

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will present to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts."

## OUR WORK IN JAPAN.

DEAR FRIENDS IN OHIO:—

This is to remind you that we are still busy in the Master's service, and so still in need of your sympathy and prayers. We read with much interest the reports and items of news in the VISITOR, and rejoice in the success that attends the work at home.

We are glad to report that the work is going forward in this field. With the close of last year and the beginning of this year, a new impetus seems to have been given to the work, and precious fruits have begun to appear. During this time eight precious souls have begun to obey in Wakamatsee, and four here in Tokyo. All but one of these are young men. At least four are meeting such opposition and persecution as few persons in America experience. We cannot hear from two of these as their relatives interpose to keep them from our people; but we are praying for them daily.

Besides those who have begun to obey, there are others deeply interested. You will be interested in some particulars concerning one, whom I will call Mr. Hashimoto. He is a man perhaps fifty years old, well educated, and quite well acquainted among the higher classes of people. For a time he gave himself to the study of religion, and was a Buddhist priest. During this time he studied at a famous temple in Keyto, the ancient capital of Japan. But he found no satisfaction in this religion—no relief from sin. During the past six years, since the war with China, he has been teaching the Japanese language to Chinese students in the government schools in Formosa. About a year ago he returned to Tokyo on account of the death of his father. Last summer he began attending my Bible classes, and has been and still is a most faithful student. He does

not speak English fluently, but reads and understands it quite well.

He has become deeply interested in the Bible, and is almost childlike in his faith. And he is doing all he can to interest others. He repeats to his wife the lessons he learns in Bible class, also tells her about the Christian family he visits,—about our happy home life, and our manner of living. In December last he began giving me lessons in Japanese, and I only regret that I did not know before of his ability as a teacher. Lately brother Kuniya has begun holding three meetings a week at his house. His wife is entirely unprejudiced, and anxious to learn all she can about Christianity. They have accepted the health reform as far as presented, giving up tea, flesh food, wine (which many drink), etc. He gave up tobacco some years ago. His mother and her sister, old ladies seventy and seventy-five years in age, attend the meetings, and hear the gospel for the first time! And they express the hope that they may even yet be Christians before they die.

I could write more, and could tell of other cases of perhaps equal interest. But the above will serve as an example of the interest we find among this people. But do not think it is all smooth sailing. We have been made very sad by the work of some teachers who call themselves Christians, yet who really are destroying faith in the Bible as God's inspired word. Yet we labor on knowing that our Master endured the same trial. We ask your prayers that the word of God may have free course among this people, and that we may be faithful in doing our part in hastening the coming of the Lord. Yours in his service,

F. W. FIELD.

Feb. 19, 1903.

## THE MIDDLEFIELD MEETING.

AFTER a careful consideration of the different churches in District No. 3, it was decided to accept an invitation to hold the district meeting in the new church in Middlefield. It having been my privilege to see this church before completion, at a former meeting, I was now impressed that earnest, persevering efforts had been put forth to

complete the house of worship. We all felt like praising God for the way he had blessed and prospered the work. With a pleasant house to worship in, brethren and sisters happy to receive and entertain those who came, a desire upon the part of all to receive a blessing and to learn more of the message for the present time, and the precious promise of God to be with us, we had every evidence that we would have a good meeting. We were favored with the presence of Elder Burkholder, the president of the Conference, Elder D. E. Lindsey, of Clyde, brother N. S. Miller, Dr. Ruth Merritt and others through whom the Lord gave precious and timely instruction. Elder Webster, the pastor of the church, spared no effort to ensure a good meeting.

During the few days that we could be together, arrangements were made to study the different subjects and lines of work most helpful to the churches in their home work. Each evening there was a sermon for the benefit of the friends not of our faith. The following lines of work were considered: the Sabbath-school work, by sister McIntyre; the purposes of our church-schools and their importance, by Elder Lindsey. Brother J. P. Gaede in some well chosen remarks impressed upon our minds the importance of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" to assist the educational work. In a very forcible manner Elder Burkholder presented the duties of church officers. This was followed by an interesting and instructive talk by brother Miller in regard to keeping the church records properly. The proper treatment of the sick was explained in a very interesting manner to an appreciative audience by Dr. Ruth Merritt. The different kinds of treatment were nicely demonstrated by Miss McIntyre.

