

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## OUR HOME INTERESTS.

"True education is the preparation of the physical, mental and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of body, mind, and soul for divine service."

### "THY KINGDOM COME."

It is true that the kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink; but it is equally true that meat and drink have much to do with our prospects for a part in that kingdom.

The question of diet, while not a new thing under the sun, is constantly taking on new phases, and is becoming one of the great questions of our day. Much is being said and written upon this theme with motives sometimes philanthropic, sometimes mercenary. "Health Talks" have become a fad, and "Health Foods" almost a bore. That there is abundant reason for the agitation of the question, there is no doubt; and that good is being accomplished is also granted. Yet with it all, there is a thread of danger, a danger common to all periods of reform, but especially applicable to our time.

As a people, we have a definite message of health reform, first to live, then to give; and this message has a definite purpose to accomplish,—a purpose not in and of itself independent, but as important, and as closely allied to the work of the Third Angel's Message, as the right arm is to the body; and no reader of this paper should rest till this purpose is not only mentally discerned, but has become a living reality in the life. This purpose once enthroned, given its rightful place in the affections of the heart, will work wonders in hastening the coming kingdom. To waver now or hesitate means defeat; to wilfully disobey means treason to the cause we represent.

Of our age it is written: "In the last days perilous times shall come." Of our generation it is said, "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,

disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; . . . ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." There is no lack of theory and form in this account; but in the experimental knowledge of the truth in the lives of this generation, there is, and will continue to be more and more, a lack. The spirit of "ever learning" may add to the pride of the carnal mind; but a knowledge that discerns God's purpose, and which leads to that willing obedience by which the "power" of the truth is acknowledged, will be seen less and less till the end.

We are facing a twofold danger, or two dangers closely related. Jesus, in comparing our time with former times says, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Here is suggested the idea that much thought would be given to matters of food and drink, accompanied by a corresponding degree of feasting and merrymaking; and all this is carried on to the extent that the Lord comes and finds them still "learning," but disobedient to the truths they may have studied. New fads and fancies will continue to arise with their votaries legion, and the enemy of all good will watch with much satisfaction the fickle, vascillating throng. He will even become exultant over some of the chosen of God who become satisfied with the "form of godliness" without the power—who are ever busy *about* the truth, but by not pushing it to a finish in their own lives, are found wanting when the Lord comes.

### Our Meat.

It is high time that the food question with us be settled. There is advance to be made along *all* lines, and

the work of the gospel is to be completed. Our fathers and forefathers have been hoping, praying, to see the Lord's appearing. We have come to the generation that is to see their hope fulfilled. Shall we not make rapid strides for the kingdom? Shall we not adopt this counsel: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and *hast been assured of*, knowing of whom thou hast learned them"? Then, with a deeper consecration to the cause of our Master who said, "My meat is to *do the will* of him that sent me, and to *finish* his work, make it our aim,—yes, our very meat and drink,—to **finish his work**. Let every one encourage his brother with the idea that we're almost home; that the work of salvation is about complete; that this is a time to make an end of things; that matters of long standing be put through, accomplished; for we want the Lord to come.

It is gratifying to know that this spirit is now taking hold of this people. Great enterprises for God are being undertaken and accomplished; old burdens are being lifted. How quickly by united effort the credit and glory of God's name has been maintained in lifting the Skodsborg debt! Who can estimate the advantage to the cause made possible by the purchase of the church building in Washington, D. C., and of the sanitarium property in Caterham, England. Already the fruits of these efforts witness to God's approval and purpose to make possible the ideal—that neither this people nor the institutions controlled by them shall owe any man any thing save to love; for love is the fulfilling of the law.

