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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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### HE LEADETH ME.

In pastures green?" not always; some-  
times He  
Who knoweth best, in kindness lead-  
eth me  
In weary ways, where heavy shadows  
be—  
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft  
and bright,  
Out of the sunshine into darkest  
night;  
I oft would faint with sorrows and  
affright—  
Only for this—I know he holds my  
hand;  
So, whether in the green or desert  
land,  
I trust, although I may not under-  
stand.  
And "by still waters?" no, not always  
so;  
Oftimes the heavy temptests round  
me blow,  
And o'er my soul the waves and bil-  
lows go:  
But when the storm beats loudest,  
and I cry  
Aloud for help, the Master standeth  
by,  
And whispers to my soul, "Lo it is  
I."  
Above the tempest wild I hear Him  
say,  
"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect  
day,  
In every path of thine I lead the  
way."  
So, whether on the hill-tops high and  
fair  
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys  
where  
The shadows lie—what matter? He  
is there.  
And more than this: where'er the  
pathway lead,

He gives to me no helpless broken  
reed,

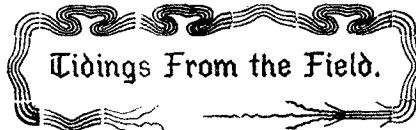
But His own hand sufficient for my  
need.

So where He leads me I can safely  
go:

And in the blest hereafter I shall  
know

Why in His wisdom He hath led me  
so."

—Selected.



### Tidings From the Field.

Portsmouth, O., Jan. 20, 1902.

Thinking the readers of the Vis-  
itor would be glad to hear from the  
work in this place, we write the fol-  
lowing: We are of good courage in  
the Lord, and He is blessing us in  
our work; to Him be all the praise.  
Although we meet opposition on ev-  
ery hand and the enemy is trying  
hard to overthrow the good work  
which is being done, the work is prosper-  
ing. We have organized a Sab-  
bath-school. Last Sabbath twenty-  
one were present, twelve adults and  
nine children. Several were detained  
at home on account of sickness. Chil-  
dren as well as adults are interested  
in the study of the lessons. A little  
girl (who is eleven years of age) said  
she could not be satisfied to join any  
other church than the Seventh Day  
Adventist. It cheers our hearts to  
see the old and young taking hold of  
the truth. Others are standing in  
the valley of decision. We long for  
the time to come when we will have  
a church organized, a company that  
will hold up the standard of light and  
truth in this city. Remember the  
work in Portsmouth.

ANNIE E. SMITH.

Waterford, O., Jan. 21, 1902.

Dear Readers—I know it gives you  
joy to learn of souls being converted  
to this glorious truth, which is so  
precious to us. I am glad that I can  
tell you that since the last report

that was sent in five or six weeks ago,  
two more have decided to obey the  
Lord. The Hill Grove church has  
seventeen members, and five are  
keeping the Sabbath who have not  
yet united with the church. Many  
others are in the valley of decision.  
The Spirit of God is indeed working  
upon the hearts of the people here.  
The field is ripe for the truth. I re-  
joice to be a laborer in the Lord's  
harvest field.

JAMES H. SMITH.

Liberty Center, O., Jan. 18, 1902.

Dear Welcome Visitor—I am glad  
that I can announce to all who have  
the privilege of reading your pages,  
that one of the best meetings ever  
held in this part of the state was  
held at Liberty Center, Jan. 2-6,  
1902. The Spirit of the Lord came  
in at the very beginning and union  
prevailed throughout the entire meet-  
ing. Angels of God were present,  
hearts were made tender, souls were  
reclaimed, and eternity alone will  
reveal the good done at this meeting.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.



### QUESTIONS ON "TESTIMON- IES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK."

(February Study, Pages 58-61.)

First Week.