An interesting and important feature of the meeting was the dedication of the new house of worship. This service, as the others, was well attended by the outside people. The address was delivered by Elder Lindsey. When opportunity was given, there was a liberal response and about eighty dollars was raised to help pay off the indebtedness on the building. We all felt that the Lord was with us by his Spirit, as in prayer and thanksgiving we of-

ered him the house he had helped us to build; and we felt that he would be pleased to accept and sanctify it.

The instruction throughout all the services was much appreciated and received as from the Lord. As we separated to go to our homes and fields of labor, we felt that we had been greatly favored by this precious season with the Lord. We trust and pray that the blessings and impressions received may be lasting, and that they will be of great help to us all in representing and laboring for the Master wherever we may be placed.

A. C. SHANNON.

### TOLEDO.

DEAR VISITOR: I must report the very excellent district meeting held at Toledo. Brethren Burkholder, Fairchild, N. S. Miller, G. P. Gaede, Bidwell, Shultz, Thurber and Lindsey, and also sisters Merritt and McIntyre were present to assist. Then, too, the home talent, brother McAbee and others, lent no small sum to the meetings. We met in our good and pleasant hall, and from the first to the last the Spirit of God was present in power. Brother Stevens had charge of the singing; and the sisters did nobly in providing an abundance of dinner for all present, both Sabbath and Sunday, in the kitchen and dining room in the rear of the meeting place.

The services consisted of practical preaching, social meetings, and the consideration of the tract and missionary work, the canvassing, health and temperance, physical culture, Sabbath-school and church-school work. Space will not permit to write of all the excellent thoughts presented. The meeting decided souls for God. All returned to their homes happy and full of courage. A car load of us on our way home singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and "How Blest the Tie," was something out of the usual order for the conductor.

The Toledo church is rejoicing over the blessed meetings, and has taken immediate steps to prepare for a Sabbath-school convention in May. The only complaint was that there were not more guests to be entertained. The singing and music were inspiring. Sister Williams, of Bowling Green, assisted sister Gussie Thompson, of Toledo, at the piano, and brother and sister McAbee joined with their cornets. Such revival meetings all through the State would do incalculable good.

I would love to write of the good meetings at LaGrange and Middlefield, but it must be left to other pens. With praise and courage, I remain your brother,

D. E. LINDSEY.

## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

THE canvassers report good courage and the Lord is blessing their efforts to spread the printed page.

THE Sabbath-school quarterlies may now be obtained for next quarter by addressing the Ohio Tract Society.

WE would be glad to have you write short articles for the VISITOR every two weeks, telling your experience in the work. It may be the means of encouraging others to enter the harvest field.

THE Review and Herald Office will not have "Bible Readings" in the gilt binding in stock for six weeks. We have none on hand in this binding. Please be governed accordingly.

BROTHER F. E. WAGNER has just finished canvassing Daylestown. He sold \$71 worth of books in two weeks' work. A portion of the town was Catholic, and he says, "I sold them a few books and left tracts in every house. I wish I had a worker with me. Oh! the work to be done, and so few to help! Let us pray earnestly for the Lord to send laborers." Who will respond?

N. S. MILLER, *Miss. Sec.*

### A DOUBLE SERVICE.

#### For "Object Lessons."

WHEN ready to come from Battle Creek, Mich., to this city, I had not yet taken my quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" which were assigned me by the Battle Creek church, so I paid for them and ordered them shipped to Cleveland, and about this time I received letters from my brother R. S. Owen, of Hatly, Miss., which interested me in an Industrial School that is being established at Quitman, Miss., on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad about one hundred miles south of Meridian.

The object of this school is to give the poor children in that part of the State a Christian education including industrial training, which I believe is an important part in a Christian education. Fruit growing will be the principle industry in this school, as it is located in a good fruit section and on a good line of railroad to ship to Northern cities.

