

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

THE church of God cannot rest satisfied as long as there are unwarned souls in the world around. Christ's instruction to his people is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Enlarge the place of thy tent," "spare not," "lengthen thy cords," suggest the same thing, only using different words.

The life of the church depends upon her activity. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, . . . lengthen thy cords, . . . spare not," are words full of meaning to every Seventh-day Adventist. We are in the world for a definite purpose, with a definite message, and if we follow the inspired instructions we have a right to expect definite results.

We are to plan to give our Message to all the world. This will require a spirit of sacrifice. Means necessary to the enlargement of our work are indicated by the words "spare not." Consecrated men, women, and means, are necessary to the accomplishment of our mission.

It will no doubt be a source of interest and encouragement to the readers of the VISITOR to learn that Dr. Harry W. Miller and wife will soon sail for the interior of China, looking to the Ohio Conference for their transportation and support for at least one year.

Elder M. S. Babcock and wife have answered a call to labor in the Virginia Conference, and are already in their field of labor. Their transportation and support for one year has been assured by us.

Elder C. A. Watkins and family will soon locate in the Louisiana Conference to resume his labor in that field, receiving the same assurance of aid.

Sister Ella McIntyre, with a burdened heart for the work in Egypt, has answered a call to go to that country to help Elder Wakeham and family

give the closing Message to that needy field. Sister McIntyre has received in the way of donations a sum sufficient to pay her transportation, and she goes as a self-supporting missionary. In my associations with her during the past year, I have found her to be an earnest Christian worker. Her many friends in the Ohio Conference will not forget her at the throne of grace.

But while these dear co-laborers separate from us to take up work in other fields, our work at home is just as clearly set forth in our text. "Strengthen thy stakes" is our part to carry out. The more the work is enlarged by lengthening the cords, the more the stakes supporting the tent need to be strengthened. It is not simply the duty of the church to seek new converts, but to encourage strengthen, and care for those she already has in the faith and from which she is to get her resources to prosecute her work still beyond.

May we all find our places in the work which remains to be done and stand for principle, the truth, and for God, till the controversy is ended.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"TRACT" THEM IN.

A MAN and family interested in the truth, but not keeping the Sabbath, came ten miles last evening to our meeting, and at the close expressed their gratefulness for the privilege, and asked if we had any tracts on subjects of present truth. We informed the gentleman that we had, and invited him into one of our small tents, where we showed him what we had with us. Out of forty-two different kinds of tracts he chose forty, and took one third of a package of each, handing me two dollars for them.

Then he said, "There are many interested at our place who want to know more about the truth."

This is true everywhere: and shall we allow it to be said of this man as it was said by Jesus unto the centurian, "I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel?"

C. T. REDFIELD.

PRAY for our laborers.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

AN important result of Christian growth is presented by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. He wishes his readers to grow, that they may be strong. We know that in the natural world there are growths that tend to weakness. Again, there is growth that runs to foliage instead of to fruit. But in this spiritual growth, there is a knitting together, an increase of stability, which resists opposing forces.

At no time in the history of the church has there been the need there now is for this kind of strength. It is folly to ignore the fact that there is in the church a widespread decay of faith. Men keep up their membership, and attend to their religious duties, who do not believe as their fathers believed, and who are not sure where they stand. The result is precisely that which the apostle deprecates. They are "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men." It is a dreary, uncomfortable condition, due mainly to a defect in Christian life. The man who knows by personal experience that these things are true, can not be convinced by any process of reasoning that they are false. Even when pressed by sophistries, which he has not the skill to disprove, he exclaims, as did the man whose eyes Christ opened, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

When one makes a personal test of Christ's power; when he feels in his own nature the change of disposition, of desire, and of motive that takes place in the regenerated soul; when he can look back at what he was, comparing himself with what he is, and can humbly rejoice in having become more Christlike, he is not likely to be carried away by the sleight of men. It is this strength of character to which the apostle desires his readers to attain, and tells them that they can attain it by growing up into Christ "in all things." E. D. BATES.

IT does not require great learning to be a Christian and be convinced of the truth of the Bible. It requires an honest heart and a willingness to obey God.—Barnes.

FROM OUR WORKERS.

Toledo.