But Denmark and England are across the sea. And Washington, D. C., is not within the lines of the Ohio Conference. While these and other enterprises outside our State are worthy our interest and support, we have within our own borders interests as sacred and as worthy as can be found anywhere. In fact, our first concern should be to make our home institutions an honor to God and a credit to his cause. This Conference has one institution that in a special sense belongs to all the people. In a special sense also it is calculated to work out God's will, and to aid greatly in fin-

ishing his work. That institution is the Mount Vernon Academy, which for years has been pulling against a tide of debt, requiring the payment of thousands of dollars in interest. Thus the institution constantly suffers loss; its work is hindered; the coming of the Lord is delayed; God's name is in danger of dishonor; and our eternal interests are at stake. But there is a growing conviction that God's will is that this institution be made free to do its part in finishing his work, and that just now is the time. We need not wait for more prosperous times, nor for men of great wealth to do our part; but, in the fear of the Lord, with a desire on the part of all to "do his will" and "to finish his work," a few weeks will suffice to clear it. It is said, "Where there's a will there's a way," but when the will (as in this case) is God's will, the way is doubly certain. Talk for it; pray for it; work for it. Let not only men and women be interested, but also the children and youth. Let us all share in thus doing God's will and in finishing his work.

N. W. L.

#### MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

##### Past and Future.

DURING the ten years the Academy has been in existence the Lord has greatly blessed it in various ways, so that it has been able to do a fairly satisfactory degree of work, although much has been left undone simply because the facilities have not been at hand for the teachers to use. During this time the school has become more widely known each year and has continually extended its circle of influence until it now draws students from more than a dozen different States; and those who come from other States are mostly young men and women whose age is such that they can in a very short time enter actively into the work of the denomination. In all of this we see a fulfilment of the statement that the Lord would have his people establish a school at this place to give character to his work.

We rejoice greatly in all that has been done, and give thanks to the Lord for the care and protection which he has constantly given during these years; but now it seems the time has come for a step forward, if we are to fully carry out the work of the school. As indicated above, the teachers have never been able to do all they desired, or all they should have done in a school established for the high and holy purpose of preparing young men and women for the work of the Lord; and we know of no other way than to place the situation fairly before our

people for consideration at this time, praying that God may so move upon hearts that means will be given for relief from the burdens now resting upon the school. During the last few years much has been done by direct donation and through the "Object Lesson" work to reduce the debt of the school, and yet there is room for further effort. And why should we not undertake this at once? The sooner the debt is raised, the sooner will we be able to train our young people as we know they should be for this great work of proclaiming the truth for these days, and thus be enabled to more fully and quickly honor God.

And do we realize that this whole work might be done with comparative ease if each Seventh-day Adventist in the Ohio Conference would take hold of it as unto the Lord, giving as God has prospered, and praying that the Lord's blessing might rest upon the gift and the school in the use of the money given? We speak of the debt as being large, and ourselves as few, and therefore feel to draw back from undertaking that which we fear will be impossible of accomplishment; but here we miss the point, for the debt is not large as compared with that resting upon some of our other schools, nor are we few in numbers, or without means. And indeed the debt itself is not large when we look at it in the right light, for it is an obligation assumed by the two thousand Adventists of the State for the purpose of carrying on the work of the denomination in the State, thus making a per capita of only a little over five dollars. And surely no one who is acquainted with our people will for one moment say that it would be impossible for them to raise such an amount as this. Indeed, the very smallness of the sum should be an encouragement to us all to take hold at once and give of our means that this our only institution in this State may go free from debt, and thus be prepared to do the work God designed should be done when he established it.

Doubtless there are those who could not give five or six dollars, but this need deter no one from helping with a smaller amount if this be possible, for this should be a popular subscription in which every man, woman and child may have a part, and no donation however small will be refused. On the other hand there are those of means, and upon some of these God is laying a burden for this very thing, and we would in no wise limit or measure their generosity, but desire that all might give as the Lord may move.

May I not ask that the people of our Conference make this matter a subject of earnest prayer from now till camp-

meeting when we shall all be together and will have opportunity to talk over these matters face to face and lay plans for the accomplishment of the desired end, and as we pray may the Lord give us a spirit of liberality, for he has spoken and told us his mind in regard to these institutions remaining in debt?

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

#### FROM THE WORKERS.

Delta.

