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

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THE WELCOME VISITOR.

A little more than six years ago The Welcome Visitor made its first appearance in the Ohio Conference. The need of such a medium of communication had previously been recognized by many of the conference laborers, and its advent met with a hearty approval by all.

Faithful to its promise it has continued its visits to the homes of its patrons to the present time. Wherein the Visitor has failed to be what its name indicates—a welcome visitor—is no fault of its own, but rather a failure on the part of its friends.

We believe there is a place of usefulness yet to be filled by the "Welcome Visitor." The amount of good accomplished, however, will depend upon the interest we take in the paper and the degree of encouragement we individually give it.

Some changes in the Visitor will appear with the year 1903. But the purpose of this little journal remains the same. At a recent meeting of representatives of the four departments of the Welcome Visitor the following recommendations were unanimously passed:

1. That the paper be printed bi-weekly.
2. That Prof. N. W. Lawrence be invited to edit the same.
3. That the printing be done by

the Mt. Vernon Academy.

We believe that these changes will be received with favor by all readers of the Visitor.

In concluding this article I wish to thank one and all who have in the past contributed to the encouragement and usefulness of the Visitor, also for all contemplated future favors.

H. H. Burkholder.



A CARD OF THANKS.

For almost four years the "Mt. Vernon Republican Publishing Company" has printed the Welcome Visitor, and as this is the last issue that will be printed by them, we wish to express our thanks for the good work they have done. We appreciate the many kind favors they have shown us during the one year and a half that we have been associated with them.

Margaret Haughey.



PLEASE NOTICE.

The readers of the Visitor will remember that some months ago I wrote an appeal through the columns of the same, asking for help to build a church at Toledo. I received \$18. As it was impossible to raise sufficient funds, we have given up the enterprise for the present, and the Lord has directed us to a good hall. I will be pleased to have the donors of the above amount of money write to me and tell me what use I shall put the money to. I will return it, or give it to some other fund, and send receipt for the same.

D. E. Lindsey.



"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

Tidings From the Field.

Coshocton, Ohio.

To the Visitor Readers:

We read in Rev. 12:11 that in the great conflict with satan, one of the ways in which we are to overcome is by the word of our testimony. So I want to add a testimony on the Lord's side, in behalf of the Coshocton church.

My heart is filled with praise and gratitude to our God for what He has done for me, and for the wonderful way in which the Lord has wrought to plant the message of truth in this place. As a wicked city lad I spent my boyhood days in this place, joining in the follies and pleasures of the world until I was sixteen years of age. I remember well how, for three years, I helped to make my dear mother unhappy, through my opposition to her, who had stepped out so boldly for the truth in 1893. For five years she had studied "Bible Readings," and so was ready to accept the truth under the labors of Elders Guilford, Haskell and Carey.

A small company of believers was organized here at that time, and a small Sabbath-school maintained from that time to the present. It has touched my heart and filled me with courage as I have heard since what trials the little company passed through, and we now see how faithfully some have come through them all. For quite a while there were times when the Sabbath-school was composed of just two members—two faithful sisters. But loyal to their duty, they met every Sabbath. One acted as the superintendent, and the other secretary, and then they studied their lesson together. They sang their songs, had their secretary's report, and studied their lesson just the same as if there been a thousand present.

O, how thankful I am that this

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message and the blessing of the Lord does not depend on numbers! May the Lord help our isolated Sabbath-keepers to take courage and be faithful in the little things, and be assured that in time the Lord will surely visit them with power from on high.

Since the first organization, my mother and I were induced to move to Mt. Vernon. And while there, as the result of a mother's prayers, and reading the book, "Christ Our Saviour," my heart was touched with the love of Christ, and I yielded all upon the altar for the One who died for me.

Since that time the Lord has given me a precious training in Mt. Vernon Academy, and only eternity can reveal what the Lord did for me while there. And I cannot praise the Lord enough for what He did for me while there, and since then, and that He has given me a willingness to walk in every ray of light that comes to me.

After my conversion I had a longing in my heart to give this message to others, and especially have I had a burden for Coshocton, my old home town. So at every opportunity for the last six years, I have been at this plated canvassing and distributing literature.