DEAR VISITOR: Our meetings at Toledo continue from Sabbath to Sabbath with real interest. Last Sabbath one dear brother was baptized, rejoicing our hearts, and his companion, and the angels above. Other dear souls will follow in the near future.

At a school meeting last evening we decided to have a school in Clyde the coming year and have employed John Shultz for teacher. Greeting to all the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR.
D. E. LINDSEY.

Adams Mills.

BELIEVING that the readers of the VISITOR will be glad to hear from the Lord's work in this part of the vineyard, we send this short report of the same.

We held our first service the evening of September 4, and have continued each evening since, and also Sunday afternoon. Our attendance has averaged nearly sixty. There is some prejudice. Meetings were held near this place some nine years ago.

Now dear brethren and sisters, as you read this we desire you to pray God with all earnestness that the trumpet may give a certain sound, and that the Message may be received.

We desire to say that even now the Lord is present in this camp, giving courage and peace.

B. L. HOUSE,
F. M. FAIRCHILD.

Excello.

WE feel it our duty to send to the VISITOR a report of the opening of the work at this point. We arrived here on August 31, and through the assistance of Brother R. C. Reed were soon able to secure quite a favorable location in this town of about three hundred inhabitants.

Our tent outfit was considerably scattered, some of it being eighteen miles away; but Brother Reed volunteered to do the hauling, and we soon had the goods together, and the tents pitched. As no meetings are being held in the Methodist church of this place, the officers kindly consented that we should use their organ. We are somewhat crippled in our music as we have no organist. But we trust that the Lord will help us to find one each night in the congregation.

The meetings began last night with a good congregation present, numbering probably two hundred. All gave good attention, and many said they were coming each evening.

Our earnest desire is to be so submissive in the hands of God that he can use us to present the Message to this people with the right sound. We ask the readers of this article to remember at the throne of grace the interests of the cause at this place.

JAMES H. SMITH,
C. T. REDFIELD.

Cincinnati.

IT was our privilege to spend Sabbath and Sunday, September 5 and 6, with the church in Cincinnati. Elders Granger and Miller administered the ordinance of baptism to six willing souls at the close of the morning service. There are still others who will follow in the near future. The church is actively engaged in the new Bible Reading plan, and speak of it in a commendable way. We believe better and brighter days are before this church.
H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Mansfield.

DEAR BRETHREN: I went to Akron on a Sunday excursion, intending to return; but the train did not stop at Wadsworth where I had written Brother Oberholtzer to meet me. But I believe the Lord's hand was in it, for we had nine orders scattered around Lodi, Burbank, and West Salem. So I ordered books by express to Wadsworth, fifteen came, and I delivered and sold all but one of them in two days.

I will relate an experience that the Lord's hand seemed to be in. I thought when I started across the country on foot from Lodi to Burbank, that to carry so many books in the hot sun would be too much. But I sold two "Daniel and Revelation" for cash, and met a lady on the way to whom I handed a tract, and she said, "Are you the man that was selling books in Lodi?" She said that her mother lived four and one-half miles southeast of Burbank, and if I would go there she would buy three books. So I hired a wheel in the morning and rode out to her place, and she took the three books.

The Lord certainly will find his own, and we can see many times how the Lord works with us. We are of good courage in the work here in Mansfield. The Lord is helping us to find entrance into the homes of the people here, and opening the way for Bible readings most every night. This is Fair week, and we don't expect to do so much, but will do what we can by the Lord's help. Yours in the blessed hope,

F. E. WAGNER.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(Reported since last report.)

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Spicer, Bradford.—Coming King: value of orders, \$32; helps, \$7.25; total, \$39.25.

F. E. Wagner and wife, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$13; deliveries, \$26.60.

Fred Trout, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$9.75; deliveries, \$10.70.

A NEW SUBSCRIPTION BOOK.

"Our Paradise Home," by Elder S. H. Lane.

THE author has presented in this interesting and very instructive volume the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the future home of the saved, in such a simple and impressive manner that whoever begins to read the book will not want to lay it down until it is finished.