DEAR VISITOR: We have been at this place five weeks. The Lord has been with us and we have felt his sacred presence. Our attendance has been good, the interest also until we reached the Sabbath question. Since then we have not had a large attendance. The people are very courteous and kind, still most of them are fighting almost every point of our faith. Some are interested and we trust will yet accept the message.

We are of good courage, laboring from house to house, praying and pleading with the people to accept the precious truths of God's word. Pray for us that victory may be on Israel's side, and that we may meet some precious souls in the soon coming kingdom as the result of our labor at this place.

F. M. FAIRCHILD,  
W. E. BIDWELL.

Killbuck.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I am glad to report a good quarterly meeting held at this place on Sabbath, July 4. Brother G. C. Quillin, our local elder, officiating in the absence of Brother B. L. House, who wrote us a very encouraging letter. The Lord came near and touched and tendered our hearts upon this solemn occasion. I am also glad to report the progress of the message here. Precious souls are hungering and thirsting for present truth. Two dear sisters and family have taken a firm stand, and another who had only been a Sabbath keeper for some time, expressed a desire for baptism and union with the church. There are others also who are just ready to step out.

Truly the Lord is blessing the work at this place. The two or three precious souls who have faithfully held up the light of truth here for the past six or seven years can truly say that Paul planted, Appollos watered, and God gave the increase. They can hope in the promise, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

E. D. BATES, Clerk.

## Columbus.

I BEGAN my work here about a month ago. The first two weeks Satan tried exceedingly hard to discourage me, as I took only one order during the whole two weeks. But I knew that the promises of the Lord were sure and that victory was mine, and the Lord did give me the victory.

The last two weeks I have taken ten orders for "Christ's Object Lessons," eight "Best Stories," one "Bible Reading," and one "Coming King," value, \$19.75. I have also three regular appointments for Bible readings. Each of these families show a deep interest in the truth as it is presented to them. I desire that the Lord may use me as an instrument in bringing these souls to the knowledge of this truth, that they may also be numbered with the saved.

Remember us in your prayers that the Lord may sustain us and keep us faithful. Your brother in Christ,  
CHARLES G. CLYMER.

## Cincinnati.

WE are glad to report an increasing interest in the work at this place. Though the weather is very warm, the interest of our readers continues to deepen. We meet with so many encouragements in our work as we visit from house to house with the Bible readings that we are constantly kept full of praise to God.

Already we are seeing fruit. One minister with several other persons has recently pledged himself to keep the commandments of God. Our Sabbath congregations are constantly increasing in size and interest. New orders for the *Family Bible Teacher* are being received almost daily from churches in different States. Elder J. E. Bond, Williams, Ariz., (Brother Bond has recently married Sister Hannah Iles, formerly the wife of Elder Lovell Iles) writes: "We are using the readings received. They are the finest things yet to obtain an entrance to the homes of the people."

Our present supply of the first eight lessons is almost exhausted, and we will be forced to print a third edition to meet the increasing demand. The Lord has given us means thus far to meet every expense of publication, which amounts to over forty dollars a month. We are now planning to begin a new campaign on "Object Lessons," hoping in the next few weeks to sell every book due the Cincinnati church. Yours in the Master's service,  
W. H. GRANGER,  
L. K. MORGAN.

"GOD has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom."

## OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

"In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one; for in education, as in redemption, other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

## OUR HOPE FOR TO-MORROW.

THE story is told of a father old,  
Who stood on the street one day,  
And viewed dim-eyed the nation's pride  
Parading along the way.

In front were sires, with old-time fires  
Near snuffed by the waiting grave;  
They shouted loud of their record proud,  
"O citizens, we *were brave!*"

The old man sighed, and was dimmer eyed  
As he said with a touch of sorrow.  
"Ah, this they say of the bright to-day,  
But what of the nation's morrow?"

The strong men came, with their shining fame,  
Who bled the fair land to save;  
Their voices rung as they nobly sang,  
"O brotherhood, we *are brave!*"

He cheered the throng as they moved along.  
But Time would their strength soon borrow:  
"Ah, this they say of the bright to-day,  
But what of the nation's morrow?"

