

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

WE WOULD SEE JESUS.

"We would see Jesus:" for the shadows lengthen
Across the little landscape of our life:
We would see Jesus, our weak faith to strengthen
For the last conflict, the last mortal strife.

"We would see Jesus:" this is all we're needing,—
Strength, joy, and willingness come with the sight;
We would see Jesus, dying, risen, pleading,
Soon to return and end this mortal night!
—Anna B. Warner.

ARE YOU READY?

THE day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. 2 Pet. 3: 10, 11.

To whom are these words particularly addressed? To those who are looking for the coming of the Lord. The answer is clearly indicated in the question itself. In all conversation and manner of life we should be holy. It is written of those who are ready to meet Jesus when he comes, that "In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Yes, our speech, our actions, our regard for all our promises, the payment of debts, the whole life should bear the stamp of holiness. Will God place his seal upon any one who is not holy?

"The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2: 11-13.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

H. H. B.

AN APPEAL.

I HAVE been pleased to learn, through reading the *Review*, and from letters from Elder J. S. Washburn that a church-building in Washington, D. C., formerly known as the Central Methodist Protestant church, has been purchased by the Second Seventh-day Adventist church of that city. A house of worship was greatly needed by our people in the section of the city where this property is situated. The purchase of this church will provide a suitable place in which witness can be borne to the truths we advocate. The building will stand as a memorial for God.

This property must now be paid for. Some payments have already been made but a large sum must yet be raised to complete the payments. We therefore ask those who have means, to act as the Lord's helping hand by doing something to help to free this church from debt. Every penny given will help. If all will give what they can, the indebtedness will be liquidated. We pray that those who can help in this enterprise may be constrained to do so by their love for Christ. We regard the purchase of this church property as a wise step, and your co-operation in assisting the brethren there to pay for it will bring you into harmony with the beneficent purpose of the gospel.

Let those who have means use it wisely. It is a talent lent them by the Lord to be used when called for to advance his cause. In the place of spending money for selfish pleasure, let every one deny self and lift the cross, and God's blessing will follow.

Do not all of our people desire to share in the privilege of paying for the house of worship in Washington, D. C.? If every one of the believers in this country would give something, the necessary sum would be raised, and the amount given by each would scarcely be missed. Let us help, brethren, in the national capital; for they are too poor and too few to bear the burden alone. Those who share in this missionary

enterprise by making gifts large or small, according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the progress of the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church property, will receive rich blessing for so doing.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

CHURCH SCHOOLS, NO. 2.

The True Basis.

THE world is waiting (and there is a spirit of longing and unrest) for an education that will give character. This can be found in that system of education which makes provision for a spiritual education, and the world cannot provide such a system. But the people who follow God's plan in education, that is, the harmonious development of the threefold nature of the child, physically, intellectually, and spiritually, should stand ready to offer such a system to those who are longing for something better. We who have been entrusted with this great reform message, who have everything to encourage us, who are blessed above our fellows with the spirit of prophecy, are not moving forward in proportion to the light received on this important part of the message. God calls upon us to advance, and no longer neglect the work of providing schools for the proper training of our own children and youth, at least. Why are any among us content to entrust our little ones to instructors who discard the Bible, and recommend the productions of infidel authors, as if they contained the sentiments which should be woven into the character? What can we expect from the sowing of this kind of seed? In the study of these objectionable books, the minds of teachers, as well as students, become corrupted and the enemy sows his tares. It cannot be otherwise. By drinking of an impure fountain, poison is introduced into the system. Inexperienced youth taken over this line of study, receive impressions that are fatal to piety. It is vain to think that the teaching of truth during an hour or an hour and a half on the Sabbath, supplemented, perhaps, by some religious teaching in the home, can counteract the teaching of falsehood and error during five

days of the week from those in whom children have the greatest confidence as their instructors. Truth and error thus taught confuse the mind, and the truth is perverted.

We are told that Satan has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the systems of education, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth. Therefore most earnest attention must be given to the education which will impart a knowledge of salvation, and will conform the life and character to the divine similitude. It is the love of God, the purity of soul, woven into the life like threads of gold, that is of true worth. For the accomplishment of this a broad foundation must be laid, and this can be done only as the word of God is made the basis of all educational work. God is calling upon the church to take up the work of educating its children and youth. He has told us that the children are daily exposed to many evils in our large cities at this time, when the world is full of iniquity and the cities have become as Sodom. The danger of moral contamination is further increased by the attendance at the public school, where the children often associate with those whose home training has been neglected and who have been left to obtain a street education. The hearts of the young are easily impressed, and unless their surroundings are of the right character, Satan will use these neglected children to influence those who have been more carefully trained. Thus before Sabbath-keeping parents know what evil is being done, the lessons of depravity are learned and the souls of their little ones are corrupted. Do not such possibilities call for great sacrifice that the children may escape these evil influences? Is it not time to heed the warning cry, "Gather your children into your own houses, gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil? Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God, as the foundation of all their education.

