

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"There are channels everywhere through which benevolence may flow. Needs are constantly arising, missions are handicapped for want of means. . . . Wait not until your death to make your will, but dispose of your means while you live."

"GO."

LABORERS of Christ, arise.  
And gird you for the toil!  
The dew of promise from the skies  
Already cheers the soil.

Go where the sick recline,  
Where mourning hearts deplore:  
And where the sons of sorrow pine,  
Dispense your hallowed store.

Be faith, which looks above,  
With prayer, your constant guest:  
And wrap the Saviour's changeless love  
A mantle round your breast.

So shall you share the wealth  
That earth may ne'er despoil.  
And the blest gospel's saving health  
Repay your arduous toil.

LYDIA H. SIGOURNEY.

## THE FORMER DAYS.

### The Third Angel.

IN Rev. 14: 6-12 is recorded the great threefold message intended to prepare a people for Christ's second advent, the fulfillment of which is responsible for the existence of the people known as Adventists. They have been divided into different factions, but the acceptance of a part, or the whole, of this threefold message has given them their name.

The First Angel's Message was emphatically a time message. It was based on the ending of the 2,300 days of Dan. 8:14. "Unto two thousand three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Taking it for granted that the earth was the sanctuary, and that its cleansing would be by fire, they could see only the coming of the Lord, and the consummation of all things at the ending of the days. After careful investigation it was found that the days would end on the tenth day of the seventh month, 1844. In that year, this

day (Jewish) fell on October 22, our time. I would say that subsequent study and close investigation has discovered no error in the computation of the time.

The twenty-second of October came, but the Lord did not come and all were deeply disappointed. It is true that the words, "And the third angel followed them," read just as plainly then as they do now; but they could not see it. If they had seen the Third Angel's Message then it would have been impossible for them to have proclaimed the First and Second.

But the third angel did not delay in following the other two. The minds of some were immediately called to the subject of the sanctuary, and it was found that the sanctuary was not the earth, but a building in heaven where Christ, our great High Priest, was officiating. And his coming was not a coming to the earth, but a coming to the second apartment of that sanctuary to cleanse it. Heb. 8: 1, 2; Dan. 8:14; 7:13. So it came to pass that before the year 1844 had closed, there were some who had accepted the Third Angel's Message, and were keeping the Sabbath. D. HILDRETH.

## LINDSAY, ONTARIO.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: When the call came to me requesting that I should come to Canada to labor, I did not quite understand it, but accepted it as a call from God to leave my home and take up the work in Ontario. Since starting in the work here, I am satisfied that the Lord is pleased to have me labor here. He has blessed me in health and strength and the people have been very kind.

I am now in Lindsay, Ontario. I have been here almost a year. To encourage me in my work here and to work with me, we have a Sabbath-school of thirty members. The tithe paid in has been almost \$100 so far. As soon as tithe paying was made clear, the earnest ones began paying in their tithe, however small it was. Monthly visits are made to the jail and hospital with *Life Boats*, tracts, and other papers. Over 14,960 pages of tracts have been distributed, thirty-

seven *Advocates* among the public school teachers, fifty-five *Sentinels* among the lawyers, and twenty-six *Good Healths* among the doctors. One hundred treatments have been given, forty of these being given at the city hospital by consent of the doctor.

We have come to the point in our work here now where we need a church. At one of our Sunday evening Bible studies not long ago, the building of a church was put before the readers. All responded very favorably. Fifty dollars was pledged. We have been asking for donations since from the readers, and it has reached somewhere near \$100 now. A lot has been offered us with a small house on it for \$200. Our burden now is to raise the \$200. Then we can call the lot our own. A number of readers have promised to help on the building.

As yet we have no wealthy ones among us, but all are doing what they can. May we not have the prayers of all the workers in Ohio, and also your help? I remember with much interest the dear workers in Ohio, because it was with them I learned my first lessons in the Third Angel's Message, and the best plans of labor. Trusting you may give this your most earnest consideration, and wishing the cause in Ohio the most speedy progress, I am as ever, your co-laborer,

SADIE BAKER.

Sept. 17, 1903.