Then children sped with a lighter tread  
That cheered like a sunlight wave;  
And sweetly sung, as the welkin rung,  
"O fathers, we *will be brave!*"

The old man cried as he turned aside,  
But the tears were not of sorrow;  
For well he knew, though his journey through,  
That safe was that nation's morrow.

The children, stays of the coming days,  
The way for the message pave!  
Let's educate now each broadening brow,  
To-morrow they will be brave.

Count not that lost, nor a needless cost,  
Spent thus, though done in sorrow:  
Teach truth to-day, and God's Word always.  
The message will go to-morrow!

R. B. THURBER.

## THE OUTLOOK.

## Our Need.

A DEFINITE heeding of a definite principle.

## Our Danger.

OUR danger lies in following precedent, in patterning after the ways of others.

## The Key-Note.

THE message of God for this generation.

## Our Setting.

WHEN the true key-note is struck, God will reveal himself a God of mercy and love.

"ANGELS of heaven will ascend and descend the ladder of shining brightness, co-operating with human workers."

"THE members of the church triumphant will be permitted to draw near to the church militant to aid

them in their necessity. In every soul will be kindled the fire of holy zeal."

"COMPANY after company will leave the dark standard of the foe and come out under the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ to go forward with him in closing up his work."

CHAS. E. WELCH, *Supt. of Schools.*

## THE EDUCATION OF INFLUENCE.

IN this world of hurry and bustle, with the cares of this life, and the deceitfulness of riches, that *ignis fatuus* that lures so many to destruction, how few ever stop to consider earnestly and prayerfully the effect of their influence? The Lord says through the apostle Paul, "None of us liveth to himself." Many a one lives for self, planning, working, striving for the advancement of self, yet he does not live to himself; for whether he wills it or not there is that that emanates from his very existence which is for the weal or woe of all with whom he meets.

We may think our influence does not amount to much, and so excuse ourselves, having never seriously considered this silent force. Although Solomon wrote such good advice for his son Rehoboam, his life not being in harmony with it, the words made but little impression upon him. "And he did evil because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord."

Often we see parents concerned about the education of their children in the wisdom of the world. Their day-school lessons *must* be studied, and advancement is constantly urged that they may be *promoted*. But how is it with the Sabbath-school lesson? True, the Sabbath-school is held but one day in seven; and perhaps the world scoffs at the deductions of Bible researches; but "the word of the Lord is sure," "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." The earnest effort of every parent and worker in the Sabbath-school should be to instill faith in the word of God into the mind of every child. Fill it with the beauty of the letter of the Word, that when the Lord sends his Spirit to quicken it, make it a living experience, his every energy will respond to the voice of the Master. Then let us not excuse ourselves from duty in the Sabbath-school. Let us imbibe some of the same spirit that Paul had; and for fear our absence or refusing to serve may be a "stone of stumbling (excuse)" to some, say, "If that make my brother to offend, I shall not be found wanting any more."

BESSIE E. RUSSELL

"EACH one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness."

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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POPE LEO'S death is expected any moment.

THE blue pencil mark here says, "It is time to renew your subscription."

AN excellent article from Elder Burkholder entitled, "Finishing the Work," arrived just too late for this issue, but will be read with equal profit next week.

THE marriage of Mr. William J. Richardson, of Mansfield, O., and Miss Blanche Smith, of Academia, occurred at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday, July 14, 1903, at 5 P. M. The VISITOR joins with the other friends in extending best wishes.

THE Columbus church are successfully demonstrating what can be done when all concerned have a mind to lift. What seemed an utter impossibility a few weeks ago is a living reality now. Over a thousand dollars of a thirteen-hundred-dollar debt on their church property is already in sight with good prospects for the entire sum ere long. Good! That seems like preparing the way of the Lord. May the same spirit spread till every church in Ohio stands free from every incumbrance; yes, till every interest of the Ohio Conference shall know no burden but to do its part in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord.