"When properly conducted, church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. As Jesus in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children who have been rightly educated will in their simplicity speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of higher education. As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he

that cometh in the name of the Lord,' so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children and they will do a work which the older workers cannot do because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare the children for this important work.

"That this work may be accomplished for the children will in many, very many, instances call for earnest, persevering, self-sacrificing effort on the part of parents; but so long as we sail with the current of the world we need neither canvas nor oar. It is when we turn squarely about to stem the current that our labors begin. The work will go hard, but Christ is on the field of action and calls us to move forward by faith and do faithfully the work entrusted to us while it is called to-day, before the overflowing scourge shall pass over the earth. Let us lose no time in educating the children to discern and escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Are we seeking to save their souls, or are we by our neglect aiding in their destruction? Let the churches awake and realize the magnitude of this work for the children in their midst, that they may be trained for service in the final closing work in the earth." BERTHA GATTON.

FIELD REPORTS.

District Number Four.

THE meeting in this district was held at LaGrange, Ohio, from February 13-16, and although the weather was very bad, and the roads very muddy, yet there was a good attendance, and all expressed themselves as having been well repaid for the sacrifice they had made to attend the meetings.

The following named persons were present and gave valuable instruction: Elders H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsay, Dr. Ruth Merritt, sister Ella F. McIntyre, brethren N. S. Miller and G. P. Gaede.

In harmony with Heb. 10: 24, 25, we believe that meetings of this kind should be held in different parts of each district, so that all our people could receive the instruction, and at the same time be brought into closer touch with one another. Thus we would learn to sympathize with, and to love and encourage, one another: so that when the greater trials of the last days come upon us, we shall be bound together by the cords of love which cannot be broken. "By this shall

all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13: 35.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

Olivett.

WE closed our meetings here March 1, having held sixteen meetings, with a good attendance and interest. Olivett has heard the message many times before. As there has been a small company of our people located here, and as we have a church house, efforts have been made at different times, to establish a church. But the people have seemingly become hardened; and last fall, as our people had all moved away, except one sister, it was thought best to sell the church. No meetings had been held in it for years. But the Lord saw differently, and for some reason the necessary steps were not taken.

This winter, a Campbellite minister came to Olivett, and preached the "Law done away," and got the town all stirred up. Some of the people knew better. They had heard too many of our ministers in the past, and they said, "Oh! for an Adventist minister." As the result, we came and began services. Some were all ready for the truth. The seed that had been sown, had apparently lain lifeless, on account of sin, as the seed lays lifeless through the cold winter. But when the light of the Word again shone upon it, it took root and grew.

Brethren, let us never be discouraged. If we do our duty, being faithful, the Lord will do his, and we shall see results sooner or later. As a result of our efforts here, ten took their stand for the truth and signed the covenant, and as many of them as were using tobacco and other abominations are making a mighty effort to give them up. And I believe they will succeed. A company of fourteen was organized, with brother Jiles Tillet as leader, and sister Taylor, treasurer. A Sabbath-school of twenty-five was organized, and is in good running order.

While the meetings were in progress, the "No Law Man" attended one service, and challenged us for a debate, which was promptly refused. We leave the place, enjoying the respect and good will of the whole community. To the Lord be all the praise.

I would not forget to say that sister Alice Donnelly, of St. Clairsville, rendered valuable assistance by playing the organ and singing, which was very much appreciated.

C. C. WEBSTER.

"THE righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth."

ACADEMY.

PROF. SECOR has been ill during the past week, but is in his usual place again.

AN excellent letter from Prof. F. W. Field, headed Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 14, 1902, and addressed to the Students' Missionary Society of Mount Vernon Academy, was read at a recent meeting of that Society.

A SCIENTIFIC demonstration of the principles of sound production by the phonograph was given in the Academy chapel Monday night of this week, conducted by Prof. Secor. About a hundred twenty-five were in attendance to enjoy both the instruction and the musical part of the program. Twenty-two dollars was collected for the benefit of the scientific department of the school.

TO BE REMEMBERED.

SABBATH, March 7, was a day long to be remembered by the students of Mount Vernon Academy. Prof. N. W. Lawrence conducted the regular Sabbath service, in which several of the young men of the school who are expecting soon to enter work either in the home field or abroad, assisted. The reading, "The Gospel to the World in this Generation," prepared by Elder A. G. Daniells, formed the basis of the service; and the Spirit of the Lord came in richly to witness to the consecration of many strong young hearts to the work, some expressing a desire to cast their lot with those in foreign fields. We feel grateful for God's presence and help in our school.