A long experience in the gospel ministry has qualified the author to present the following topics, which constitute the subject matter of the book, in a way that will interest and impress the reader with the importance and truthfulness of these important subjects: Sin Permitted; The Fall of Man; The Purchased Kingdom; The Three Worlds; Redemption of the World Promised; The Two Kingdoms; The Two Jerusalems; The Three Heavens; Events Introducing the Restitution; The Earnest of the Holy Spirit; A Glimpse of the Future Kingdom; The Rest That Remaineth; eth; The Events of the Millennium; The Judgment; The Two Resurrections; Description of the Kingdom of Glory; and The New Jerusalem.

The book is tastefully bound in two styles, paper and cloth. It contains 128 pages printed on good paper with new clear type, and is appropriately illustrated with thirty-one new designs made especially for the book. It's a new and up to date subscription book, bearing the gospel message for this time upon the subjects treated. The price is 25 cents for the paper binding, and 50 cents for the cloth binding. The usual discount is given to agents and Tract Societies. Just the book to sell as a help, or for local members to place in the homes of their neighbors. Order of the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

PARENTS, teachers, and all gospel workers need the help provided by the book "Education." Price, \$1.25, postpaid.

MISSIONARY.

THE "LIFE BOAT" FOR MISSION WORK.

DR. PAULSON, of Chicago, writes that the circulation of the *Life Boat* has not been below ninety thousand a month this summer. He also adds: "God certainly is preparing the hearts of men for the last great work. The wife of a leading department store proprietor in the city of Chicago has just embraced the truth. One of the city's leading business men has just begun to keep the Sabbath. An excellent mission worker for the Methodists has also begun its observance. Fifteen others have embraced the whole truth as the result of our Chicago work during the past year."

Mission Correspondence.

DEAR EDITOR OF THE *Life Boat*: I am getting more and more interested in your work. When I subscribed for your paper I did not know it was an Advent paper; I have just learned that of late. There are two Adventist evangelists holding meetings in a tent in this block and I attend their services all the time—I have even had services twice at my house, and last Sabbath I kept the Sabbath for the first time in my life. I have always been a Lutheran and a worker in the church and I have much to give up, but I want to do what is right and what God calls me to do. I have had quite a struggle with myself to give up, and my husband thinks it is foolish to give up the church, he says, when Sunday is good enough for millions of others. He says that Sunday is alright for him. I wish that you would pray for me, and I would be glad to get a few words of encouragement from some of you. I still think that it will be hard for me to give up eating meat, as I have always been used to eating it, and I cannot see any harm in eating it from a Bible standpoint, as Christ mentioned it in the story of the prodigal son.

May God bless you and your work, and this work here is my prayer.

MRS. ———.

OAHU PENITENTIARY,

HONOLULU, H. T.

E. B. VAN DORN,

Supt. *Life Boat Mission, Chicago.*

Dear Sir: Your very courteous and sympathetic letter of June 26 was delivered to me last evening and read with much pleasure. The receipt of it was, as a matter of fact, one of the greatest surprises of my life. When I saw the officer coming into the yard

with several letters in his hand, I thought of the pleasure the recipients of them were ready to feel, and think of my amazement when the officer actually handed me one of the letters! Me, the forsaken, homeless, friendless, miserable wretch that I am. Who in the wide world could have anything to write to me? Of course the *Life Boat* was not in my mind at the time, otherwise I would have known that nobody else in the world except the members of the *Life Boat* Mission ever give a thought to the unfortunates of the world.

I have nothing that I can call my own, but I can assure you that you have my earnest and sincere gratitude, and that if anyone has ever done anything to reach my heart, you have succeeded in doing so. I would be very glad indeed if at any time you could find a minute to write to me. As I said before, I have nobody in the world and I have never desired more to have at least one, than when I see the other prisoners receive letters from their relatives or their friends. Very gratefully yours,

FRED WOOD.

HARVEY W. KNERR, of Pitcairn, Pa., writes: "Two months ago I was a 'hobo' at Raton, N. Mex. In the railroad yards I picked up a copy of the April number of the *Life Boat*. I read it and that was the beginning of my salvation. Previous to that time for ten years I had been a wanderer on the face of the earth, and for the past four years, entirely apart from wife, mother and home, leading a Godless, wicked, aimless life, associating with the worst element of the floating population of the States and Territories. When I found the *Life Boat* I was an ex-convict, an ex-soldier, alone, wretched, penniless and filthy. To-day I am working at good wages, clean, well dressed, sober, and happy in the full joy imparted by the great love of an ever merciful God and a faithful wife. Your paper was the initial agent in this great and blessed change.

