

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him."

IN CAMP.

ON our arrival at the grounds of the camp-meeting at Marysville, Friday afternoon, we found the camp perfect and in order, and well filled with a people "called out" to be a light to the world. In fact we were surprised to find that the accommodations of the camp proper were so fully occupied that after some hours of search for a place, we were obliged to find shelter with strangers outside the camp. But we were not alone in this, for we find that many others also were obliged to do likewise.

A camp beautiful for situation, weather all that could be reasonably expected, a people of one purpose, one mind, and that to know and to glorify God, foreshadowed a blessed meeting, a forward move on the part of the people, a quickening impulse given the Message in Ohio, and a hastening the coming of Jesus.

The Sabbath.

The first service of the Sabbath was at 7:30 Friday evening. Elder Allen Moon, President of the Lake Union Conference, was chosen as the mouth-piece for God, and addressed a goodly company of attentive listeners upon the subject of the "Sure Word of Prophecy," taking for his text the words of 2 Peter 1:19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Sabbath morning came with a smile of peace upon her face, and a suggestion of welcome for all to the free and untold blessings of her Maker. The Sabbath-school at half past nine was the first public service for the day. Under the leadership of Prof. Welch, the school was quickly organized, and

a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent in the study of that Word which, to the believer, is the very bread of life. The total attendance reached upwards of 380, with an offering to missions of about twenty-six dollars. Elder Moon spoke briefly of the great work done by the Sabbath-school donations, suggesting that eternity alone could reveal its beneficent influence, and fruits gathered in the kingdom. Elder W. W. Miller conducted the review in the senior department, emphasizing the thought that God calls upon this people to warn the world of the coming destruction of both sin and sinners.

The Bitter with the Sweet.

At the opening of the preaching service at 10:30, announcement was made of the sad loss that on Friday came to our Brother G. P. Gaede. By railway accident, his wife was injured, his two little children lost their lives, and his wife's sister was also killed. This announcement brought a cloud of sorrow to the entire congregation. But sympathetic hearts were quickly lifted to God for his special comforting presence to visit our brother in this hour of great need. God is love; he will bless.

At 10:30 A. M. Sabbath, Elder H. H. Burkholder spoke from the text found in Dan. 12:10, emphasizing the sophistries of our times, the need of true wisdom, and exhorting to faithfulness in our work and Message. At the conclusion of the service, at the suggestion of Elder Lindsey, an expression of love and sympathy for Brother Gaede was supplemented by a collection of about sixty dollars.

Sabbath afternoon proved to be very warm, yet under the protecting shade of the large pavilion a large congregation listened to the Word spoken by Elder Herman, explaining the "three unclean spirits" of Rev. 16:13, 14, and illustrating their work in the earth. Very interesting and helpful thoughts were carried away by the many appreciative listeners. "Surely the Lord-God will do nothing but he revealeth his secrets to his servants the prophets." How glad we should be to know that the truth for our day is made so plain to us.

It was the writer's privilege to speak to the young people in their tent at 5:30 P. M. The tent was filled as we considered the "hope of our calling." We have confidence in God's call, and in our young people. We expect to see them taking the burden of the Message, and fulfilling the purpose of their calling in hastening the work of the gospel.

The evening meeting was broken by a wind and electric storm. Elder Granger had but commenced his sermon when the people found it necessary to attend to their tents, thus adjourning the meeting without further ceremony. We remember, however, that "all things work together for good to them that love God," and so take even this experience with patience, and trust the Lord for the good in it. Dear readers, continue to pray for the ingathering of souls, for the uplifting of the people in all good, and for the workers who stand before the people to win them to life.

Sunday proved to be a day of much interest in the camp. Early in the day friends from the city and neighborhood began coming in, and continued to do so till the afternoon, when the large tent was filled from front to rear, and at the evening service many listened from the outside, some fifty to a hundred carriages, many of them filled with attentive listeners, stood within the grounds near the large pavilion.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to the usual Conference business during the day, and to the ministry of the Word in the evening, services being held in both the English and the German languages at different places on the grounds. Young people's, children's, and kindergarten services continued daily throughout the meeting.

Mount Vernon Academy.

Thursday was school day. Reports of the Business Manager, and Principal of the Mount Vernon Academy were rendered, and the general interests of the school considered. Progress along all lines of its work caused all to rejoice and look forward to even more prosperous times under the guiding providences of God.

Many of the former students of the Academy proved their appreciation of the good received at this institution by bearing faithful testimony in its favor. Something more than two hundred dollars was pledged on the school debt, and about a thousand "Object Lessons" subscribed for by individuals, altogether making an interesting day in camp, and demonstrating again our people's faithfulness to our beloved Academy.