## A NOTE.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN OHIO: I praise the Lord for the blessings received since laboring among you, and for all the kindnesses shown me by those for whom I have been permitted to labor. Truly the Lord is working through his people. As I expect to join our workers in Egypt this fall and be self-supporting by nursing, etc., I ask the prayers of you all that the Lord may bless us in winning many souls to Christ.

Will all those who have pledged toward my transportation please remember to send early to C. V. Hamer, *Treas.*, Academia, as I expect to start by the first of October, and it takes some time to arrange for transportation.

ELLA F. MCINTYRE.

## FROM OUR WORKERS.

### Adams Mills.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We have been made to rejoice in our work at this place. The Lord has given a goodly company to hear the truth each evening, and our hearts are encouraged to see souls this early in the meeting taking their stand to keep holy the Sabbath of Jehovah. A cold wave has come and we will have to set up our stove, but we believe the honest in heart will continue to hunger for the truth. We are all of good courage and the Lord is blessing us in our work together.

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

### Toledo.

WELCOME VISITOR: We have had another blessed Sabbath and Sunday for the Toledo church. On Sunday afternoon, two dear souls (adults) were baptized, one uniting with the Toledo church, and the other with the Clyde church.

The quarterly meeting at Toledo will be held October 3, and at Clyde, October 10 the Lord willing. I go to Walnut Grove to-morrow to be at a two-days' grove meeting. It was there Elder W. H. Saxby and I received the seal to our ministry in the conversion to the Message of more than two score of dear souls, and where I had the privilege of raising funds to build a good house of worship. I have not visited the dear friends there for years, and it will be an occasion of special interest to me, and I hope of profit to them. Elder E. J. Van Horn will be at the meeting, and the word that comes to me is that he is well and happy.

Sept. 26, 1903. D. E. LINDSEY.

### Cygnets.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: This writing finds us at Cygnets. We came to this place August 31, and commenced holding meetings. Our attendance is quite small, but those who do come give the best of attention to the word spoken. We are of good courage, and the Lord is giving us freedom in presenting his word.

Cygnets is the center of the oil field, and is a little town of about one thousand people. The church of Rome claims one half of its members. We have two sisters living here. They have been holding up the light of truth, and we are praying for strength from above to be able to bring others to a knowledge of the truth, so that God's name may be glorified and souls may be saved in this place.

Brother Bidwell has sold books to the amount of \$33.85. Brother J. O. Young is with us doing good work, selling books and tracts. Will all the VISITOR readers remember us at the throne of Grace, and pray for the work at Cygnets? Yours in the blessed hope,

W. E. BIDWELL,  
FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

### Cincinnati.

WE are glad to report an increasing interest in the work in this place. Last Sabbath the church unanimously voted to rent one of the best halls in the city for Sunday night meetings, at a cost of six dollars per night. We fully believe the time has arrived for us to step out by faith, and undertake large efforts to spread this Message.

The *Family Bible Teacher* is doing a good work. Already five souls are keeping the Sabbath largely as a result of this work. We will have the entire set of twenty-eight lessons out in less than three weeks. Any who would like a full set of these lessons may secure them by enclosing us ten cents in a letter; or, if you have any friends or relations to whom you wish them sent, send us the name and address with ten cents for each party, and we will mail them for you direct.

Reports of the most encouraging kind are coming in from different States where the lessons are in use. We are now printing on an average eight thousand lessons per week. Yours in the Message,

W. H. GRANGER,  
L. K. MORGAN.

### Waterford.

SABBATH, September 19, I enjoyed with the church at Waterford. It was a privilege much appreciated to greet again some of the veterans of the cause in the Ohio Conference. I was also pleased to see new faces in the congregation, some who have recently cast their lot to go with us to the kingdom.

Brother George Bisel, the present elder of the church, was the first Sabbath keeper in the neighborhood where the church is located. The organization is one of the oldest in the State. Brother Bisel's faith in the Message has been tested at different times, and in various ways; but he remains a pillar in the church, and holds the respect of all the brethren. God grant that we who have connected with the work in later years may never be guilty of withholding from the dear old pioneers the measure of sympathy and respect which they justly deserve at our hands.

We hope that circumstances will soon change so that Sisters Ella M.