MRS. HATTIE ALLEE.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY MEETING, FEBRUARY 7.*

FOLLOWING the song, "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou given for me?" Miss Almeda Haughey spoke of her work in Cleveland as follows:—

Life holds no privilege so precious to me as to tell others what the Lord has done for me, and I wonder how many of us felt those words as we sang them—how much the Lord has done for us, and how little we have done for him? He gave everything for us, he has borne every thing for us, and he asks us to-night how much we have done for him.

As many of you know, I left my

*Reported by Miss Vida Young.

home here and went to Cleveland last September in company with Miss Wells, whom most of you know, to enter the Bible work. Miss Wells had been connected with the school here for three years past as a student, and I for nine years as a student and as a teacher; and Bible work was an entirely new experience for us. If any of you have ever worked in large cities you know what it is to go into such a place and build up your work from the foundation. We had a few names given us of interested people and these we called upon and with most of them appointed readings. We divided this work equally between us, but it was not enough to keep either one of us more than half busy, so the only thing that remained for us to do was to find readers for ourselves. Being entire strangers in the city, this meant something to us, but after earnest prayer for guidance, we took our "Object Lessons" and went forth to do whatever the Lord directed, and he led us to some very earnest people, to some interested people. To one who enters the city expecting to take up Bible work, I would say I think you can arouse an interest more quickly with that book than any other I know of. We tried some other books but we found that "Object Lessons" *always* created an interest, and if people could not buy it, they were interested in it, and this gave us an opportunity to enter their homes and hold readings.

The church at Cleveland has purchased a lot and are now putting up a new building, which we expect to have finished by the middle of the summer. This building will cost several thousand dollars. This means a great deal for our church in Cleveland, and besides this they are sustaining a church school and rent a hall, which we have only on Sabbaths. There was no missionary meeting, I think, when we went there last fall, and after consulting with the pastor, we arranged to have our young people meet together in the home of one of the brethren. I think there were present ten people in that first meeting. We organized a society and went ahead. I was there a week ago last Sunday night and attended the meeting out at brother Owen's home on Case Avenue, and there were three rooms full. This shows you something of the interest taken

by our young people. Many from the outside are also attending these meetings, and I believe that our church there is arousing to the responsibilities that rest upon them individually with reference to the work in Cleveland. The Lord has spoken especially in reference to the work in that city, that it should be stirred with the power of the message in these last days as it was in the early history of the message. "Those in our cities living within the very shadow of our doors have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to carry them the message of present truth." And this is just what is being done in our societies. Every Sunday night our young people contribute to a fund which is to be used in providing tracts and papers; and it is the purpose of these young people to divide the city into districts, and thus every member who goes out to present these truths to the people is set to definite work. Some one the other evening calculated how long it would take if every member of the Cleveland church would go to work to warn that city, and they found it would take just three months. That would give one hour to every family in Cleveland. You all know Cleveland is, if not the largest, the next largest city in Ohio. If we realized as we should that Christ is soon coming, I believe we would go forth with more prayer and earnestness.

One gentleman being very much interested in "Object Lessons" told me he would take it for a Christmas present for his wife. But the next time I saw him he said, "I was so interested in that book I couldn't wait till Christmas," and so gave it to his wife before Christmas. They both read it, and he said it was the best book he ever saw. That opened the way for me to loan him my "Marvel of Nations," and I trust the way will soon be opened for readings.

The Lord has blessed us in our work abundantly. He has opened ways for us to enter homes that we never dreamed of entering, and we now have more openings for Bible readings than we can fill. We hope to see the time when every member of the church will be an active worker for the Lord, and that is what we all must be if we expect to have a part in the kingdom.

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SUNSET CALENDAR.

(Local Time.)

Sabbath begins Feb. 13 at 6:05 P. M.
Sabbath begins Mar. 20 at 6:12 P. M.

A PIONEER FALLEN.

IT is with sadness we chronicle the unexpected death of Elder Uriah Smith. While on his way from home to his usual work in the editorial office of the *Review and Herald*, Friday, March 6, a sudden attack of apoplexy caused him to fall unconscious upon the Tabernacle lawn. Although quickly removed to his home, and the best of medical aid obtained, he failed to rally, and died at half past one P. M., about two hours after his fall. This is a loss that will be deeply mourned throughout this denomination. But, though the messenger be fallen, the message for which his life has been given will surely triumph. Then, with the faithful of all time, his joy will be complete. The VISITOR extends the hand of sympathy to the bereaved members of the family, and shares in this loss with the many personal friends of the deceased.

PERSONAL MENTION.

BRETHREN J. O. MILLER, and W. E. Bidwell spent the Sabbath, March 7, at Academia.