Perhaps the climax of the Conference work was reached on Friday, when reports of committees were heard. Elder Daniells had occupied much time during the week, presenting the needs of the world outside the United States, and its demands upon this people at this time. The hearts of the people were longing to fulfil their part in order to meet this great need; so that when a recommendation was presented placing one half of the Ohio workers and tithe subject to the call of the General Conference for aggressive work in other lands, the approval of both God and man could verily be felt, and both delegates and congregation adopted the recommendation without a dissenting voice. The softening, subduing Spirit of God worked miracles in moments, and it was evident that a new era in foreign work is rapidly being opened. It is time for the "loud cry," and what does this move mean but the ushering in of this very thing. Brethren, it is high time to awake out of sleep, for the kingdom of God draweth nigh.

Friday evening Elder Farnsworth gave a straight, convincing talk in regard to the immutability of the law of God, reading from the various authoritative books of the different denominations, showing that each one accepts the ten commandments just as they read. In a kind, persuasive manner he spoke of the inconsistency and danger in their present attitude in regard to the observance of the fourth. The attention was unusually good.

During the night a heavy wind storm visited the camp, but its fury seemed to be confined to the tree tops. The only damage aside from the inconvenience to a few timid ones was the collapse of the Children's tent.

A Setting Apart.

Sabbath morning it rained quite hard and the possibility of holding Sabbath-school looked very doubtful. However, a few of the brave ventured forth, gradually the rain ceased, and an excellent session was the result. As the clouds cleared away, the attendance kept increasing until nearly five hundred were present. Elder

Farnsworth occupied the time allotted to the following service, and set before the people the necessity of the outpouring of the Spirit of God in fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel 2, and urged the immediate preparation for its reception. At the close of this service, many were constrained to give heed to the call and yield obedience to the commandments of God, including the fourth.

At the close of the praise service held in the afternoon, Brother B. L. House was ordained to the ministry. Many of the congregation then repaired to a small stream not far from the camp-ground, where a beautiful and inspiring baptismal service was held. Here twenty precious souls followed their Lord in the burial of the "old man" in the watery grave and the resurrection of the "new man" to arise to walk in newness of life with him.

Answering the Call.

Sunday proved a busy day. The Conference business was completed as rapidly as possible, for the people from the city and country began to assemble early. A most excellent sermon was given by Elder Farnsworth, and at the close Brother H. H. Votaw and wife made a public declaration of their call for service in India. A collection was taken to assist Sister Ella McIntyre in defraying the expense incurred in her recent severe sickness, and over sixty-five dollars were contributed. "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

Elder D. E. Lindsey held the concluding service in the afternoon, reviewing the different points of the faith, and emphasizing the Coming of Christ and the Signs of his Coming, in a way which held the attention of the assembly until the close of the discourse.

The Kindergarten tent was filled with grown people at 5:30 P. M. This department was in charge of Sister Nettie Cutter, and the study of the evening was the Sanctuary Service. The miniature tabernacle, with its furniture made of modelling clay, made a deep impression on all present, as its significance was brought before the little ones. Rapt attention was given by all, and as one grown person was heard to say, "gave a better understanding of the work soon to close in the heavenly sanctuary."

"SELFISH principles, love of dignity and position, should not be once named among us. The thought of seeking to become the greatest should never come into our minds."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

"The labor of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin."

A CHURCH ORGANIZED.

ON Sabbath, Aug. 6, 1904, assisted by Brother B. L. House, I organized a church company of fifteen members at Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Three others are awaiting baptism, making a total of eighteen members. Brother House will soon report the meeting in full for the VISITOR. Sabbath, August 6, was a day long to be remembered by all present. J. O. MILLER.

THE CLEVELAND SANITARIUM.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I have enjoyed reading this paper very much, and I must tell you that God is greatly blessing the sanitarium work and family here in Cleveland. We have had a very rough and rocky road to travel, but the dear Lord has sustained us.

We were located at 230 Euclid Ave., which was a poor location. The people would come there and say that the treatment was all right, but the place was very poor. Well, we told them that we would soon have something better. We prayed earnestly that God would give us a good place, and he has answered our prayer in a most wonderful way. We have a most beautiful place, two large residences, 1157-1161 Prospect St., especially adapted to sanitarium purposes and which can be easily reached from any part of the city.

The Lord has given us favor in the sight of the business men of Cleveland, and we are getting the money from them to fit up the sanitarium. People ask who is backing us. We do not hesitate to tell them that the Lord is; and indeed he is. Many people are being healed here, not only physically, but morally and spiritually. We are here to bring the Message to the people, and by the help of the Lord, we are doing it.

One doctor of this city sent us a patient, and when we asked him what we should do for her, he said, "Give her some of your religion." She had lost an only child, and she was prostrated with grief. I am thankful to say that we could comfort her, and now she is very much interested in the truth.