Talmage and Ida Hles may again be actively engaged in the heralding of the closing Message, although their presence and assistance is greatly prized by the home church.

May the Lord bless this company of believers and continue to add to their number such as should be saved.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### Rows.

WELCOME VISITOR READERS: We reached this village with our personal effects on September 2. The next day we hauled the tents from the station and began the work of settling. The Lord favored us with a very nice location. We are so situated that we can be seen from a distance in almost any direction. Besides our favorable location, we have received a favorable mention in the Ashland County paper, so you can see that many may know of our being here.

After giving the matter due attention, we decided to announce our first meeting for Sunday evening, September 6. To our surprise many thought we meant "our Sunday," and so came one night earlier than we had expected. Brother Kirkendall gave a talk and laid foundation for future talks by showing that we have a special message for this time. We have had from one hundred to three hundred in attendance at every service. A goodly number have not missed a night. Many have said, "I wish to get all the truth you have."

We are sure that souls will be in the kingdom of God as a result of this meeting. To-night we begin the Sabbath question. Pray for us that God's blessing may be given in an especial manner, as these testing truths are presented.

M. C. KIRKENDALL,  
J. O. MILLER,  
H. H. VOTAW.

### Excello.

WE desire to send in a report of the work at this place. The meetings have been in progress about ten days, and we never had a better interest. There is a large attendance every night, and good attention. It seems that we are here at the proper time. Most of the people are dissatisfied with what has been offered them as religious teaching in the past. And now these truths that the Lord is offering them seem to satisfy their long felt want. We hope they will find joy not only in hearing them, but also in doing them.

There are only a few commandment keepers around here, but they have cast a good influence for the truth.

Sunday the tent was full and many stood outside; perhaps three hundred being present. It was almost the same

on Monday night. This has been considered a wicked place, because of so much drinking. But the hearts of some of that class are being touched. We rejoice to see the Spirit of God working on the hearts of many who have never been to meeting for years, We are of good courage in the Lord.  
JAS. H. SMITH and C. T. REDFIELD.

#### Academia.

THE last two Sabbaths have been of special interest to the church here. The work and progress of the Third Angel's Message is becoming very real as members of our church, of our school, of our own families, are called to devote their lives to the giving of the truth of the soon coming kingdom to people in heathen lands. Special services were held Sabbath, September 26, in the Academy chapel, in which Conference officers, Academy teachers and students, church officers and people, participated. All felt a special interest in the sending of Dr. H. W. Miller and wife to China, because of former associations and relations. The quickening work of the Lord's Spirit was present, for which we praise his name.

#### Louisiana.

According to the recommendation of the late conference at Academia, advising me to labor in the State of Louisiana, I left Ohio September 7, for Shreveport. This is the same city I left on going to Ohio two years ago.

The brethren of the Shreveport church were anxiously waiting my return, and spared no effort to show an appreciation of our presence. After a few days' meeting with this company, and renewing of acquaintances, I visited the church at Mansfield. Here a company of about a dozen sisters, by zealous perseverance, has just about completed a very neat little church. They need about two hundred dollars yet to finish it. It will then make a most valuable monument of truth in this section, being the first Seventh-day Adventist church in northern Louisiana.

The people are now in the midst of cotton harvest. As the principle product of this part of the State is cotton, to one accustomed to our northern harvests a very interesting scene is presented. The days are hot but the nights are very cool.

Souls seem hungering for the truth, and we hope to do much in this needy field for the Master. I shall be glad to report more of interest as we become more thoroughly organized in our efforts. Sincerely yours in the hope of the promise,

C. A. WATKINS.

## EDUCATIONAL.

### YOUR BOY.

NOT all the treasures of wealth and grace,  
Were they down before you cast,  
Would you take for one smile of your darling's  
face,

Did you know it would be the last.  
Nor all the gems of the richest mart,  
The treasures of sea or shore,  
Would buy one throb of that loving heart.  
Did you know it would beat no more.

Perhaps the day may sometime come,  
When your boy is lying low.  
And you, in a saddened, empty home,  
To your duties, listless go.  
Ah, how will it soothe the weary mind,  
And soften your grief and woe,  
To think you have trained for a home in  
heaven,  
The dear one resting low.