1. In the text quoted what are we  
told to do, and what not to do? Where  
is this text?

2. In what two ways must we  
learn, in order to be successful lab-  
orers? (Study the value of both  
ways.)

3. What growth is required? Of  
what is this growth an evidence?  
What power does it bring?

4. Give three reasons why God has  
written unto the youth.

5. What habits does He desire  
them to have? Why?

6. What kind of service does God  
accept?

7. What does every branch of  
God's work demand? (Is the Sab-  
bath-school work included in this?  
Are we giving it our best efforts?)

**THE FORWARD MOVEMENT**  
 A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the  
 Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the  
 Second Advent of Our Lord.  
**"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."**

**THE FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL YOUTH.**

Who is there that is not suffering in his body for some sin against the laws of life and health, that is, against God's life, committed no doubt in the ignorance of youth? or from some inherited weakness that has been magnified by continued yielding to it? The sin was committed in ignorance, but we suffer nevertheless, even after we have learned the right way. Is there then no hope for us, that we may be freed from the infirmity? or must we suffer for our past ignorance as long as we live?

There used to be no uncertainty about this matter, for the Scriptures speak plainly. Let us read our blessed promise: "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He teach sinners in the way."—Ps. xxv. 7, 8. This is the prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit, who is sent to help our infirmities, and to teach us to pray as we ought; and "He maketh the intercession for the saints according to the will of God."—Rom. viii. 27.

Therefore we know this prayer is one that God is pleased to answer, and that He will forget the sins of our youth, because He will destroy them—swallow them up to His life. "Our sins were committed in ignorance, and the Lord who has compassion on the ignorant, and "on them that are out of the way" (Heb. vi. 2) gives us His own wisdom. He does this; teaching us the right way, because he is "good and upright;" but in that God is good and upright, or "faithful and just," He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness."—1 John i, 9. It is by His knowledge that the righteous servant of God makes many righteous; "for He shall bear their iniquities."—Isa. 1 iii, 11. "All things that pertain unto life and godliness" are given to us "through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."—2 Peter i, 3.

But in giving us wisdom (and He

giveth it freely to all who lack it, and ask for it), God does not merely give us the knowledge which enables us to recognize our failure, and leaves us to mourn over it. The Gospel does not leave us to hopeless regrets, but begets us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making us "partakers of the Divine nature." Being born again, born from above, we have the privilege of beginning life anew. Is it not a glorious prospect? How often we have said, "If I could live my life over again,"—but if he could, we should without doubt do the same thing again, that we have done. God provides something far better than that, in giving to us an entirely new life, so that we may begin again under entirely new and better conditions.

In forgiving all our iniquities, God provides healing for our diseases. Read the exhortation to bless Him "who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."—Ps. ciii, 4, 5. In renewing our youth, God redeems our life from destruction; and the provision for this wondrous redemption is placed within our reach, in all the good gifts of God, and is even placed **within us, since the word is nigh us, in our mouth and in our heart, and God's everlasting power and divinity are manifested in every thing that life has made.** In Christ we find the fountain of eternal youth. Therefore "bless the Lord, O, my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O, my soul; and forget not all His benefits."

E. J. WAGGONER.



"Let no man deceive you with vain words."

If you receive a sample copy of the Visitor it is an invitation for you to subscribe for it.

There are nine church schools in Ohio this year. When the Lord's instruction in this work is carried out, there will be many more church schools in Ohio.

"The cloak of false profession will make an awful blaze when God burns up the stubble."

"As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so my soul panteth after thee, O God."

**THE CITY.**

"I said, 'Let me walk in the fields;'  
 He said, 'No, walk in the town.'  
 I said, 'There are no flowers there;'  
 He said, 'No flowers, but a crown.'  
 "I said, 'But the air is thick,  
 There is nothing but noise and din,'  
 He wept as he sent me back;  
 'There is more,' he said; 'there is sin.'"



