

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY.

"Those who have money should understand that now is the time to use it for God. . . . Use the means to establish centers in new fields. . . . Practice economy in your homes. . . . Put away your idols. Give up your selfish pleasures."

### THE WOMEN OF CHINA.

CHINESE women deserve more sympathy, perhaps, than the women of any other nation, for from babyhood they are looked down upon as weak, ignorant, uneducated; in fact they are considered incapable of learning. When the little baby girl comes into the world, unloved and uncared for, it is indeed to be regretted; for along with improper care comes foot binding, for it would never do for a Chinese woman to have large feet, unless they are to work.

This process of binding the feet, while looked upon by us as such a cruel custom, as it is, is considered by them the very foundation of gentility and refinement; but the civilized custom of wearing tight clothing about the waist, which is done in all our civilized countries, is looked upon by our Chinese sisters as just as serious a heathen custom as their feet binding is by us.

The girl baby's feet are bound from the time she is a few weeks old, and at the age of two or three years, strong and firm bandages are put on, much like surgeons' bandages. The four smaller toes are turned underneath the foot, leaving only the great toe in its natural position. This causes them to walk on the heel of the foot, as the toes are only a mass of flesh, and would cause great pain if the weight were borne upon them. As a result, the poor girls and women of China must hobble along similar to a person walking on stilts, with the arms extended in order to keep their balance. It is indeed a pitiful sight to see them walk along or try to work.

We sometimes wonder how those little feet, so badly deformed, can support such a weight, especially when well loaded down with cotton padded clothes. Only yesterday I saw a woman, with her tiny little feet, walk down the side of the embankment of the city wall which is fully thirty feet high and very steep. Thus you see that they have learned to make good use of all that they have.

to accept this new and strange doctrine; and then with her face just beaming, she tells them how at first she fought her husband and would not allow him to come home at night because she hated this truth. Now from morning until night she constantly tells of the love of Jesus to her friends, and how much happier she is worshipping the true God than she was worshipping and burning incense to idols.

Reader, if you could only see these poor heathen worshipping idols as we do from day to day, burning incense, bowing before them, and calling on them, sometimes arraying them in beautiful satin garments, and carrying them through the streets as a mark of great respect and reverence, and there are millions here, your hearts would be touched, I am sure, to help the poor Chinese, and especially the women of China. Can we not do more than we are doing? Are we sure that their blood will not be on our garments?

May God show each one of us his duty. We cannot all go to foreign fields; but we can all have a part in the work by giving of our means, and most of all by our prayers. Remember that not only the heathen, but those at work among them, need the constant prayers of all. We have never regretted for one moment coming to China; for we feel that we are where God would have us. Pray for us that we faint not while doing his work.

MRS. MAUD A. MILLER.



A CHINESE FAMILY OF SABBATH KEEPERS.

The accompanying picture is of Mrs. Pilquist's Bible woman, Mrs. Chen. You will notice her small feet, of which, since her conversion, she is very much ashamed. She is very proud of her little girl, who is two years old and whose feet will never be bound; they are now as large as those of her mother. The husband is also a true Christian, and is one of the native evangelists. These two workers are most faithful in their work for the Master. Often at the Women's Meeting, Mrs. Chen is asked how she came

"ANYTHING less than active, earnest service for the Master gives the lie to our profession of faith. Only the Christianity that is revealed by earnest, practical work will make an impression upon those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Praying, humble, believing Christians, those who show by their actions that their greatest desire is to make known the saving truth which is to test all people, will gather a rich harvest of souls for the Master."

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"Warning, admonition, promise, all are for us, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 'Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober.' 1 Thess. 5:6."

### REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

I WILL not attempt a long report, but in a few words will endeavor to set before you facts showing that we are making some progress in the Ohio Conference.