You would think as you stand by his ridge of  
clay,

How your boy was tenderly reared,  
With loving care you sent him away,  
To a school where God is feared.

Oh gentle parents, do as you ought,  
While your child to you is given;  
And see that your loving boy is taught,  
In a school that tells of heaven.

L. D. Santee, in *Illinois Recorder*.

SCHOOL work at the Academy is now fully organized and progressing nicely. Something over a hundred are carrying regular work, and a general disposition to improve the time is everywhere to be noted. The usual missionary and improvement societies have reorganized, and plans are being laid for effective work during the winter.

### FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

UP to the present time, six church schools have reported as having opened their doors for another year's work, and we are very much pleased with the encouraging words that are coming. All seem to be of good courage and are looking for much of the blessing of God to attend the work of educating the little folk to have a love for the "Message" and to consecrate their young lives to the Master's service.

At the present writing there are over one hundred children enrolled in the various schools throughout the State. What an army this will make for the Saviour if they all grow up to be men and women in Christ Jesus, and what a vast amount of good they can accomplish by way of brightening the lives of those around them! What an army of little burden bearers, and how many hearts can be made glad by their loving, willing service!

Let us as teachers fully sense our responsibility and work for them with a genuine love in our hearts to see them

develop into noble burden-bearing youth, and let us, as parents and church members who are interested in the spread of the gospel, stand squarely by the teachers and school boards. And let us all go forward laboring joyfully and perseveringly for the Lord, ever remembering that in union there is strength; and that the larger the body of united workers, the more rapidly will the work go, and the sooner will we be through with this earth and be ushered into that broader life where all will be happiness, joy, and peace, and where we can go on developing throughout eternity.

Shall we not all pray earnestly that these lambs of the fold shall receive this year more than they ever have before along the line of true Christian training?

CHAS. E. WELCH, *Ed. Sec.*

#### Lagrange.

OUR school opened Monday, September 14, with an attendance of fourteen which has since increased to twenty-six, whose ages range from eight to sixteen years. We are enjoying our work very much and feel that it has started in accordance with the Lord's will. The interest is good and it is a pleasure to see the willingness with which each one takes up the work assigned.

Some in the church felt impressed that there was a need of more practical missionary work, more earnest effort to spread the gospel and bring souls to Christ. So after missionary meeting Sabbath evening, a company assembled on the public square. Soul stirring songs were sung, and after God's blessing was asked upon the meeting, words were spoken which should have sent the arrow of conviction home to many hearts. After a few more of our beautiful hymns, we dispersed, feeling that, even though we had brought the wrath of Satan upon our heads, we could bear the persecution, if only one soul were helped. The general sentiment is good, however, and we believe the Lord is with us in this line of work. Let us not stand back in dread of persecution, it must come. May we all rally, and no longer delay the glorious appearing of our Lord.

Rouse ye, Christian workers,  
Be ye up and doing!  
Shall the Master's kingdom,  
Suffer at your hands?  
There are true souls waiting--  
Waiting for your wooing.  
Go ye forth and win them,  
Christ, the Lord, commands.

C. RUTH SWEET.

OUR schools need your support.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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DONT fail to read the reports from the workers this week, noting the success attending their efforts.

October 3, 1903, is the date set for the taking of the second annual collection for the Haskell Orphans' Home, and the James White Memorial Home.

BEFORE our next issue reaches its readers, our missionaries to Egypt and China will have set sail, if all is well. The missionary interests of the Ohio Conference alone are becoming almost world-wide. May they not cease to widen till the Lord comes. May the earnest prayers of honest souls continue to flow up to God, while the needed means from honest stewards flows out to regions beyond.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(Two weeks ending Sept. 18.)

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Spies, Bradford.— Coming King: value of orders, \$16.50; deliveries, \$35.75.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Mansfield.— Miscellaneous: value of orders and cash sales, \$31.25.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

### "The Coming of the Lord."

WE are now prepared to make definite announcement concerning the song, "The coming of the Lord," composed by Brother Henry DeFluiter. As mentioned last week, this song is now published in sheet music form, and is to be offered to the public through the VISITOR office.