For the last ten years prayers and supplications have ascended to God from the little flock here for help to be sent them. And at last in answer to their prayers and as a reward for their faithfulness, God permitted the Camp-meeting to be held here, and following that Brother W. W. Miller and the writer, assisted by Dr. Merritt and Sister McIntyre, had a precious experience in tent work. As a result of the many ways that God has wrought for the people of this place, we now have a precious company of twenty-five members, and a Sabbath-school of fifty. Besides this there are four of our young people who are attending school at Mt. Vernon Academy. We trust that God's rich blessing will rest upon them, and all the dear teachers and students in the Academy.

We trust that these four will prove faithful to the end. We expect that they will unite with us at the first favorable opportunity. We were all glad to have Lulu Woods at home with us during the week of prayer.

The Lord has richly blessed my soul, and every one else who has put

himself in the way of a blessing. We all have had our bitter trials, but we are learning to cast all our burdens on the Lord and go forward. Heaven will be cheap enough at any price, and we cannot afford to lose the crown when the race is so nearly over. We must not cast away our confidence now; but take courage, and press the battle to the end, and be overcomers.

Yours in the blessed hope,

B. L. House.

Delta, Ohio.

Dear Welcome Visitor:

This writing finds us well and enjoying much of the blessing of God. I am glad God is not forgetful of us, and is ever ready to send us just the help we need.

As we have visited the brethren in this part of our Heavenly Father's vineyard, He has been mindful of us, and is visiting us.

At Hamler we found the brethren of good courage, and willing for service. In a short time they will dispose of the "Christ's Object Lessons" they have on hand. Brother Thurber is doing a good work at this place, and the Lord is blessing the school.

At Deshler and Ottawa I found the dear brethren desirous of soon seeing Him who has borne their griefs and carried their sorrows. At Findlay the Lord came very near, and we all felt His sacred presence. This dear church is still pressing toward the mark of their high calling in Christ. They have sold nearly all of the "Object Lessons" they have on hand, and will remit for the same at the end of the quarter.

Delta, Wauseon, Tedrow and a part of the isolated brethren in this part of the state have been visited, and are of good courage. Bowling Green, Pemberville and Locust Point will be our next places to visit.

Brethren, pray for the work in District No. Five. We are of good courage in the Master's service, and hopeful of final victory.

Your fellow-worker,

Francis M. Fairchild.

Nelsonville, Ohio.

Dear Visitor:

Thinking you would like to know how the Lord is blessing us in the work, I will send you a few lines. We came here because the Lord called us

to this field, and we are trusting in the Lord to guide.

We visited the ministers as we had opportunity. They all treated us nicely except the Christian minister. He preached a sermon against us, and told his members that they must not take our books as they were filled with false doctrine, and would be the destruction of all who read them.

Some wrote us letters saying that they would not take the books. That did not affect us in the least, as we knew that the Lord had given the orders, and He has said that "when satan comes in like a flood, He will raise a standard against him." So we went on to deliver, and when we came to those who had been instructed not to take the books, and they refused, we just told them that we were sorry they had been misinformed, and if they would examine the book and could find anything in it which they did not wish to understand, they need not take the book.

The result was that we delivered all but one, and most of them were anxious to know why I believed different than they did. So the Lord gave me a chance to give a reason for the hope that is within me. The Lord gave me much light from His Holy Word as I was answering their questions. So you see the Lord is able to do more than we can ask or think.

We have had some wonderful experiences all through our work. We have endeavored to live so close to God that the Spirit could say to us, do this, or that, as it seemed good to the Lord. Whenever we came to a person with whom we did not know how to deal, we just asked Jesus to tell us what to say, and our attending angel would always tell us the Lord's will.

It is blessed to be where the Spirit can talk to you, for then you are not guessing what to do. Now, dear reader, do you want to help warn the world, and thus hasten the time when "we shall look up and say, Lo this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us?" If so, the Lord says, tarry till you are endowed with power from on high, or until you have received the Holy Spirit.

Do you say, I have been waiting, but I don't receive the Spirit? Now, there is only one way to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "My words

they are spirit and they are life." So the only way to get the Spirit and the life is to take into our hearts and minds the words of God; and when we have our minds filled with these words, we will then have that faith which works; for God says in Romans 8:11, "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by the spirit that dwelleth in you."