**NEW YORK CITY.**

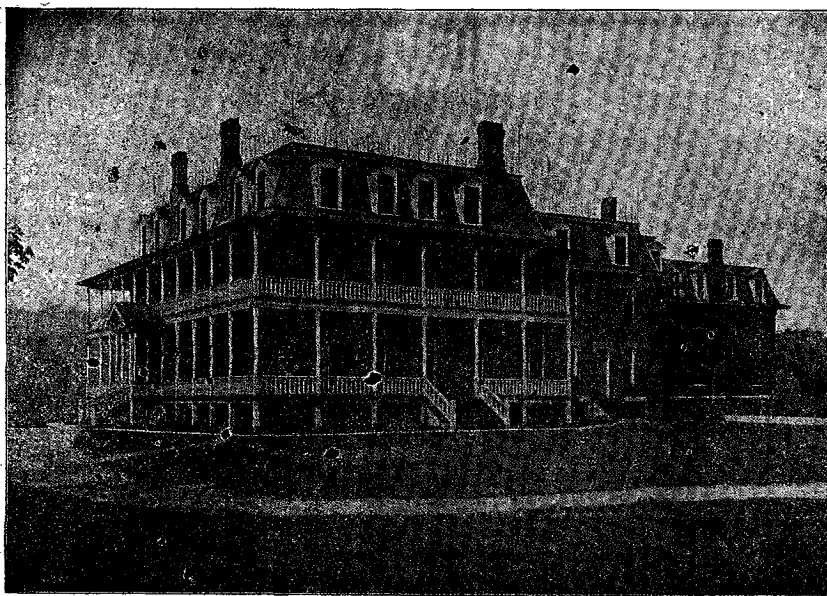
The work is onward in New York city. In a letter written by S. N. Haskell to the president of the Ohio conference, he says: "The way has opened before us in some respects in a wonderful manner." He also says: "If we could realize the nearness of the time of trouble and the perils of the times into which we have entered, men who have farms and lands would immediately dispose of them and place the money derived from them in some branch of the cause of God. So if you have \$100 men or \$1,000 men lying around, and they do not know what to do with the money, just tell them to send it right along, and we will place it in the bank of heaven, and they will reap their dividend when this life is over. You know how it was with the unjust stewards who were about to be called to account for their stewardship. Now we all have been unjust stewards, and will be called to account; talents have been misused, means misappropriated and self has been a god that many of us have worshipped. Now God would have us turn that table completely around. Worship Him and Him alone, give of our means to support His work, and then we shall experience in our hearts His salvation and see His truth go forth as a lamp that burneth, and when the conflict is over we will reap the reward of the just." All who desire to help the work in New York city, please send their donations to the Ohio Conference, S. D. A., Academia, Ohio.



"Unbelief in the heart is like the worm in Jonah's gourd—an unseen adversary."

"Disobedience always leads us into troubled waters."

"If you wish to be fishers of men, you must leave your old nets."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

TAKE IT BY FORCE.

Take what? Anything that is worth having. The kingdom of Heaven includes everything that is valuable in this life and in the life to come. God has opened the door of heaven wide, and invites all to enter, but He allows Satan to stand outside the door to hinder those who "seek" to enter. Only those who are determined to go in, who say, I will, and mean it, will ever get inside the gate. You must be ready to strive, fight, "thrust men," if you expect to reach Heaven. Whatever is worth having you can have, if you will take it by force.

You would like an education but the way seems hedged up. Poverty, or some other insurmountable difficulty keeps you from your desire. Don't sit around waiting and wishing for the way to open. Up and at it. Open the way. Take education by force. You can do it. God is longing to help you, when you show yourself anxious to be helped. Never in the history of our world has there been better opportunities to make a success of life than just now. The cause of God needs you. Openings are everywhere. Thousands of young men and women are needed in every branch of service. God is calling for earnest young people to be teachers, nurses, physicians, ministers and canvassers. Many would like to have a part in the Lord's work, but there seems to be no way open. O, my brother, my sister, the time of special privilege will soon be over. You