Now in view of this fact, and also the fact that some of the citizens of the village of Quitman have shown enough interest in the work to freely donate one hundred and sixty acres of good fruit land on which to build the school, also money enough to put up a two story schoolhouse, I think it will be a good and safe investment to furnish money for them to buy fruit trees to set their land to fruit so as to place the school on a good

self-supporting basis. So I decided to sell my books and send all the money to the Quitman school instead of keeping it myself. I shall not attempt to add any thing to what has been already written and said about the importance of every one doing their part in buying and selling "Object Lessons."

If any of you cannot sell your books, the next best thing would be to donate them to the Quitman school. All such may ship their books to our church librarian, W. J. Naxon, 230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, and I will sell them and send the full price to the school. I shall be glad to receive them for I now have over fifty more sold than I know how to get and I would be glad to keep on selling, if I knew where to get the books to fill the orders.

The Review & Herald writes me that they would gladly furnish them, but cannot do so now, as they are burned out; so this is a chance to help carry on the good work of the Review & Herald while their office is lying in ashes. Hoping to hear soon from some, I am, Yours Truly,

R. B. OWEN.

### CHILDREN'S WORK.

FOR the benefit of the little ones who read the VISITOR, we print the two letters below, written by little nieces of Elder E. J. Van Horn. In addition to the amount mentioned in the letters, they gave four dollars and five cents to missions. We hope that many of the little boys and girls, yes and the big ones, too, will raise chickens and plant gardens for missionary purposes this spring, remembering that this will hasten the coming of the Lord, and then we will go to our beautiful home.

N. S. MILLER.

*To The Orphans' Home.*— Find enclosed twenty-five cents which I earned by raising chickens. I am a little girl thirteen years old. There are seven of us. My parents are both living. Our names are Ina, Wardner, Cloyd, Alfaretia, Agnes, Papa and Mamma. I wish to grow to be a useful woman, and to be able to become a trained nurse.

ALFARETTIA VAN HORN.

*To The Haskell Home and The Memorial Home.*— Enclosed find twenty-five cents which I earned by raising chickens. I am a little girl eight years old, and keep the Sabbath, and take the *Little Friend*. I do not go to Sabbath-school, because we cannot get a house to meet in. I have two brothers and two sisters, and one brother and one sister married, and we all keep the Sabbath, and all belong to church but papa and one brother.

AGNES VAN HORN.

## CHURCH AND SABBATH-SCHOOL.

"CAN we whose souls are lighted,  
With wisdom from on high,—  
Can we, to men benighted,  
The lamp of light deny?  
Salvation, O, salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim  
Till earth's remotest nation  
Has heard Messiah's name."

### ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

OUR Sabbath-school donations this quarter go to the most needy fields. As we look over the map of the world, and see the many countries with their countless millions of people who have never once heard the name "Jesus," we are made to wonder where there is a place which is not needy. But on considering the map a little further we find some countries which seem especially needy because of the past neglect on the part of God's people. Before Christ closed his work on earth he gave the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" yet nearly nineteen hundred years have passed and more than half the world does not know there is a Saviour. Fifty-seven generations have passed under the loving Father's eye since that command was given, and more than 832,000,000 of his children know nothing of his love for them. Have God's people done their duty? What shall be said of this present generation—the fifty-eighth—this generation in which we believe Christ will redeem his people? Shall we do *our* duty toward our brothers and sisters across the waters?

God calls upon his people to make every sacrifice possible (not every sacrifice which may seem convenient) in order that the work may be quickly brought to a close in the earth. As we look back over the past year, what has been our attitude with reference to the furtherance of the kingdom of God? Let us take pencil and paper and make out a list of our expenditures for the year. First put down the cost of our necessities and luxuries, then add to this the amount which we have spent in advancing the cause of God. What per cent. is this last item of our income? As we look over the list, do we honestly think that all the items have been spent with the thought of glorifying him, and could we without the least feeling of shame hand this account over to the Master and expect him to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Some items on our list seem a little doubtful, for although they are perfectly right in themselves, they make us feel a little uncomfortable. We may say

we have a *right* to them, and under other circumstances this would be so; but in view of the fact that so many neglect their duty in giving to the cause, we who know their needs have our responsibility increased so that we must sacrifice many things, which, if all did their duty, we might properly have. It is for us who know the glad tidings to give them to others, let it cost what it may. "Christ had a *right* to enjoy heaven, but he left it to bring others there."