Our Conference was organized in 1863 and at present we have a membership of 2,250, with eighty-five organized churches. We have seventeen ordained ministers on our pay-roll, fourteen within our own borders, one in China and two in the Southern field. Thirty missionary licenses have been issued to as many different persons, who are serving the Conference in various ways under the direction of the Conference Committee. Five churches have been organized and five buildings erected during the past two years. Two annual camp-meetings have been held, well attended by our people, at which seven men were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry.

I can truthfully say that as far as I know the laborers of the Conference are a band of happy, contented men and women, believing that our only safety depends upon keeping close to the old land marks, which have been tried and tested and proved true. These principles are carried into every department of Conference work. I sincerely believe that we are making spiritual as well as numerical and financial progress.

I will now submit a few figures that may prove an item of interest in my report:—

	1902	1903	TOTALS
Tithe.....	\$19,064.29	\$22,584.42	\$41,648.71
Weekly Offering	692.05	818.32	1,510.34
Sabbath-schools	832.01	970.51	1,802.52
Annual Offering.	1,356.42	1,610.41	2,966.83
Mission Board...	597.65	1,087.37	1,685.02
Haskell and Jas. }	369.79	338.03	708.42
White Homes. }			
Mission work in }			
United States. }	656.78	782.29	1,439.05
Totals.....	\$23,568.94	\$28,191.95	\$51,760.89

Two years ago an indebtedness of \$4,000 was hanging over our Tract and Missionary Society department. It is a pleasure to announce to you to-day that through the blessing of God and the untiring efforts of the Secretary of this department of our Conference work, we are clear and free from this financial burden. I must not

forget to mention one thing that materially helped us in our financial struggle, that is a cash policy. Neither has it retarded our work, and we like it. During this effort to rid ourselves of debt, this department has sold books, tracts and periodicals to the amount of \$20,000.

There has been another debt hanging over us for a number of years. It is the debt on our Mount Vernon Academy. On July 1, 1902, our books showed an indebtedness on this institution of \$15,145.16. May 1, 1904, the books show that this debt has been reduced to \$7,292.50. This shows that we have paid on this debt \$7,852.66.

We have realized from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" during the past two years \$6,400. The total amount received from the sale of "Object Lessons" from the beginning and applied on the debt of the Academy, amounts to \$9,800.

From a small beginning the work of the Academy has grown until within the last two years we have been unable to accommodate the young men and women who applied for admittance. Scores have been turned away. This we very much regret. To-day we feel proud (in a good sense of the term) of the work that has been done at our Academy.

The Church and Sabbath-school work has been gradually growing, and we are hoping to see better results follow our future effort along all lines of work. I might say more but have perhaps said enough for this occasion and at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### NOTES FROM THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

THE Ohio delegation arrived at Berrien Springs Tuesday, May 17. We were glad to see a goodly number on hand to enjoy the blessings that the Lord had in store for his people.

During the whole series of meetings the Lord spoke very tenderly to us, admonishing us to love one another as he has loved us. Charity covereth a multitude of sins. The Lord longs to see us all so filled with his Spirit that we shall excuse each other's faults rather than expose them to the world or to each other, and that we will assist each other in the true way for attaining perfection of character.

Among the leading speakers were Sister White, Elders A. G. Dantells, W. W. Prescott, A. T. Jones, and our dear old Brethren Butler and Haskell. It did our souls good to see the earnestness manifested by these two old patriarchs of the Third Angel's Message.

We were rejoiced to once more look into the face of Elder E. W. Farnsworth, who has just returned from a long stay in New Zealand and Australia, and to listen to his earnest words of encouragement and admonition to go forward in this very important work that the Lord has given us to do. As we listened to his earnest appeals, our minds reverted to the time when we sat in his classes in Union College and learned the lessons which he taught us from the Word, and which have been a factor in molding our lives since that time.

Elder H. C. Goodrich gave us a very interesting description of his work in Central America, and of the conditions that exist in that part of the field. Our hearts exclaim, O the magnitude of the work that the Lord has given us to perform! As we see the millions sitting in darkness and perishing, we long for more power to be faithful to our charge.