### The Idea.

Perhaps no one in the Ohio Conference has taken a more lively interest in the circulation of the WELCOME VISITOR than has Brother DeFluiter, and believing, as he has said, that it carries with it the Spirit of the Message for this time, he desires to place it in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family in the State. Accordingly he has made subscribers to the VISITOR an outright gift of the **First Thousand copies** of the music mentioned above.

## The Song.

The song is set to good music and is composed of five stanzas and a chorus, each emphasizing the thought of a definite scripture text, bearing directly upon present truth. Wherever this song is sung with the spirit of truth it contains, the Third Angel's Message will be introduced to the hearers. This is the chorus:—

(Matthew 24:34.)

This generation shall not pass till all things be fulfilled.

This is the blessed promise that Christ to us hath willed;

The twenty-fourth of Matthew says all things are at hand.

His coming's near, we soon shall hear his trumpet through the land.

With this piece of music in the home, in the heart, friends and neighbors can be entertained to their profit: the truth can be presented in a most congenial manner. Let us be wise as serpents, harmless as doves, seeking the good of all men at all times, and in all ways.

We have decided upon a plan that will be available for all subscribers, so that all may be able to obtain the song free of charge, and still accomplish the purpose of the donor.

## The Plan.

1. **Remember** the song will go only with yearly subscriptions to the VISITOR; and then only when 25 CENTS accompanies the order, and the song is asked for.

2. **Present Subscribers** may obtain a copy of the song by sending one or more new subscriptions with their own renewal, accompanied with a remittance of twenty-five cents for each subscription and renewal.

3. **Every New Subscriber** who pays twenty-five cents for an annual subscription and requests a copy of the song, will be entitled to the song free of charge.

We expect our friends to take advantage of this opportunity to do good in three ways at once,— to the VISITOR, to their friends, and to themselves. This is purely co-operative, all parties sharing in the profits. Let us hear soon from all who are interested, for the thousand copies will probably not last long, and what we do for the truth in this day needs to be done quickly.

## "THE FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER."

THIS little helper has been with us but a short time, and there is no doubt many of the readers of the VISITOR are personally unacquainted with the purpose of its advent. It has not

come to usurp the place of any other periodical already in the field, but to fill a mission of its own, and that in a way, too, that will not detract from their usefulness, but if rightly used will contribute to their success.

This little messenger presents the main points of our faith in a short, pointed way, ranging in consecutive order from number one to thirty. Any person of ordinary ability and knowledge of the truth, can in this way place in many homes, in a short time and with comparatively little expense, God's closing Message. These readings should be placed in the hands of the people in regular order, at the rate of one each week. This will afford time for study and the necessary personal work.

In these days of activity when the people are driven with business cares, this plan of reaching the people will, we believe, be found very satisfactory. To meet the different families personally, and read with them the Bible for an hour at least each week, requires a long time to reach but a few people. Again, when our presence is withdrawn, our words are soon forgotten; but by leaving the printed reading, it will continue to tell the same story over and over again, day and night, reminding the readers of the different points of truth, and giving them the opportunity to become conversant with the various subjects.

I firmly believe that in these days of skepticism and doubt, and with the experience yet awaiting the remnant church, it will be necessary to make a personal study of the Message to be able to stand in the end.

Will those who have had some practical experience in this method of work relate the same for the benefit of the readers of the VISITOR? Who will be first?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## OBITUARY.

LEININGER.—Lina, daughter of J. T. and Angeline Cooper, was born March 17, 1874; died, Aug. 18, 1903, age 29 years, 5 months, and 1 day. She was converted at the age of eighteen and united with the Methodist Church. In 1898 she accepted the Third Angel's Message and was baptized by Elder E. J. Van Horn. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Elgin, O., remaining quite faithful until death. During the last few weeks of her illness, she called in all her neighbors and friends, confessing every mistake and begging forgiveness. She then turned with all her heart to God, praying for the clearest evidence of her acceptance, and a peaceful hour in which to die. All this was granted by our merciful Heavenly Father. Her last breath was, "Praise him! Praise him!" Her life was cut short by consumption. She leaves a husband, two children, a father, two brothers and one sister. The funeral was conducted by the writer, with sermon based on Jas. 4:14. "What is your life?" E. J. VAN HORN.