"Enclosed please find thirty cents. Will you kindly mail me the April number of the *Life Boat*, and enroll me as a regular subscriber? I pray God's blessing upon you and your work."

Since receiving the above letter, we carried on a correspondence with Mr. Knerr. He says in a recent letter that he hopes soon to visit the Chicago work, and that he is earnestly seeking God for counsel and direction in regard to connecting with the Mission work in the city.

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

HOW IT WORKS IN DAYTON.

WE are nicely situated on National Ave., about two and one-half miles from the Court House. Street cars run by our door. The city is ripe for the Message. The Macedonian cry is heard, "Come over and help us." One family is taking readings three nights each week. They have decided to keep the commandments of God, and are now remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

The *Family Bible Teacher* is being scattered here like the leaves of autumn, and excellent work is being accomplished by its weekly visits. The Dayton church in all are making about nine hundred visits each week. One lady said to me while out distributing, "These lessons are the best thing I ever read. Who writes them?" In reply I said, "A Seventh-day Adventist minister." "Well," said she, "my people are Adventists, and I am very anxious to learn all about this people. I assure you I shall be only too glad to take the full course."

This is the best method that I have found to find honest souls. Let me say to my co-laborers in city Bible work, if you want a real live experience, try the house to house work with the *Family Bible Teacher*. Readings are opening up very fast here through this medium. We are conducting meetings every two weeks on Sunday nights for those that are interested in the truth. We see that many are ready to listen to the Message.

Our church building is being moved from the rear end of the lot to the front end. We believe this move to be pleasing to the Lord. We are all of good courage in the Lord. Pray for us. Your brother in the Message,

F. H. HENDERSON.

THE VISITOR will be glad to publish items of progress in medical missionary lines, and we invite our workers in this State conducting sanitariums, bath rooms, health restaurants, mission stations, etc., to send occasional reports of your work, experiences and prospects for the future.

EDITOR WELCOME VISITOR: The VISITOR is much improved and growing better all the time, especially is this true of the issue of August 19. As we read it, we felt very much as if we were enjoying a second camp-meeting. No Seventh-day Adventist family in Ohio can afford to do without it. These are stirring times, and we look for great developments of God's mighty power in the near future. J. G. WOOD.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

Sabbath begins Sept. 25 at 5:53 P. M.

THE address of Brother Kenneth R. Haughey is Newark, O., Box 424.

THE blue pencil mark here means your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

THE church school at Academia opened this week with an attendance of twenty-seven.

BROTHER B. F. HUBBELL, of Academia, desires to correspond with any who may wish to purchase a home in this place.

THE first week of school at the Academy gives promise of an unusually pleasant and prosperous year. A spirit of earnestness and of work prevails.

FIVE classes in Bible study are being conducted in the Academy work this year, along these lines: History and Geography of the Bible; Patriarchs and Prophets; Life of Christ; Daniel and Revelation; Doctrinal Subjects.

A CASH collection and donations to the amount of about seventy-five dollars was taken up by the Mt. Vernon church last Sabbath to apply on the Academy debt. The several pledges will continue to be circulated by the church officers.

THE Students' Sabbath-school was organized at the Academy last Sabbath with Prof. N. W. Lawrence, *Supt.*, Arthur Kennedy, *Asst. Supt.*, Ethel Pope, *Sec.*, Gertrude Numbers, *Asst. Sec.*, Glenna Shrock, *Organist*, and a membership of seventy-one.

THE song, "The Coming of the Lord," the words of which were published in the VISITOR of April 8, and repeatedly sung at the recent camp-meeting by its author, Brother Henry DeFluiter, is to be published in sheet music form, and distributed from the WELCOME VISITOR office. Watch for special announcement in our next issue.

Sabbath, September 26, is appointed for a missionary day. Missionaries and mission fields will be considered from the standpoint of the Ohio Con-

ference. It is desired that a special offering be made to the Lord on that day, the means to be used in placing our two missionaries, Dr. H. W. Miller and wife, in China, their field of labor. All are invited to share in this offering, and thus share in the work in China. Let the children do their part in love to Jesus, and to the extent of their ability lay up treasure in heaven.

A FURTHER REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR.