So the good work goes on, and we do want to be faithful, so that we shall soon see the coming of our Lord. In Christian love, I am yours for the Master,
F. A. STAHL.

NOTES FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

WELCOME VISITOR: It is indeed a privilege to speak through these columns of the blessings which we so much enjoyed at the Summer School, and we cannot do otherwise than bring back a good report.

Although few in number, we claimed the promise of the Lord's presence, his Spirit attended all our work in a marked manner, and we felt the truth of the verse that says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

We regret that more of our young people and workers could not have availed themselves of this opportunity; for after the continuous struggle to meet the many perplexities of life in the right spirit, or after the year's work in the field, it is so sweet to come apart and rest awhile, and spend a few weeks in the quiet study of God's word, and learn his will and way for us.

The class work was taken up in a thorough, systematic way, and we all felt that in all lines of study we obtained even more than we expected, considering the shortness of time.

I thank the Lord that it was my privilege to attend the School; and I feel much better prepared to take up the duties of the coming year, and feel strengthened in my purpose to make his work my work, and my aim in life to do his will.

Our prayer has been and is that the Christian associations and training which we have had may so influence our lives that others may receive the benefit of the school through us, so that it may be in truth a means of forwarding the Third Angel's Message.

RUTH C. SWEET.

Toledo.

SUNDAY evening, July 31, marked the close of our second series of meetings at this place. The Lord has greatly blessed in the efforts put forth for the spread of the Message. At the present writing, indications are that about twenty-five will walk in the light.

The interest in the meetings continued to grow until the last, and many look forward to our return to continue the work after camp-meeting.

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

DEAR FRIENDS: I like the WELCOME VISITOR, so will inclose my subscription for another year. May God bless you in your good work is my prayer. Yours the truth,

E. A. HUMPHRIES.

EDUCATIONAL.

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED FREELY GIVE."

THE history of our race presents many characters of those who, as a "prince, had power with God." They have been enabled to draw nigh unto God, and enter, as it were, into the counsels of the Most Holy. By deep and constant study of the Scripture, by communion with him allowing life from the eternal God to flow into theirs in an uninterrupted stream, giving them eternal life, they have been prepared as messengers of the grand truth—the plan of salvation. And Jehovah has given them special training, not desirable to the flesh, which had for its final purpose to teach entire dependence on the mighty arm of God, to be able to say at all times and in all places, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Let us notice the first work in this training "to make us kings and priests unto God." But did you ever stop to think that if all are to be kings and priests, who or what is to be ruled? Listen to the words from the servants of God: "We are to be rulers of the the kingdom that is within us." "He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city." As to purification, the priestly work, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy, for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are."

Having by the aid of the divine Spirit prepared himself as a "true soldier of Christ," let us next consider the work he is sent forth to do—to present to the world a clear and spotless character and thus represent the love of God to perishing humanity. Have you not all been benefitted, and felt yourselves lifted to a higher plane by coming in contact with one of these pure lives which rises like a pure, white lily from the surrounding quagmire? In this our thoughts are to be directed to the spotless "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," "who knew no sin neither was there guile found in his mouth." "And we know we shall be like him" if we "seek for him with the full heart fervently."

And next as messengers whenever God has a message for the world he raises up some one to carry it. These are tried servants. Like Joseph, an exile from his father's house, left alone with God in a pagan land he gathered strength to stand as a ruler over Egypt, and thus brought the worship of the true God before the leading educational center of the world of that age. Moses was prepared by the experience of forty years of exile to be leader of Israel and to give the law of God in written form. David was prepared for the kingship by being a fugitive from Saul's vengeance and to realize the depths of his own sin by being a fugitive from his own son.

And during these experiences he wrote the beautiful psalms which are like an index to the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and have been such a consolation to the children of God. Daniel presents to us a pure and undefiled life and gives us as a result of prayer the prophecies that are all our food and joy. The Saviour, our perfect Messenger, was made perfect through suffering, "being in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin." Peter was prepared to depend on God for strength to spread the message by his experience of having denied the Christ.

Paul, by his memory of having persecuted the church of God by stripes and imprisonments, drew near unto God and wrote the epistles which are the consolation of the remnant church. John, being exiled to the lonely isle of Patmos for his Saviour's sake, wrote the soul stirring words of the Revelation which are to prepare the Lord's servants for his second coming to "give to every man as his work shall be." We, the people to whom this Message comes, are being prepared for our work by being called—one of a family—to stand alone—to be led, as it were, into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and having come off more than conquerors in the name of Christ, are started forth to work with zeal in the broad field that is white to harvest. Working and communing with God we learn many things of him so that we can testify how our hearts burned within us as he talked to us by the way.