Yours in the closing work,

C. A. Gibson.

Academia, O., Dec. 28, 1902.

Having returned from my visit with the Killbuck and Newark churches, can say the time was profitably spent, speaking from a spiritual view. While the attendance at Killbuck was small, some manifested more than a usual interest in the Lord's service.

On Sabbath at Newark we went forward in celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house. There was a good attendance, and many precious testimonies were born.

In visiting the various companies in my district many requests have been made for labor, which perhaps might be done with profit. But brethren, your ministering brethren need your co-operation in this work. Especially all should feel the need of encouraging home missionary labor by their presence in attendance. It is no time now to make excuses; but let us fall in line, and go forward.

We purpose soon to hold a district meeting. Watch the Visitor for time and place.

Your brother in the Lord's service,

J. O. Miller.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Welcome Visitor:

You are always a most welcome visitor to us, and we look forward with a great deal of anticipation to your weekly visits. Although we have not reported through your columns since we came to Cleveland it has not been because we have been disinterested. The Lord has blessed us richly since coming to this place, and has opened up the way before us in a remarkable manner. We find much to do, and are kept very busy all the time. The Lord has led us to some honest souls who have been hunger-

ing for the Bread of Life, and our whole aim is to point them to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." We are of good courage, and rejoicing in the love of God, glad for a humble part in His Closing work. Remember us in your prayers.

Almeda Haughey.

Mayme Wells.

Nelsonville, Ohio.

Dear Workers—The Lord is good, and we have reached a time when we can stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. I praise Him for a part in this grand message. If I could only tell you what the Lord is doing for us here.

There are so many who are wanting some one to come and tell them of these things, and want us to study the Bible with them, but we cannot spare the time for both.

We were successful in our delivery. I am so sorry to see so many using the little books which do not contain the message. The large books will sell. I went to one home and sold two Great Controversies for cash.

This place is ripe for the message. I have delivered over ninety dollars worth of books, and am not through yet.

Mary Hubbell.

CLEVELAND NOTES.

The contract for the new church building here has been let. The excavating began more than a week ago, and at this writing the foundation is about finished.

The young people's society of the Cleveland church has a membership of about twenty-five earnest Christians, who meet every Sunday evening at the house of some member of the church. We have no building in which to hold services, except the hall, and this can be had only on Sabbath. These meetings of the young people are very lively and interesting, so much so that some of the older members of the flock attend them. Their object is to become more familiar with the Third Angel's Message, to become filled with the spirit of the truth we hold as a people that each one may be able and ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear.

Our motto is Paul's admonition to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Such subjects as "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist," "Christ's Soon Coming," "The Special Signs," "The Covenants," "The Law of God," and many others as interesting, have been given.

Recently Brother Henry DeFluiter gave a most helpful talk, basing his remarks on John 3:16, showing how this could be used as a stereoscope through which to view all the other truths of God's word. At the close, he gave each one present a small, white stone, as a pocket piece, bearing on its surface the text John 3:16, as a constant reminder of God's infinite and surpassing love for a world lost in sin.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For two weeks ending Dec. 31.)

C. A. Gibson—Delivered 23 Coming King, 2 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Best Stories. Value, \$24. Orders, 5 Coming King, 1 Gt. Cont. Value, \$8. Helps, \$18.25. Total, \$50.25.

Mary Hubbell—Value of deliveries, \$107.50. Orders, \$11.75. Total, \$119.25.

F. E. Wagner—Value of orders and sales, \$30.05.

BRIEFS.

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?"

"The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

"So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

"Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned."

"God is love."

"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

"Let your conversation be without covetousness."

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

MENTAL LOAFING.

It is considered a disgrace to be lazy. He who is too indolent to work for his own living becomes a by-word and a reproach. But there is a very common form of laziness which is not always noticed; it is that of the mind. We first become conscious of it in our young days when we "don't feel like study." We dawdle over our books with our thoughts half asleep, and as a result give a fine exhibition of stupidity in the recitation room. This sort of indulgence in youths is very dangerous, for it becomes a habit, and the mind grows rusty and dull in the very prime of life, when it should be at its best.