W. H. Anderson, who has spent a number of years at the Mission Farm near Bulawayo, South Africa, delivered a very interesting discourse describing the development of the work in that field, and the conditions existing there. He spoke of the confidence which the natives have in the word of God, and how they will accept and practice its teachings, even to the giving up of long established habits and customs. Their work for the natives is accomplished largely by schools, taught by native teachers who have been trained at the Mission Farm.

It was very evident to all who listened to Elder Anderson that he has the missionary spirit to a large degree. The English government has granted our people another large tract of land north of the Zambesi River. For over a year the work at the Mission Station has been made self-supporting. May the Lord continue to bless the labors of his faithful followers in this portion of his great vineyard.

As the meetings closed, all seemed to manifest a determination to go out and accomplish more than ever before, so that many souls may be converted and we all may realize the consummation of our hopes—that of seeing our Redeemer coming in the clouds of heaven, and return with him to that land where—

"The king of that country, he is fair,  
He's the joy and light of the place;  
In his beauty we shall behold him there,  
And bask in his smiling face  
We'll be there, we'll be there in a little while,  
We'll join the pure and the blest;  
We'll have the palm, the robe, the crown,  
And forever be at rest."

CHAS. E. WELCH.

## HOME AND SCHOOL.

## TRUST THE CHILDREN.

TRUST the children. Never doubt them.  
Build a wall of love about them;  
After sowing seeds of duty,  
Trust them for the flowers of beauty.

Trust the children. Don't suspect them,  
Let your confidence direct them:  
At the hearth or in the wildwood,  
Meet them on the plane of childhood.

Trust the little ones. Remember  
May is not like chill December;  
Let no words of rage or madness  
Check their happy note of gladness.

Trust the children. Gently guide them,  
And, above all, ne'er deride them.  
Should they trip or should they blunder,  
Lest you snap love's cords asunder.

Trust the children. Let them treasure  
Mother's faith in boundless measure,  
Father's love in them confiding;  
Then no secrets they'll be hiding.

Trust the children just as He did  
Who for "such" once sweetly pleaded.—  
Trust and guide, but never doubt them;  
Build a wall of love about them.  
—New York Ledger.

## MUSIC IN OUR CHURCHES.

RECENTLY while talking with a pioneer in the '44 movement he told me how great a name our people had at that time for singing, "but," said he, "it seems to have died out to a large extent." There can be two reasons for this: first, lack of interest in the Message itself, which naturally takes the life and fire out of our songs; and second, failing to recognize the importance of good music as an aid to the preaching.

I have visited several churches in the past year, and I find that much musical talent lies dormant. The church leaders would say to me: "We have no singers in our church," but by careful observation I discovered more talent than they were aware of. The Lord considered the musical part of the temple service of great value, and no doubt this constituted an important part of the service. David used his talent to drive the evil spirit out of Saul, and history tells us that many a martyr faced death singing the praises of God. Shall we then neglect this feature of our meetings which God himself considered of great value? How much may we not improve our services by good, consecrated, wide awake singing! If the churches in Ohio wish to increase the interest in their meetings, let them revive the musical talent that now lies dormant. The Lord has given us this gift for a purpose, and will hold us responsible for its neglect.

I feel sure that the churches at Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Lagrange, and many others of like size could bring together a goodly number of singers from their own ranks, and by a little training could be a help in the meetings that would surprise even themselves. Is it not time that we stop making excuses and take hold of this important part of the work? Let us give our music its proper place and recognize that with consecrated voices we are able to sing the Message more effectively, sometimes, than in any other way. And as the camp-meeting draws on, shall we not keep this feature in mind and make our music better than it has ever been before? To do this two things are necessary: first, get a hymn book for yourself; second, begin singing. If all will do this, it is safe to say that we shall see a marked improvement over former years. May the Lord help us to see our individual responsibility in this matter.

HENRY DE FLUITER.

## A DAUB OF MUD.

It is so much easier to see the faults in people than the virtues. A daub of mud upon a painting will call forth more comment than the painting itself. Thus the old Adam in us feasts upon these splotches in the lives of others.

In no place is gossip more rife than in a small town or city, where people are thrown together closely and frequently, their interests and ambitions so often clash and they have such opportunity for studying each other and hence becoming familiar with one another's faults. It is the rare man or woman who can resist the temptation to talk about them, and many revel in abusing their neighbors or hearing them abused.

But that person is not only more popular, but happier who sees the good and not the evil in people, or if he sees the evil covers it with the mantle of charity and says nothing about it. Censoriousness, gossip, slander, —tarnishes, corrodes, embitters, and dwarfs every one guilty of it. It fills the mind with the dark passions of hate and malice and envy. Is it not better to flood our souls with the sunshine of love and charity? There is good and evil in everybody, ourselves included. Let us maximize the good and minimize the evil. The way to do it is to curb the tongue and before you criticise your neighbor ask yourself these questions: Is it necessary? Is it true? Is it kind? —*Selected.*

EDUCATION ends in that emancipation of the youth which places him on his own feet.—*Rosenkranz.*

## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

( For week ending May 20, 1904. )

Samuel Frost, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 6 hours; value of orders, \$7; helps, \$5.50; total, \$7.50.

C. E. Weaks, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 7½ hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$1; total, \$10.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$5.50; total, \$24.50.

D. R. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 33 hours; value of orders, \$26.75; helps, \$4; total, \$30.75.

J. F. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour; 28 hours; value of orders, \$26.75.

V. S. Whisler, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 39 hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$2.75; total, \$32.75.

Grace Cline, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 27½ hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$.25; total, \$12.75.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 27 hours; value of orders, \$13.25; helps, \$.25; total, \$13.50.

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$13.65.

## IN THE CANVASSING FIELD.

WELCOME VISITOR: I have had the privilege of starting several workers into the field recently. Week before last, Brethren C. E. Weaks and Samuel Frost started at Upper Sandusky. We found the people very desirous of knowing what these things (present happenings, wars, tidal waves, strikes, etc.) mean; so we were very successful in getting a good start.

Out of the first seven houses, Brother Weaks found six people who wanted "Coming King." Out of the first four houses that Brother Frost canvassed, he found three who wanted the "Coming King." Are there not others who want to carry the good news, God's last Message of warning to souls hungering to know "what do these things mean"? Others are going to start at once, and I anticipate a good experience with as many as I can go out with.

God calls for our service, brethren. Come, let us WORK while the day lasts. Remember the following words from our blessed Commander through his servant to you and to me: "If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done but did not do because of our spiritual indolence."

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

## The Welcome Visitor

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N. W. LAWRENCE . . . Editor.

Academia, Ohio. . . . June 1, 1904.

Sabbath begins June 3 at 7:23 P. M.

FROM all appearances the Summer School promises to be well attended.

MISS MABEL KENNEDY has returned to Academia after taking a much needed rest at the Newark Sanitarium.

BROTHER D. K. MITCHELL and wife, of Corsica, O., have been visiting Elder H. M. Mitchell and family at this place.

MISS LULU PIEPER is visiting with friends in Academia until the commencement of the Summer School which she expects to attend.

MR. W. J. RICHARDSON, of Mansfield, O., called to make the acquaintance of his little son, grandson of Elder and Mrs. C. A. Smith, who arrived Tuesday, May 24.

BROTHER KENNETH R. HAUGHEY has been quite ill for several days at the Newark Sanitarium. He is improving, however, and hopes soon to be at his work again.

SISTER MARY HUBBELL called at the office last week. Her health having been much improved by her rest of several months, she is expecting to enter the canvassing work at an early date.

"It is claimed that the remarkable strength and endurance of the Japanese is due to their free use of water, both internally and externally, and the absence of meat from their diet."

AN excellent praise service opened the District Meeting at Newark, Sabbath, May 27. The testimonies were full of confidence in the promises contained in the Word, and expressed a desire for a fuller, richer experience in the things of God.

BROTHER FLOYD GIBSON left for his field of labor last Friday. He will connect with Brother Robert Thurber in the tent work at South Lebanon, O. Brethren, remember these workers at the Source of strength, that souls may be saved to the glory of God.

BROTHER JAMES E. SHULTZ is now working in Toledo with the *Family Bible Teacher*. Harry Benson expects soon to join with him in this good work, preparatory to a united tent effort there with Elder W. H. Granger.

Now that the tent season is about to open let all those who have heard the trumpet call and are prepared for battle, but must remain at home with the stuff, go with these brethren in earnest supplications to the throne of grace that the word of God may have free course and many souls rejoice in the light of truth as the result of their efforts.

SISTER ALDERMAN, of Youngstown, O., writes: "I think we are growing in strength. We have Bible studies each Thursday evening, to which a number are regular attendants and seem deeply interested. We are now studying the Sanctuary. We hope we may have the prayers of all God's people in the work in this place."

Wengerlawn.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR: The writer attended Sabbath-school at Dayton, O., Sabbath, May 21, and found an interesting Sabbath-school. All seemed to be heartily interested in the work and many deeply interested in the truth. It certainly rejoices us to hasten our Saviour's coming. May we who know these things be faithful in the discharge of all duties, that none may be found wanting at his coming. May our words be as Jesus' words were, spoken with a convincing power, because they come from a pure and holy heart, full of love and sympathy, benevolence and truth.

J. J. WILLIAMS.

### THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

June 8-July 19, 1904.

"COME apart and rest awhile."

A warm welcome awaits you at the Academy.

Begin packing your trunk to come as soon as you read this.

Study the Announcement for information regarding Courses of Study, What to Bring, Expenses, etc.

Be sure to be present and ready for entrance the *first morning*; then your wishes regarding hours and studies may be met. We can only promise otherwise to accommodate as best we can.

Come prepared to stay and make the most of the time. Plan to put your best effort upon one or two lines only. Support this effort by several hours of good physical work daily, and you will return home, or to your work, well paid for your time in the Summer School.

### THE NEWARK MEETING.

DISTRICT MEETING NO. 2, held at Newark, May 27-29, closed Sunday night. It was evident from the first that all present had planned for no ordinary gathering, for each one was filled with and actuated by the Spirit which insures success.

We are happy to say that every one named on the program was present to act his part. The brethren who attended the Lake Union Conference at Berrien Springs had just returned and were weary, but change of locality and associations seemed to act as a stimulant, and their counsel was much appreciated.

All with whom I spoke said it was the best meeting of the kind they had attended. Why should it not be the best? It was the last meeting, and as we near the end, should we not have more of the power and spirit of the Saviour?

Elder H. H. Burkholder presented "The Necessity of Church Organization" plainly, and showed that the Bible teaches the same. Space will not permit us to particularize the other subjects. The meeting closed with a discourse by Elder M. C. Kirkendall, his subject being, "Who Shall Be Able to Stand." At the close of the sermon one dear sister presented herself for church membership, desiring to covenant with us to keep the commandments of God, and by his help manifest the faith once delivered to the saints.

The attendance from the District was greater than expected, but all were comfortably arranged for, and join us in expressing thanks to the Newark church for their hospitality.

May we soon reach the time when the universal gathering of God's people will take place, and separation will be no more. J. O. MILLER.

### A VISIT TO TOLEDO.

I WAS in the city of Toledo for a few days and had the pleasure of visiting the little company of Sabbath keepers at that place. Upon inquiry I found that their meetings were held in Pythian Castle. On entering we found a neat and comfortable hall. As I am isolated from those of like precious faith, it did my soul good.

It was not long before the brethren and sisters discovered that I was a stranger and gave me a hearty welcome. It made me feel as if I were in a meeting of years ago, when we all seemed as one.

MRS. HATTIE G. DANIELS.

"EDUCATE young men to labor, and tarry not."