are cheating yourself by listlessly waiting and wishing. More yet, you are cheating God and the world out of the service you might render. God has no favorites. He is as anxious to have you make a grand success of life, as any person that ever lived. How can you do it? First, be faithful in what you have to do today. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Just as surely as you are faithful in a few things God will make you ruler over many. If your work is only to sweep the floor, or wash the dishes, or feed the cattle, do it faithfully, do it well, do the best you can. Do it better every time if possible. Do it with a vim. Don't be all day about it. Don't waste minutes. Don't waste pennies. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, faithful, earnest, cheerful, true. A larger place will surely open for you. A friend of mine once said to me, "I wish I knew of some girl that I could help to get an education." I was a little surprised, because I knew that in the church to which she belonged were a number of young ladies, and I heard some of them wishing that it were possible to attend a college. Seeing something of this question in my face, my friend explained: "There is Mary, to be sure, and Jennie; they are nice girls, and I like them; they would like to go to school too, and it seems a pity that they cannot; but they spend their nickles and dimes for gum, candy and ribbons. If I saw them trying to save and help them-

selves, I would gladly help them." I fear these girls will never know the help they missed. Wake up! Shake yourself! Be somebody! Make all that is possible to make of yourself that you may not disappoint the One who made you. I would determine that I would go to school. Seek God for wisdom. Settle it with Him that you will please Him in all things, and He will lead you step by step to the highest peak of progress and success. Make no delay! Time hastens. Very soon this life will be over. Don't be a failure for eternity. Time and knowledge lost now cannot be made up, even in the eternal ages. Go to school yet this winter if you can make a way. Don't wait until you can see the way clear for a year. Make a start. Don't be a "botch workman" all your life. If you can't go this winter, then study where you are. Make yourself do it. Take time by force. Write to those who have charge of our schools. They will be glad to advise you. But do something and do it now.—Luther Warren, in the Practical Educator.



THE WORK IN THE SOUTH.

The Lord has spoken in regard to the work in the southern field. "The necessities of the field call for immediate action. I call upon all who can to help in the establishment of the work in Nashville. Be God's helping hand. Help where help is needed. Take hold with us in assisting the workers in the South. At a time like this shall the work in Nashville be allowed to come to a standstill? I call upon our people every where to do something to advance this enterprise. Let us do something to help and do it now."

We hope that all will do all they can to help this work. We want to remember that this is not a far off country, but it is our neighbor. Will we see our neighbor suffer when it is in our power to help? Do you want to see the work established in the South? If you do please send your mites to the Ohio Conference S. D. A., Academia, O., and it will be sent on to the proper place. The publishing house cannot be finished until there is sufficient money to do it, so let us help our neighbors.



"Many pray like boys who knock at doors and then run away."

# THE WELCOME VISITOR

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Several new students entered the Academy at the beginning of the Winter term.

Sister E. G. White and party arrived safely at their California home. Sister White not only stood the journey well, but her condition is much improved.—Southern Watchman.

Let all remember the canvassers' institute in Columbus, Feb. 6-16, 1902.

There will be a general meeting at Middlefield, Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan 30 to Feb. 2, 1902. Elders A. G. Haughey and A. C. Shannon will be present.

M. C. Kirkendall has gone to Waterford to assist James H. Smith in the work at that place.

All individuals and societies can receive their statements, as they are all ready.

It is requested that all the conference laborers be prompt in sending in their monthly reports if they desire a remittance; and send them in as soon after the first of each month as possible, and send them to the Ohio Conference S. D. A., Academia, Ohio, and not to A. G. Haughey.

The conference committee will meet in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1902.

Postage has so increased on tracts that it will be well for all those who desire tracts to order them when ordering a box of books, and thus save a large amount of postage.

Brother N. S. Miller will attend the canvassers' institute a few days.

L. C. Sheafe occupied the pulpit at the Mt. Vernon church Sabbath, Jan. 25.

U. S. Clymer is in Battle Creek, Mich.

Elder R. A. Boardman's health does not seem to improve as yet.