IN a letter from Brother De Fluiter enclosing several subscriptions, we find these words: "I believe the camp-meeting will be favored with a large delegation from Cleveland. Let us pray daily for the success of that meeting, that we may have a manifestation of the power of God, not only in the ministry, but also in each individual in attendance. We have nothing but good words for the VISITOR. What makes it more valuable than anything else is the fact that it sounds the bugle note of 'Forward to Victory.' I feel happy every time I read the reports of the workers in the field. It shows the Lord is beginning to work through his people, and that the coming of Jesus is rapidly drawing on."

ITEMS FROM LAGRANGE.

WELCOME VISITOR: We are glad to welcome you to our home every week.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER attended service here Friday evening, while on his way to Cleveland. He gave us a special invitation to attend the camp-meeting at Mount Vernon.

BROTHER and Sister L. D. Wright, who recently moved here from Cleveland, were received into church fellowship by letter at this time. We are of good courage in the Lord.

QUARTERLY MEETING was held here Sabbath, July 11, Elder A. C. Shannon, of Cleveland, was present and preached two very interesting sermons preceding the quarterly service. The subject was, "Present truth for this time."

THE church here recently elected the following officers for the ensuing term of the Sabbath-school: Brother Draper, *Superintendent*; L. D. Wright, *Assistant Superintendent*; Sister Gott, *Secretary*; Sister Weight, *Organist*. We have a very interesting school, with a fair average attendance.

L. D. WRIGHT.

RAILROAD CERTIFICATES.

I WOULD suggest that where there may be small stations that may not have the certificate blanks on hand, that they be notified a few days in advance of the day of purchase, so that they may have a supply on hand to be filled out when requested to do so.

R. R. KENNEDY.

A SUGGESTION TO CANVASSERS.

PLEASE report promptly and send in short articles for the VISITOR, that others may be interested in entering the work. Your encouraging words will do far more toward enlisting others than anything we can say.

N. S. M.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending July 3.)

Mary Hubbell, New Straitsville.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$17.25; helps, \$17; total value, \$34.25; deliveries, \$26.

J. E. Osburn, Jackson County.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$29.25; value of deliveries, \$2.

George W. Spies, Piqua.—Coming King: value of orders, \$9; helps, \$5.40; total value, \$14.40; deliveries, \$40.52.

F. E. Wagner, Wayne County.—Miscellaneous: deliveries, \$37.75.

OUR SCHOOLS.

"True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

WHICH?

"HURRY the baby as fast as you can. Hurry him, worry him, make him a man. Off with his baby clothes, get him in pants. Feed him on brain foods and make him advance. Hustle him, soon as he's able to walk. Into a grammar school: cram him with talk. Fill his poor head with figures and facts. Keep on a jamming them in till it cracks. Once boys grew up at a rational rate. Now we develop a man while you wait. Rush him through college, compel him to grab Of every known subject a dip and a dab. Get him in business, and after the cash. All by the time he can grow a mustache. Let him forget he was ever a boy. Make gold his god and its jingle his joy. Keep him a hustling and clear out of breath. Until he wins—nervous prostration and death."

THESE lines by Nixon Waterman, one of our modern authors, faithfully portray the popular idea and purpose of education. Contrast with this the purpose and results of true education as indicated by the quotation at the beginning of this department, and choose for your sons and daughters.

CHURCH SCHOOL TOPICS.

ARE you now laying plans for your church school? Is the building secured? Is the room in order? Is it properly equipped with the necessary seats and other supplies? Are you studying to know what you should expect from the church school? Are you prepared to be a positive help and encouragement to such a school? Do you know what God's purpose is in the church school work? Do you know what qualifications he has said are most important in a church school teacher? Have you engaged a teacher for the coming term? Are the children at home receiving the spirit of the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness"?

FOUR students remain with the Academy during the summer to assist in the work. They are Miss Gertrude Numbers, Messrs. Carl Shepherd, Harry Benson, and John Dennis.