Summing up our review of these characters, the one important thought which runs through all is: we are not trained for ourselves alone, for self is dead, but for Christ—to be co-laborers with him in bringing the world to the Father, in bringing back loved souls to union with the Heavenly Father for which they were created. We receive but to give.

RACHEL R. HESS.

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WE expect more detailed reports of the conference for later issues of the VISITOR.

No VISITOR was printed last week on account of the camp-meeting which all desired to attend.

As the laborers were mostly engaged at the camp-ground the past two weeks, we have but few reports from the field.

STEPS were taken at this conference, that, if followed up according to the spirit of the meeting, mean much not only to the cause in Ohio, but also to the world.

THE Young People's meetings in camp were appreciated, and well attended. Two meetings a day were held: a prayer and praise meeting in the early morning, an instruction meeting in the afternoon. Our confidence in our young people and their part in the Message should never wane. God has a special work for them, and none should ignore it.

ONE brother on the camp-ground was heard to say, that when the proper person was found to answer India's call for help, he had one thousand dollars with which to send him. Several names are now under consideration for that field, and they are Ohio workers too. "Awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion!"

THE general workers at the camp-meeting were Elders A. G. Daniells, E. W. Farnsworth, Allen Moon, W. W. Prescott, and Elder Herman of Wisconsin. Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth was also there and assisted in young people's and children's work. The services of all these workers were highly appreciated by the people.

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DORA E. GUY.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Enclosed find twenty-five cents to renew my wife's subscription for one year. She cannot get along without it, and I weary for it myself. If the post is one day late, I wonder why the VISITOR did not come.
JAMES STEWART.

DEAR VISITOR: You are indeed very welcome to my home, as it is from your interesting pages I hear from the brethren of Ohio. Wishing you prosperity in all directions, and with a hope that you may visit many homes, I remain,
Yours in the blessed hope,
MRS. GRACE BARBER.

WELCOME VISITOR: You have indeed been a welcome guest. I have known that my subscription had expired, but we were under quarantine for smallpox and I could not renew, although you have come regularly, for which I thank you. Enclosed you will find twenty-five cents for another year's subscription. Very sincerely,
MRS. F. MAE LUCIE.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE Waterford church will hold a Sabbath-school convention on Sabbath and Sunday, Sept. 3, 4, 1904. There will be three services on Sabbath, and three on Sunday.

We think probably Elder Burkholder and Brother Fred Fairchild will be with us, and possibly others. We extend an invitation to the brethren in the State to come and be with us and help make this meeting a success, and especially would we extend this invitation to the brethren at Mount Vernon and Bellville.

Our railway station is Fredricktown, and all visiting brethren will be met there Friday afternoon. Inform the undersigned if you can come, and arrangements will be made for your entertainment. Hoping that a goodly number may come and join us in seeking God and drawing closer to him, I am yours,

FRED J. ISLES, *Supt.*
Fredricktown, Ohio. R. F. D. No. 3.

WANTED.—Nurses for bath-room and case work. Write at once. Address Mount Vernon Sanitarium, Mount Vernon, O.

E. I. SECOR, *Manager.*

NOTICE.

BEWARE of a young man of medium height and sandy complexion who is around collecting funds for the Seventh-day Adventist church at Youngstown, O., for which he has no authority.
MRS. T. A. KAY, *Clerk.*

A SPECIAL NUMBER

OF *Save the Boys* will soon be issued, devoted especially to the evils of beer drinking. Testimonies of physicians of large experience will be given as to its injurious effects upon important organs in the body. This journal should be in every home. As one editor said: "If you are a boy, or if you have a boy, or even if you desire to help the boys, you should subscribe." Only 30 cents a year. This special number should be circulated by the tens of thousands. Order now. Price, single copy, 5 cents; ten or more copies to one address, 3 cents each; fifty or more to one address, 2½ cents each. They can be sent to your friends direct from the office of publication for 4 cents each, when five or more names are sent at one time. Address, *Save the Boys*, 118 West Minnehaha Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minn.

BEDDING AND PROVISIONS WANTED.

WE take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the Nashville Sanitarium and Training School for Missionary Nurses, an enterprise of the Southern Union Conference, which holds an important place in the Southern work. An opportunity is here offered for many to help this institution, even if you do not have ready money to spare. Suitable bedding can be used to good advantage. Spare time might be used in making quilts. Provisions, such as dried fruit, beans, etc., would be most acceptable. Send to Nashville Sanitarium, Church and Vine St., Nashville, Tenn.

The editor is personally acquainted not only with the work to be done by this institution but also with the brethren in charge of it. He knows them to be God-fearing men of sterling worth, who are bending every energy they possess to push the "gospel of the Kingdom" in the needy South. Any provision or help sent them will be faithfully appropriated to the best interests of the cause of truth and will be highly appreciated by them.