We hear much about the self-sacrifice of the foreign missionary, but can you find a single scripture in the Word of God which gives you and me the privilege, or right, to be less sacrificing than the worker who is in the foreign field? God does not call us all to go to a foreign field, but he *does* call us to sacrifice our means for the support of his work in those fields.

We are inclined to underestimate the possibilities which lie in a piece of money if spent for God. "Every ten-cent piece represents ten units of opportunity and responsibility." It may buy a bag of candy, or preach the gospel for a whole day through native lips. A dollar will furnish an evening's amusement, or it will keep a boy in a mission day school for a whole year. Thirty dollars will send a native pastor through villages which have never heard the gospel, for a whole year. With such possibilities in money, how can we waste even a penny? In view of these possibilities will we not consecrate our *all* to the service of him who hath bought us and redeemed us? And then when the work is finished, and we gather round the throne of God and of the Lamb with representatives from every nation, and see some who perhaps would never have been there had it not been for the sacrifice which we have made, will not our hearts be filled with a joy unspeakable? How small will seem the sacrifice which we have made in comparison with the glad reward. That day is not far distant. Now is the time to work. Shall we not give ourselves, our money, our all to him who shed his blood for us. Shall we not do it *now*? When God's people do this, the work will receive an impetus such as it has never had before, and "then will the end come." God's word will not return unto him void, but souls will be saved to share the joys of heaven with us.

HAROLD COBBAN.

### GATHER IN THE CHILDREN.

SLOWLY but surely the Branch Sabbath-school work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These Branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gath-

ered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:—

"A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday-school they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath. They came four or five Sundays, and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some real missionary work, and so did we. All children love my mother, and she invited every one she could. The two boys and two others have come nearly every time since. Others have come as they could get a chance. Some times we have had as many as thirty at a time. Every one seems so interested when they come, but it is hard to keep the large number coming right along.

"The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's word and example point to the commandments of God. Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a scripture text written on it is given to each child and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts. We always spend a full hour, and sometimes a little more. The children are always on time, sometimes coming an hour and a half before the time for the beginning."

Another sister living in a large city began last fall to hold a Branch Sabbath-school at her home on Sabbath afternoons. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:—

"Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little visiting, we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave *any* play to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents, and am selling "Object Lessons." This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the *Little Friend* lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can."

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

### SUNSET CALENDAR.

(Local Time.)

Sabbath begins Mar. 27 at 6:19 P. M.  
Sabbath begins Apr. 3 at 6:27 P. M.

"WE appreciate the visits of the VISITOR very much and think it much improved in its general make-up."

OUR "Thirty Day" limit is passed and the VISITOR subscription list has nearly doubled. Now let us raise it 200 more in the next month.

A BLUE pencil mark around this item means your subscription has expired. Please renew promptly so that your name may be retained on the list.

OHIO is to be represented at the General Conference by Elders H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsey, and R. R. Kennedy. The Conference opens Friday, March 27.

A NEW department devoted to health principles will appear in our next number. Some practical lessons in Healthful Cookery are now in hand for this department, and other helpful matter is being arranged for.

A MEETING of the Academy board called for March 18, brought Elders A. C. Shannon, J. O. Miller, brother Thos. Thornton, and Prof. C. E. Welch to Academia. The meeting, however, was necessarily postponed, on account of the funeral of Elder Kennedy's mother.

THE next semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home, and the James White Memorial Home, is to be taken up on Sabbath, April 4. To avoid expense to these institutions, no envelopes will be sent out; but church leaders and Sabbath-school superintendents will please make necessary arrangement.

IN a letter received from Elder M. S. Babcock, who is now laboring in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, he says, "The Lord is giving us favor with the people here, though we have no place for public meetings, and our work seems broken. One of the most influential farmers in all this section drove in last Sunday and gave us a sleigh ride out to his home, which he opened for a song and preaching service. The leading people show us marked respect."