DR. MERRIT left for Battle Creek, Mich., February 23, to visit her mother who is ill.

ELDER WATKINS of Dist. No. 6, reports six new Sabbath-keepers for the month of February.

BRO. HAGUE, an old canvasser, has left Academia with his family, and will live on his farm.

MISS ELLA MCINTYRE is nursing sister C. L. Daniels who has undergone a surgical operation.

THE president of the conference has decided to hold an old time state meeting, commencing May 1. Place of meeting will be announced later.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER was in Academia March 2, having just returned from the District Meeting at Bellefontaine. He reports a very interesting meeting.

ELDER C. C. WEBSTER closed a series of meetings at Olivett with the following results: ten signed the covenant, and a Sabbath-school of twenty-five members organized.

MR. ROBERT BRUCE THURBER and Miss Ella Mae Davis were united in marriage at Toledo, February 23, by Elder H. H. Burkholder. The VISITOR extends congratulations.

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY of the Columbus church writes: "We are planning to pay off \$1,000.00 of the debt of the church this year. Three have promised to pay \$50.00 each of this amount. We expect more will do likewise when it is seen we mean to do something."

BROTHER R. B. OWEN, of Michigan has moved to Ohio, making Cleveland his home for the present. He is specially interested in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and will have something of interest to say concerning this in the next issue of the VISITOR.

SISTER E. J. MILLER of Springfield, writes an interesting letter in behalf of the Washington D. C. church, in which she suggests that if each of the nineteen hundred Sabbath-keepers in Ohio would pay even fifty cents, the "Memorial Church" at the capital city would soon be free.

CANVASSER'S REPORTS.

(Reported since last issue.)

Mary Hubbell.—Value of orders, \$15.25; Helps, 17.00; total value, \$32.25. Value of deliveries, \$48.75.

Ida Hies.—Value of orders, \$36; Helps, \$6.40; total value, \$42.50. Value of deliveries, \$43.75.

B. F. Hubbell.—Value of orders, \$1.50; Helps, \$3.50; total value, \$5.00

G. P. Gaede.—Value of orders, \$18.50.

C. A. Gibson.—Value of orders, \$22; Helps, \$7.50; total value, \$29.50. Value of deliveries, \$67.90.

J. E. Osburn.—Value of orders, \$26.50; Helps, \$1.50; total value, \$28.00. Value of deliveries, \$14.75.

Mrs. C. A. Gibson.—Value of orders, \$1; Helps, 75 cents; Total value, \$1.75

F. E. Wagner—Value of orders, \$22.90. Value of deliveries, \$12.

NOTICE.

WE now have a supply of the four new tracts, and hope to be able to fill all orders promptly in the future. We are sorry for the delay during the past month, but desire to say that the Ohio Tract Society was not responsible for it. Now, brethren and sisters; let us arise and do the work that the Lord has given us to do, not neglecting the Object Lesson work. Unite the tract work with the Object Lesson work.

N. S. MILLER, *Missionary Sec.*

VISITOR FUNDS.

Sanitarium in England.

Previously reported	\$43.46
Wheelerburg church.....	4.19
Mount Vernon church.....	8.50
Mary Burkholder.....	.50
Findlay church.....	.50
Canton church.....	.50
Total.....	\$57.65

Washington, D. C., Church.

Previously reported.....	\$125.63
Mary C. Arnett.....	1.00
Mrs. Walls.....	.50
Mount Vernon church.....	2.00
Mrs. F. A. Myers.....	.50
Mary Burkholder.....	.50
Canton church.....	.50
Susan H. Crouse.....	2.00
Total.....	\$133.63

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

TITHE RECEIPTS.

FEBRUARY, 1903.

Bowling Green.....	\$ 33.00
Camden.....	5.90
Canton.....	85.40
Chagrin Falls.....	7.12
Cincinnati.....	90.93
Cleveland.....	151.85
Columbus.....	138.66
Conneaut.....	34.10
Coshocton.....	36.65
Dayton.....	50.08
Delaware.....	18.50
Dunkirk.....	3.66
Elgin.....	89.85
Fairfield.....	10.18
Hicksville.....	10.59
Killbuck.....	20.10
Kirtland.....	68.14
La Grange.....	17.67
Lake View.....	22.00
Laura.....	2.75
Lima.....	11.33
Marion.....	20.90
Meigs.....	9.06
Mount Vernon.....	90.25
Newark.....	31.88
Spencer.....	11.00
Springfield.....	16.74
Toledo.....	79.35
Washington C. H.....	131.94
Wheelerburg.....	21.41
Yellow Springs.....	2.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	17.10
Total.....	\$1,340.40

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

ONE thousand five hundred forty-eight dollars and forty cents for various objects were recently sent from Ohio by our treasurer.