Brothers M. S. Babcock, H. H. Burkholder, A. C. Shannon, Thomas Thornton and G. P. Gaede were in Academia last week. They were on the auditing committee.

Miss Lela Gibson has been spending a few days in Academia. At the last meeting of the "Students' Missionary Society," she related some of the experiences that she had while in New York city.

There are at the present time 828 ministers and licentiates in our denomination.

Are you taking the "Review and Herald?" This is our good church

paper and you do not want to do WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST. without it.

A general plan of organization has been decided upon for our young people's work. The name which has been chosen is "~~Young People's Society of Seventh-Day Adventists.~~"

We hope that all will read the articles on "The Forward Movement."



## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

F. E. Wagner—Cash sales and deliveries, \$23.45.

W. E. Bidwell—Deliveries, 3 Bibles, 3 Christ's Object Lessons, 3 Coming King, 2 Gospel Primer, 1 Testament, 2 Steps to Christ, 4 Best Stories, 622 pages of tracts. Value, \$18.60.

Orders—5 Bibles, 8 Christ's Object Lessons, 2 Steps to Christ, 3 Gospel Primer, 10 Best Stories. Value, \$27.50. 61 calls, 15 papers given away, 72 pages tracts.

Alice Edwards—Orders, 2 Christ's Object Lessons, 4 Best Stories, 1 Coming King, 1 Herald of the Morning, 6 Bibles, 1 Marvel of Nations, 5 Bible Readings. Deliveries, 2 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Bible Reading.

Edith Francis—Orders, 1 Gt. Cont., 2 Christ's Object's Lessons, 5 Bible Readings. Deliveries, 1 Bible Reading.

Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 20 Coming King, 3 Gospel Primer, 1 Glorious Appearing, 1 Sunbeams of Health and Temperance. Value, \$23.

Deliveries, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 2 Gospel Primer, 26 Coming King, 2 Glorious Appearing, 1 Cats and Dogs. Value, \$28.25.

Mrs. G. W. Spies—Orders, 8 Gospel Primer, 13 Coming King, 8 All Sorts. Value, \$21.

W. E. Bidwell—For week ending Jan. 25. Orders, 7 Christ's Object Lessons, 4 Steps to Christ, 3 Gospel Primer, 9 Best Stories, 3 Coming King, 2 Bibles. Deliveries, 1 Christ's Object Lessons, 4 Steps to Christ, 1 Gospel Primer, 9 Best Stories, 516 pages of tracts. Total value, \$30.57. Made 65 calls, gave 1 Bible reading, 8 papers given away, 120 pages of tracts given away.



"The great outlet of sin is the tongue; the great inlets of temptation are the ear and eye; but of the whole body the heart is mistress. Therefore let race rule the heart, and the whole man shall be subject."

God has given to every man a work to do in connection with His kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the Gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God.

But instead of this, how many of our large churches come and go like a door on its hinges, feeling no responsibility of the progress of its work, no interest in the salvation of souls for whom Christ died. They do not dream of weaving their religion into their business. They say, religion is religion, and business is business; they believe each has a proper sphere, but let them be separated. But in whatever calling a Christian is found, he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world.

Whatever may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ. If this is not our interest, we rob God of influence, of time, of money and effort. In withholding our heart's service from the Lord, we fail to benefit our fellow men, and thus rob God of the glory that would flow to Him through the conversion of others.—Missionary Visitor.



## GOOD WORDS FOR THE VISITOR.

"Please find 25 cents in stamps for the Welcome Visitor. We look for it as a real Welcome Visitor. We appreciate it very much."

"I renew my subscription for another year, for I cannot do without the Visitor."

"Dear Welcome Visitor—Find enclosed 25 cents for which continue your welcome visits for another year."

"We do not wish to be left a single week without our ever 'Welcome Visitor,' so we enclose 25 cents to renew our subscription."

We hope that many more such cheering words will be sent in from time to time, as we want the Visitor to make its weekly visits to all of the Seventh Day Adventist's homes in Ohio.