DR. H. W. MILLER and wife, China; K. R. Haughey, Newark; Ella McIntyre, Egypt; Bessie E. Russell, *Ass't. Ed. Sec.* H. H. B.

ACADEMY DEBT FUND.

Pledges previously reported.....	\$4,498.00
New pledges.....	15.00
Cash reported.....	509.30
Cash received on pledges since report.....	695.00
Cash received from churches.....	30.00
Total cash receipts.....	1,234.30
Cash paid on notes.....	624.00

THE above report covers the cash and pledges in the Academy treasury, but does not include the money or pledges given in the various churches and not transferred to the school; nor does it include the cash which has been sent to the Tract Society, as this has not yet been transferred to the Academy. All these sums will appear in a later report. J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

BEWARE!

"The Expressman's Swindle."

SATURDAY evening a man called at the home of Mrs. H. W. Clark, No. 130 Melvin Street, and delivered a bundle closely resembling an express package. He said there were \$5 charges. Mrs. Clark paid the bill. The smooth stranger disappeared. When Mrs. Clark opened the bundle she found nothing of value. She reported the matter to the police of the thirteenth precinct station, but nothing has been heard of the smooth swindler. A short time ago a man perpetrated a similar swindle upon a woman of the East End, delivering five cents' worth of moth balls in a huge package, collecting for the same about \$5. The swindle has been worked in a similar manner in several sections of the city.

The clipping above from a Cleveland paper should be of interest to all the readers of the VISITOR. The swindler represents himself to be a Seventh-day Adventist, and uses his knowledge of the truth, and his acquaintance with our people, to swindle the unsuspecting. He has made such attempts on our people not only in Cleveland, but in Akron. He was under arrest here, but is now out on bail.

A. C. SHANNON.

OBITUARY.

ANDERSON.—Mrs. Manerva Ansenbaugh Anderson, daughter of Isaac and Ruth Ansenbaugh, was born Jan. 6, 1832, died Sept. 1, 1903, in her seventy-first year. She was the youngest of a family of ten children, of whom four survive her. Sister Anderson had been a member of the Adventist church for a number of years. She buried her husband in the same faith ten years ago. The deceased met her death in a railroad accident. She led a consistent Christian life, and died in hope of the first resurrection. The funeral service was conducted by Elder E. J. Van Horn.

ERVIN.—Miss Mary Stevens was born Aug. 16, 1841; was married to James Ervin Jan. 5, 1859. There were born to her seven children, six daughters and one son, four of whom survive her. She accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists about five years ago at Lockburn, O., under the ministry of Elders Burkholder and Hess. She hoped to live to see her Saviour come in the clouds of heaven, but was resigned to his will. She has done her work, she has finished her course, and from henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give her at that day. She died at Columbus, O., Aug. 13, 1903, within two days of her sixty-second birthday. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder R. R. Kennedy. W. H. SCHWARTZ.

BARR.—Not one family only, but the entire church at LaGrange was made sad by the terrible accident that caused the death of David Morton Barr in the early morning of August 30. He had a last attack of that dread affliction that for years has made life weary, and with no kind hands to minister unto him, fell close by the railway, and in his helpless condition, all unconscious of approaching danger, he was crushed by a fast train. The funeral was held the following day in the Baptist church, attended by a large number of sympathizing friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 11:28. This sweet promise had often been made a part of Brother Barr's testimony.

The following lines written by a neighbor express the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him:—

"Death comes an unsought guest to every board, and at his bidding some loved one goes forth to his mysterious home. David Morton Barr was born in Michigan, Feb. 10, 1855, and died at LaGrange, Aug. 30, 1903. He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Dumas, of Elyria, July 4, 1877. To them were born two sons and two daughters. If there was one place he was known more than another, it was in the home circle where he was a devoted husband and a loving and gentle father. His words were always cheerful and full of hope. He carried sunshine in his presence for those about him. He was converted and united with the Adventist church eighteen years ago, and his life as a Christian magnified the grace of God. He was a man of the strictest integrity, industrious, and honorable in all his dealings. He was fully trusted in the community where he spent almost his entire life. Many beautiful and pleasant things are spoken of his life and character. He has passed from us, and now we look for him no more. But he will live with us in the blessed fruits of his years spent among us, until we meet him in the resurrection morning."

A. C. SHANNON.