expects to visit Hagerstown before he returns.

THE Canvassers' Institute in Baltimore was a great blessing not only to the canvassers who attended but also to the people in the city. Many practical lessons were taught by Brethren Richardson, Columbia Union Conference Missionary Agent; S. N. Curtiss, from the Review & Herald; and G. H. Clark, the Field Agent. A spirit of unity prevailed all through the meetings and the testimony of all was that it was good to be there.

A GOOD work is being done in the city of Baltimore by the members of the churches in circulating our periodicals. Thousands of copies are sold every month. Cannot other churches in the Conference do something along this line?

MORRIS LUKENS.

THE following letter from Brother F. L. Perry, dated at Lima, Peru, will be of interest to all:—

"I have just received the rolls of the Missions Numbers of the *Signs of the Times*. It seems to me that this is by far the best special which the office has sent out. Every article is alive and interesting, and quivering with the power of this heavenly Message. On a recent trip down the coast I had the opportunity of conversing with the superintendent of the British and Foreign Bible Society for this coast. He was greatly astonished to hear of the growth and extent of our work. This special will have a wonderful effect in directing the attention toward this Message and its bearers."

Orders for the Missions Number can still be filled.

Address this office, or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"ANNIE C. SHEAFE, wife of Elder Lewis C. Sheafe, was born Nov. 25, 1886, and died March 4, 1908. The funeral was held from People's Seventh-day Adventist Church, Tenth and V Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., Friday, March 6, 1908, at 1 P. M."

The many friends of Sister Sheafe will read the announcement of her death with deep regret. Her kind disposition and Christian life won many friends during her residence in Ohio. Not long since she buried her daughter Clara. We can only pray that God will comfort the sorrowing husband and son, and that when the Lord shall come for his people they may be an unbroken family in the everlasting kingdom.

OBITUARY

BURKE.—Died at the Protestant Hospital, Columbus, O., March 7, 1908, Della Burke, aged 44 years, 11 months, and 26 days. She accepted the truth and united with the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Church, July, 1889, of which she remained a member until death. Although in her home she had much opposition in living the truth she held so dearly, yet her life has borne fruit. She leaves a husband and mother to mourn their loss. A large concourse of people were present and gave excellent attention to the discourse. Rev. 14:13 was used as the text. We lay her away to await the Lifegiver.

C. T. REDFELD.