On the heels of this form of laziness comes another bad habit—that of intellectual loafing. What loafing is in the common sense we all know; it is hanging around with no definite aim or purpose, idling away the time without profit. Well, there is mental loafing as well, and it is known in the dictionary as "reverie." It is a dreamy state of the mind, when the thoughts go "wool-gathering." This habit, so common to young people, is fatal to mental growth, many a promising youth is ruined by overindulgence in it. It wastes time, and enfeebles the mental powers. It is really a form of laziness, and should be sternly corrected at the very outset. The action of the mind should be kept under control. When the thoughts begin to wander, it is time to whip them into order. A resolute will will do it.—Selected.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Happy New Year?

Miss Cora Gibson, who has been laboring in Toronto, Ontario, has, on account of failing health, returned to

account of failing health, returned to her home near W. Clarksfield, Ohio.

Mrs. S. A. Rogers, who has been canvassing in Nelsonville, has returned to her home in Academia.

The brethren of the Mt. Vernon church had the privilege of listening to Elder W. A. Spicer three evenings during the week of prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pieper of So. Webster, together with their daughter Lulu, who is teaching church school at LaGrange, spent a part of the week of prayer visiting their daughter and sister, who is attending the Academy.

Miss Carolyn Harding has been spending a few days at the Academy.

Elder C. A. Watkins and family have the smallpox. They are improving, and hope to be out soon.

The Hamler church is the first church that has settled in full for the Object Lessons they have received.

We quote the following from a letter written by Elder W. H. Wakeham:

"It is taking some time to get things in running order. Then I have to take an interpreter with me every place I go. I shall be glad when we all speak the same language. We are all well and have much to thank God for." Elder Wakeham's address is Kasr-El-Nil, No. 7, Cairo, Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Clymer spent the holidays visiting in Academia at the home of Mr. Clymer's parents.



OBITUARY.

Kirkendall—Fell asleep in Jesus, at Academia, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1902, Ernest McClelland Kirkendall, son of Elder and Mrs. M. C. Kirkendall, aged eight months and one day.

An appropriate funeral service was conducted by Prof. N. W. Lawrence

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Academia, Ohio.

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VISITOR to the following address:

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and the writer before we laid him to rest. Little Ernest's mission on earth was brief, but the fragrance of his innocent life won for him many friends. He leaves parents and two little sisters to mourn their loss; but their interest in the soon-coming Saviour, and the waking of the sleeping saints has been intensified by this dispensation of Providence. What is dark and mysterious now will then be revealed and understood. Jesus has said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." H. H. Burkholder.

Place—Died at Academia, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1902, Sister Henrietta Place, in her seventy-fourth year. She accepted the truth in 1850, soon after her marriage to John Place. She has been an exemplary wife, a loving mother, and a devoted Christian.

She passed through all her pain without complaint, realizing that through suffering Christ was made perfect. She leaves behind, her aged companion, three sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

She had hoped to live to see the Lord come, but was resigned to her Master's will. We laid her to rest near her home, to await the coming of the Life Giver. Words of comfort were spoken from Prov. 16:31.

J. O. Miller.



"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

"But godliness without contentment is great gain."

"Follow peace with all men."

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."



Church Directory.

CINCINNATI—Hall "G" of Odd Fellows' temple, corner Elm and Seventh streets. Take elevator on either entrance. Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. Pastor, W. H. Granger, 3222 Warsaw Ave.

DAYTON—Church on Huffman Hill. Sabbath School at 9 a. m., preaching or social services at 10:30 a. m. Elder, Charles Hottes, 52 Burkhardt Ave.

SPRINGFIELD—Church on corner S. Limestone and Mulberry streets. Sabbath School at 9 a. m., preaching at 10:30 a. m., prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Pastor J. G. Wood, 42 Prairie Ave.

COLUMBUS—Church on Ohio Ave. near fair. Sabbath School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Pastor, R. R. Kennedy; Elders, W. H. Schwartz, 308 S. 18th street and John Conrad, 307 South Central street.

CLEVELAND—Hall on Wade Park Ave. near Dunham street. Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. Pastor, A. C. Shannon, 70 West Madison Ave.

TOLEDO—Hall on corner of Dorr and Heston streets. Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., public services each Sunday evening at 7 p. m. Pastor, D. E. Lindsey; Elders L. M. McAbee, 107 East Woodruff Ave. and R. W. Van Nest, 1821 Adams street.