### ARE WE DOING WHAT WE SHOULD?

THROUGH the call by our brethren in Washington for assistance to provide a suitable place of worship to which to invite the representative men of the nation to hear this message, I have been led to think that we have not done in the past what we should for this class. Every State and Territory in the United States, and that includes every organized conference in this country, from the very nature of things should consider Washington as a part of their field, from the fact that from each State and Territory in the Union, citizens are making that field their temporary home. Therefore it seems to me reasonable that all the conferences in the United States should contribute something toward providing a suitable place of worship where this truth is being intelligently presented at the capital city of the nation—a place to which each conference may direct its State representatives who go from its territory.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should feel it a pleasure to take some part in this effort now being made to establish a memorial of this truth in Washington. This means God will bless to the conversion to this message some of the first men of the nation. Our prayers should accompany our offerings, whether they are large or small, that God may lead senators, congressmen and judges who are in that city to a knowledge of the saving truth we love.

May God bless those who are placed there to hold up the torch of light and truth, that they may lead many to espouse the principles of liberty and right in the crisis that soon will be reached in our nation. R. A. UNDERWOOD.

### CANVASSER'S REPORTS.

(Reported since last issue.)

Mary Hubbell.— Value of orders, \$9; Helps, \$4; total value, \$13.

Ida Iles.— Value of orders, \$14; Helps, \$6.25; total value, \$20.25; value of deliveries, \$4.

G. P. Gaede.— Value of orders, \$10; Helps, \$9.25; total value, \$19.25.

C. A. Gibson.— Value of orders, \$12; Helps, \$11; total value, \$23.

J. E. Osburn.— Value of orders, \$58.50; Helps, \$7.75; total value, \$59.25; value of deliveries, \$6.50.

Mrs. C. A. Gibson.— Value of orders, \$1.

F. E. Wagner.— Value of orders, \$45.48; value of deliveries, \$26.50.

Harry Corwin.— Value of orders, \$19.75.

C. S. Zebold.— Value of deliveries, 8 Coming King, \$8; 13 Best Stories, \$9.75; 15 Object Lessons, \$18.75; total, \$36.50.

WE are glad to report that the Sanitarium in England is paid for. Now let the liberality of God's children be turned to the Washington, D. C., church till it is free. We are living in the days when the mystery of God is being finished, and the placing of these institutions where they can do their appointed work is a part of it. May we all share in it now and evermore.

### VISITOR FUNDS.

#### Sanitarium in England.

Previously reported.....	\$140.82
Toledo church.....	1.00
Kenton Sabbath-school.....	1.25
Toledo.....	1.00
Kenton Sabbath-school.....	1.25
Total.....	\$145.32

#### Washington, D. C., Church.

Previously reported.....	\$50.46
Mrs. E. J. Miller.....	50
"No Name".....	5.00
Bowling Green church.....	8.78
Total.....	\$64.74

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

### OBITUARY.

PIPER.—Sister Melvina Newell Piper died at Marshfield, Wis., Feb. 21, of a complication of diseases, aged 22 years, 7 months and 26 days. Sister Piper leaves a husband and one child and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The services were conducted by the writer. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 21:3, 4.

T. B. SNOW.

Wisconsin Reporter.

COON.—Warren Coon was born in Dryden, N. Y., April 16, 1820. His first religious association was with the Freewill Baptists. His attention was first called to the second coming of Christ in 1843, by a lecture on that subject by Charles Fitch. In 1853 the third angel's message was brought to his attention by Elder J. N. Loughborough, and with his family he began keeping the Sabbath in 1862. Eight children were born to him, three of whom died in infancy. Jan. 15, 1903, I was called to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Armstrong, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to speak words of comfort and cheer to a number of friends who had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had lived a long life of usefulness.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

CUNNINGHAM.—Mrs. Harriet Cunningham died on the eighth of February in the seventieth year of her age and was laid to rest beside her parents at Wakeman, Ohio, on the tenth. Funeral services were held in Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday P. M. And also at Wakeman in the Congregational church on the morning of the tenth. She will be remembered by many friends in this State, as she was connected for several years with the work in Ohio. She was matron one year at the Mt. Vernon Academy and for several years held a similar position in the mission at Cleveland. She was careful and wise as a counselor, always cheerful and forgetful of self, if she might comfort some weary one. She lived so near the Master that her presence was an inspiration to a better life. After meeting a dear brother and sister who arrived before she died, she said, "Now I am ready to go," and soon passed away.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN.