

THE Welcome Visitor

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UNTO THE END.

I KNOW not where to-morrow's path may
wend,
Nor what the future holds; but this I know,
Whichever way my feet are forced to go,
I shall be given courage to the end.

If dark the deepening shadows be, that blend
With life's pale sunlight when the sun dips low,
Though joy speeds by and sorrow's steps are
slow,

I shall be given courage to the end.

I do not question what the years portend—
Of good or ill, whatever winds may blow;
It is enough, enough for me to know
I shall be given courage to the end

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

THE CANVASSING WORK.

Why Is It Judged to Be a Failure?

MANY have misjudged the canvassing work by declaring it to be a failure altogether, others by saying that they cannot support their families and canvass for books. This sounds very strange to me, for I have gone out and sold as high as \$325 worth of books in seventeen days, and that in Ohio. So I must conclude that there is something wrong somewhere, and the thing to be looked for is the wrong in such cases. Does the fault lie in the canvassing work? Is it because God does not add his blessing to the work? Is it because the books are not interesting? We see some of these same men go out and sell other articles with success.

Let us look at the subject as it really is. First, let us consider the importance of some of the articles which have been sold by so many of our brethren and sisters as compared with our publications containing the last Message of mercy to a sinful world. Let us compare such articles as washing machines, dusters, soap (for some of our lady canvassers have gone to selling soap), floor brushes, extracts, and other articles too numerous to mention but of similar importance. I used to sell cereal coffee, but I came to the conclusion that a good book would come nearer to saving a man than a cup of cereal. Let us consider in comparison with the above-named articles such books as "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Proph-

ets," "Desire of Ages," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Coming King," "Heralds of the Morning," "Steps to Christ," and numerous other such works. God has promised to go with the faithful, God fearing worker to the homes of the people, preparing the way for him. Would you think that he meant this in the sale of washing machines, dusters, soap, extracts, etc., or in the sale of these good books? I believe that God would be pleased to see his sons and daughters to whom he has given talent as salesmen use the talent by handling our books, and not bury it by selling such articles as named above.

We have those among us who quit selling these good books, claiming that they could not make a living at it, and began to sell the articles mentioned, and some made a success in the sale of these articles. Why was this? Let us consider it. Which do you think Satan would be most opposed to: the sale of a washing machine or of a copy of the "Great Controversy" which reveals his cruel, deceptive nature and his opposition to the law of Jehovah? the sale of a box of soap for twenty-five cents or a copy of "Matthew Twenty-four" or "Our Paradise Home," one telling of our Lord's soon coming and the other of the home of the saved? Satan is opposed to every good work, to the circulation of every good book giving the Message for this time.

"But," says one good brother, "I could not succeed in selling our publications, but I can sell the other things." I purpose to make that plain in this article, but I mean to go to the bottom of the difficulty. And that bottom I find is the old serpent called the devil and Satan. It took me about three years to find that out and understand it as I should. Every morning for a long, long time there would come over me a very peculiar feeling (every one who has had an experience in canvassing for our books will say: "That is just the way I felt"), and a suggestion would come with it: "You hadn't best go this morning; it looks like rain. Or, you can do this to-day, or that." Then after a long time, that would trouble me only on Monday morning. Then about Thursday evening it would come

about like this: "You had best go home early to-morrow and get ready for Sabbath." Then it would come a little stronger: "You had best go in the morning." Who do you think this was trying to cheat me out of two days each week when I had only five to begin with. Could such suggestions come from God? NEVER. Then where did they come from? SATAN. When he has persuaded these good brethren to sell these other things he doesn't care if they work seven days each week.

Let every canvasser recognize the source of his opposition. Some have done this in the past, and have gone on in God's work and made good workers in his cause.

As we look over the record of many, and I am quite safe in saying that about all who have left the book work and made success selling other articles, we find that twenty-five and thirty hours per week was their record toward the last. They averaged for every day of eight hours from \$2.50 to \$5 per day and some a little better. If each one had put in forty hours each week they would have succeeded much better than they are to-day, and still have been in the work. I am not speaking of the man who has no talent in this line of work, but of the one who had a talent and went and buried it.

Let us once more put on the whole armor of God and fight manfully the good fight; and when Satan comes suggesting that we stop a day, or go home a day early, just meet him with the word of God and go forward, doing faithfully the work which God has given us to do.

As we trace down through every line of prophecy, we find that we are in the end, and that the angels are holding the four winds of heaven until the servants of God be sealed in their foreheads, and that sealing can not be finished until Matt. 24:14 is fulfilled, and that is left for God's people to fulfil. Read it: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

Let each ask himself the question: "Shall I have a part in giving this Message?" and answer wisely.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

FROM THE WORKERS.

ENCOURAGING WORDS.

DEAR BRETHREN: I cannot tell how I appreciate the privilege of engaging in the canvassing work. I am sure that if our young people realized the advantages to be obtained in this branch of the work there would be more answers to the urgent calls for canvassers.

There are many honest souls to be found who are seeking for light, and the humble canvasser who goes forth in the fear of the Lord, depending upon him for strength and guidance, will receive rich blessings as he endeavors to bring the light of truth to some darkened heart; and he will go from that home realizing that both have been benefitted.

The canvasser meets with all the different doctrines that are being taught, and is placed where he must have an understanding of the Word that he may be able to meet these things with a "thus saith the Lord"; and he is driven to the throne of grace for help. Again, there is no better way of becoming acquainted with the Third Angel's Message than by canvassing for our books. This necessitates a careful study of the different subjects. I am yours in the Master's service,

ERNEST R. NUMBERS.

Rowsburg.

DEAR VISITOR: Elder J. O. Miller and myself have started meetings here at Rowsburg. We held our first meeting last night with about thirty in attendance, who gave good attention to the word spoken by Elder Miller, who took for his text the scripture found in 2 Peter 3:1, 2.

We located here in order to give those who are fair minded and desire to know more of the truth a chance to hear the answer to the men who spoke against the truth last fall after the tent was taken down. They had even threatened to tear the tent down, if we pitched it here, and the enemy is trying in every way to keep the people from hearing the truth.

We have a nice, intelligent little company here who are doing all they can to make it pleasant for us, and to make the meetings a success. They will be rewarded I am sure.

This old world is about ready to reject Christ again as the Son of God; only a few more years at most and all will be closed up. The last one to accept God's mercy will have been found and then Christ will come to gather home his tried followers.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Upper Sandusky.

SURELY it is a good thing to work for the Lord; and canvassing is certainly the Lord's work as much as anything one can do. It is bringing words of truth and light to many souls who have but a vague idea, if any, in regard to Christ's second coming to this earth. It is a work, too, in which one wants a constant, daily walk with God, or else his labor will be fruitless.

God has blessed me richly since I entered the canvassing work. It is surely a blessed experience. Friends, pray for us who are canvassing that we may be faithful in this work, and turn many souls to the haven of rest.

SAMUEL FROST.

East Liverpool.

WELCOME VISITOR: We have now held thirteen meetings here, and there are a few interested souls who attend nearly every meeting. A professor of music who has been studying the Message with one of our brothers here for a short time was present last evening. Before leaving the tent he said his intentions were to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and obey the Message in its fullness. There are other indications which show that the Lord is working here, although Satan is also at work.

Some are doing all they can against the truth. One man belonging to the Christian Church sent us a challenge to debate different questions, one of which, as he stated it, was the Jewish Sabbath. We paid very little attention to it, feeling that we had no time to spend in controversy. We appreciate the assistance rendered by Elder Patterson and all the members of the church in this place.

C. C. WEBSTER,

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

Toledo.

A LITTLE more than one week has now elapsed since we began our meetings in a beautiful grove on the corner of Bell and Fernwood Avenues. A deep interest has been manifested from the beginning; frequently our tent has been more than full. Last week we presented the prophecies relating to the second advent, and tonight, June 20, we preached the first sermon on the Sabbath question.

Over 1,000 families living in the vicinity of the tent are being visited weekly with the *Family Bible Teacher*. This is proving to be a wonderful help, and the grand experiences which we have in this work are too numerous to mention. The church is helping nobly in this work; and altogether we expect to reap a good harvest of souls

for the garner above. We ask to be remembered at the throne of grace by all our brethren and sisters.

W. H. GRANGER,
JAMES SHULTZ,
HARRY BENSON.

Clark.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We have our tents pitched in an excellent place and began our meetings Friday night, June 10. Elder J. O. Miller was with us for three evening services, and was then compelled to leave for another part of the vineyard.

My faithful companion and myself are by the Lord's rich blessing carrying forward the work. We have had a good attendance from the first, and large crowds are present at our meetings. Our tent was crowded full last night and a large number listened outside as we preached from the second chapter of Daniel.

The enemy has tried hard to hinder us in our work; but God has been our helper. We are distributing the printed page at every opportunity and asking God for a harvest of souls. We expect to receive more help soon, in the persons of Brother Votaw and wife. Pray for us in the work at this place. Yours in the Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

Wellston.

DEAR LABORERS: I arrived at my field of labor Thursday, June 8, and had no trouble in finding a beautiful home. The Lord has said that he will go before us, and he surely had this place ready for me.

Work is very slack here, as nearly all the mines are closed. The people say they have never known such a time, not even in the time of a strike. It will be decided this week whether or not the mines will soon be opened. There was a mass meeting yesterday, but I have not heard the result.

Notwithstanding the hard times, I did quite well this week; but unless the mines open I will have to stop my work. While my burden is for the large books, I have used "Coming King" here. It seems strange that no one has a burden for the miners and is willing to say, "Here am I; send me." They are a very liberal people, and are quite anxious that I come back when work begins again.

The trouble with most of our people is fear of not making enough to support themselves. I believe the Lord means what he says when he tells us, "Whatsoever is right, I will give thee." I am told that work is always good here in the fall and winter. Your sister in work,
MARY HUBBELL.

MISSIONARY.

"Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

IDOL WORSHIP IN CHINA.

THE study of the Chinese language is so difficult that one will never gain the mastery over it, except by continual work. So most of our time is spent at this task. We expect that within a year from the time we came here we will be able to teach the gospel in the Chinese tongue. This we are very anxious to do; for as we look upon this land with its 426,000,000 of heathen, who know not God, but when they desire good things bow down and worship their idol of brass, wood or stone, we feel the great responsibility laid upon us. In this city, I saw one idol of gold.

The other day I visited the Buddhist temple in which they have many gods. The priests received us very friendly and allowed us to see all the different gods; a favor which they seldom grant visitors. On our way to the temple we were followed by a long procession of Chinese, so that by the time we had reached the temple there were at least two hundred spectators, who were anxiously expecting to see foreigners worship their gods; but they were disappointed, for, as they closed around to look at us, and particularly at the ladies' large feet, we were busily occupied looking at their hideous gods. Some have countenances so terrible that even a believer in the true God shudders to look upon them. Some are patterned after their idea of the great and terrible dragon, while others have their bodies covered with fish scales, a heavy armor, or many heads placed in all parts of its body.

In one place there stood a god, in front of the others, bearing on his arm a large number of ear tabs; these were to keep the ears of their dead ancestors from getting cold. Another god had many eyes which were also for the use of these same people who needed them. The Chinese, as a rule, have bad eyes and many are blind, so these are provided for by these gods. In this they acknowledge the weakness of their gods, as they know them to have no creative power, but they hold in store that which they need after they die, and will at that time give what has been placed in their keeping.

Some of the gods have great iron spears, and others fierce looking weapons; while others are in the attitude of a king or queen wearing stately robes, and have a good natured look upon

their faces. In this section of the temple there were ninety-four gods; other rooms had many more gods.

We now took our departure from this temple and visited another only a short distance from our home. Here we saw many more hideous idols in the form of different animals, some being quite large. In the room were great drums and large bells. The room was filled with incense, most of it burning in front of the large idols, where were boxes of ashes accumulated as the result of combustion of large quantities of incense. The Chinese seem to have no respect whatever for these gods, as they crowded around us in the temple to see us, with no sense of reverence whatever. I am sure they would respect the true God, if they only knew about him, much more than these idols.

We passed out of this room into a courtyard, which was limited on either side by great long stables of idols, which made me think of the animal exhibit at the county fairs. Each room contained ninety idols. The number of idols counted in both temples were over five hundred. The worshippers bow down in front of the idols and eat, asking for good things in this present life.

They will often place one or more idols in a sedan chair and carry them through the streets with a great deal of pomp and glory; and they also carry long sticks of incense in the form of a coil, which are fastened to the flesh of the forearm by an old rusty hook thrust through the skin. A little over a week ago there were at least one thousand people that endured this inhuman torture, and marched the entire day through the city, carrying the incense by means of this hook in the skin. This worship was for the purpose of bringing down rain, as we had had dry weather for five months and the crops were perishing.

Yesterday was the day to worship Adam, the first man, and also Noah. They carried Noah's three sons to bow before him. They worship these gods in order that they may have abundance of food, money and goodness.

They have gods for everything: gods to bring rain and gods to stop rain. We have now had six days of hard rain, so the people are worshipping the god to stop rain. They carry the gods to each of the four gates of the city and after the god has been carried out through the gate, he is then brought back into the city face backwards so he will not bring rain back in the city again.

They have gods to stop the thunder, to keep away evil spirits, to grant them a safe journey, to bear them

male children, etc. The most common one is for righteousness. They go before this god and burn paper, and no difference what they have done, this god clears their case.

In each home is a kitchen god which they worship daily during the year. At New Year's time they put sweet meats on its lips, and all over it, then they burn it, believing that as it ascends to their ancestors it will only have sweet things to tell them.

I often feel that if the people in the home land could only realize the extent of heathen worship, it would certainly arouse them to hasten the glad tidings to the heathen. It seems a shame that a million a month of idol worshippers should go to the grave without a knowledge of the Saviour. God places human agents under obligations to do their best. Bring this question to yourself, Does it lie in my sphere to do something for China's millions? Pray for us.

Your sister,

MRS. MAUDE A. MILLER, M. D.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS.

OUR brethren in Keene, Texas, have had such splendid success in the use of the little offering envelopes that we are constrained to pass the good word along. The secretary writes:—

"There can be no great success achieved in any line without diligent, persevering effort. This is as true in the work of the Lord as in worldly business. People are so apt to want to see great results at once, and forget that oftentimes great results are due to persevering efforts in small things. The Keene church is now realizing this in their offerings to missions.

"For last quarter the report of first-day offerings showed only \$2.75 received for the entire quarter. At the quarterly meeting it was decided by vote of the church to take up the envelop plan for collecting the weekly offerings. We have now taken up six offerings amounting to \$37.81, besides several other offerings for different purposes. This is at the rate of over \$80 a quarter, or \$325 a year.

"We hope to be faithful in this matter through the year, and thus add hundreds of dollars to the fund for carrying the gospel to other lands."

We know there are still some churches that have not adopted this simple plan. We urge you to give it a trial. It will not only increase your gifts to missions, but it will bring a blessing into your own souls, and a revival into your midst. It means the providing of means to do the work that will hasten the return of our Lord.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

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Sabbath begins July 1 at 7:30 P. M.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN is enjoying a visit with her daughter and friends at Madison, O.

FOR SALE.—A high grade piano, nearly as good as new, for \$95 cash. Address Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

FROM Brother C. E. Weaks we have these words: "Mr. Frost and I are both having grand experiences in the canvassing work. Surely it is good to be in the Master's service."

OF the tent company at Toledo we have this report: "Our tent meetings are excellent; and large, interested audiences gather to nearly every meeting. We can see that God is at the head, and souls will be saved."

THE Summer School increases in interest and numbers. In addition to the Courses pursued as announced before, work is now conducted in the Bible Course, and a chorus class has been organized which is drilling on the cantata, "The Nazarene."

BROTHER JAMES IRVING is now associated with Brother B. F. Kneeland, of Grand Rapids, Mich., in a tent effort at Spring Lake, Mich. He continues to send names of persons interested in coming to the Academy in the fall, when he expects also to return. Pray for Brother Irving in this his initial public effort.

BROTHER CHRISTY FRITZ writes from the canvassing field: "I find in this work that one thing is needful, and that is to have a close walk with the Lord. It is so easy, if we are not constantly watching, to let this Message die on our lips, and thus not tell it to the people as the Lord would have us tell it. I solicit your prayers."

PROF. J. W. LOUGHHEAD returned Sunday from Washington, D. C., where he has been in council with the brethren there concerning the building and organization of the new Training School at Takoma Park. He reports the work of construction already begun, and the prospects good for speedy organization for school work.

THE Southern Publishing Association reports the sales of the *Family Bible Teacher* for May as 400,000 copies, or over one and a half million pages. This is certainly a good month's record for a new publication. We also learn that about 2,500 copies are now being used each day at the St. Louis Exposition. The introduction slip just prepared enables any one to do efficient work with these lessons. In regard to the special "Signs Number" of the *Southern Watchman*, they also say that they have been obliged to run their presses day and night for some time in order to supply the demand. This worthy issue is meeting with ready sale everywhere shown,—the pictures alone often selling it on sight. The workers handling it are enthusiastic in its praise. It is also being sold by some not of our faith, and that with success. It may be had in lots of 25 or more to one address for 3 cents per copy. Order of the Ohio Tract Society.

THE NAZARENE.

THE following synopsis will give our readers some idea of the subjects considered in the cantata, "The Nazarene," which will be sung at our next camp-meeting at Marysville, Ohio:—

The Prophecy, Prepare Ye the Way, The Lord God, He Shall Feed His Flock, The Advent, Blessed Is He, The Watered Lilies, The Great Commandment, Behold! the Bridegroom Comes, 'Tis Midnight, He Was Despised, He Died for Us, Rock of Ages, Worthy Is the Lamb, Hope, Faith and Love, Nearer to Thee, Be Not Afrighted, Now Is Christ Risen, Thou Art the King.

HENRY DE FLUITER.

A QUESTION.

The Election of Church Officers.

IN answer to the question, "Are there any rules directing in the matter of election of church officers," we refer to the VISITOR of Sept. 2, 1903, in which is printed the Constitution of the Ohio Conference. Article VIII, Section 2, reads thus: "The officers of a local church shall consist of one or more local Elders, one or more Deacons, one or more Deaconesses, who shall be inducted into office by the laying on of hands, a Treasurer and a Clerk." Section 3 adds that these officers "shall be elected at the first quarterly meeting of the Conference year, to serve for one year, or until the election of their successors."

As a rule, the officers elected should hold membership in the organization they are to serve. We can give no specific suggestions for exceptions, as conditions vary so much.

MISSION NOTES.

BROTHER and SISTER J. A. CHANEY have gone to Basutoland to take charge of the work there. Brother Chaney spent several years in Matabeleland, where he gained a valuable experience in work among the natives. Brother Freeman, who has had charge of the work in Basutoland since it began, goes to engage in labor in the Orange River Colony.

A NATIVE of southern India has begun to translate some of our tracts into the Canarese language. He has already translated and printed in a neat tract form, at his own expense, "Turkey in Prophecy," "Christ's Second Coming," "The Coming of the Lord," and "Russia in Prophecy." Such work as this by a man who has never seen one of our people shows clearly that there are forces at work in carrying this Message that we know not of, and unless we arouse to do the work appointed to us, others will be raised up to carry it forward.

WE have just received word that Dr. A. W. George, who went to Turkey last fall, has secured his medical certificate in Constantinople. This gives him the privilege to practice medicine in the entire empire. He is now busy studying the Turkish language.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending June 17, 1904.)

B. F. Cook, Licking Co.—Daniel and the Revelation: 27½ hours; value of orders, \$2.25; helps, \$3.85; total, \$6.10.

Fred C. Webster, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$46; helps, \$8; total, \$54.

Christy Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$25; helps, \$5; total, \$30.

Samuel Frost, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$43; helps, \$2.50; total, \$45.50.

Mary Hubbell, Wellston.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$29; helps, \$1; total, \$30.

E. R. Numbers, Cleveland.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$29.50; helps, \$1; total, \$30.50.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 21½ hours; value of orders, \$9.50; helps, \$6.15; total, \$15.65.