

THE Welcome Visitor

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

Vol. 8, No. 40
Weekly, 25 cts. per Year.

ACADEMIA, OHIO, OCTOBER 19, 1904.

Entered June 12, 1903,
As Second-Class Matter.

MISSIONARY.

GO, WORK.

O, HIDE not thy talent; go use it with care.
Secure for the Master the usury fair;
Go spread for the Saviour his message abroad.
Go earnestly, bravely—so teacheth the word.

The harvest is white, but the laborers few.
"Go work in my vineyard;" he says this to you.
Go gather the lonely ones, wandering by night,
The erring ones turn into paths that are right.

The reward is in readiness, linger no more;
Go work for the Master, who stands at the door,
Go, help right the wrong; go, lighten the woe;
And soon the blest joy of the Lord you shall know. o. w. w.

OUR MISSIONARY ATTITUDE.

THE readers of the VISITOR have already been appraised of the fact that at our recent camp-meeting such a wave of missionary enthusiasm swept over the camp that the Conference voted the following recommendations: 1. That one half of our workers, together with one half of our Conference tithe, be held subject to the call of the General Conference for use in aggressive work in the destitute fields in the regions beyond. 2. That this plan of sharing our workers and means with the more needy countries of earth be adopted as a permanent policy of the Ohio Conference till the gospel work is finished.

It is not at all improbable that some of those who were not present may consider this action of the Conference hasty, and that we have overstepped the bounds of reason.

Some may also imagine that we have jeopardized our home interests in proposing so liberally to the fields abroad. But I wish to say, in reply to these or any kindred questions that may arise in the minds of any concerning this matter, that there was no excitement, no fanaticism connected with this movement.

The Ohio Conference voluntarily and deliberately placed herself on record as willing and ready to act her part in the work God calls upon his people to do now. We profess to believe that Christ will come, according to his promise, in this generation. We also profess to believe that "This gospel of the kingdom must

be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come;" that the time is due for the "Everlasting gospel to be preached unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water."

The step we have taken to share our laborers and our means with the other more needy and destitute nations of earth is in perfect accord with the inspired word we have quoted.

We have also assumed a friendly attitude toward the Foreign Mission Board to co-operate with them in any consistent way to finish the work and bring an end to the reign of sin and suffering.

Let no one entertain fears that the members of the Foreign Mission Board will make unreasonable requests of us or manifest indifference toward our home interests. They will gladly co-operate with us in all our efforts to strengthen and build up the recruiting field at home. I sincerely believe that we have taken a step forward; and that God's blessing upon us in return will strengthen us, broaden our ideas, enlarge our hearts, increase our faith and deepen our interest in his closing work.

I thank the Lord for the encouragement I find in the *Review and Herald* of Jan. 13, 1903: "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference."

"Christian, rouse! fight in this warfare,
Cease not till the victory's won;
Till your Captain loud proclaimeth,
'Servants of the Lord, well done!'
He, alone, who thus is faithful,
Who abideth to the end,
Hath the promise, in the Kingdom
An eternity to spend."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

FRIENDS, in this world of hurry
And work and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing
A kindness to a friend,
Do it that very moment!
Don't put it off--don't wait!
What's the use of doing a kindness
If you do it a day too late?
CHARLES KINGSLEY.

WORK FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: You have all noticed the announcement that a missionary campaign will be opened October 29. This is to be in the interest of our grand denominational paper, the *Review and Herald*. No doubt you have all read of the sacrifice which was made by all the pioneers of this Message to establish this paper. Now that it has grown from a four page to a twenty-four page weekly we can see the marvelous work which it has accomplished.

It is the medium of communication between those at the head of the work and us who are in the home and local fields, so that we can ill afford to be without it. Yet we find many of our people who do not have it, and are as a natural result losing the good things which it contains, and also their spirituality.

I have been wondering what we can do to encourage all such to avail themselves of this means of grace. How many of us can devote part of our time to this good work? We have several hundred young people in Ohio and would it be too much to ask each one to get one subscription for the *Review*?

We are looking for much from the young people of Ohio because we are planning for much. May the different organizations in the State begin to plan now for an active campaign.

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec.*

A CONSECRATED LIFE.

WHO can estimate the good accomplished in such a life, especially when, in God's mercy, it is continued many years? None but the omniscient Mind can follow the lines of moral influence and power. . . . Our mission is not to trace out results, but rather, to create and put in motion influences. We spin the threads of life, but God weaves them, and in designs of his own. By simple faith we must do our work, and then leave the results with him. We may have only five loaves and two fishes, but under the quickening and directing power of the divine Spirit these are sufficient to feed the multitude, with many baskets of fragments remaining.—*Selected.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Coshocton.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Coshocton church celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house this quarter; and surely God's Spirit was manifested in the services. A praise service made up of very touching and sincere testimonies followed the ordinances.

The dear souls here are steadfast in their faithfulness, and they expect to receive the blessing that will be very shortly pronounced upon those who are overcomers.

Pray for us, that we may be ready for the soon-coming of the Redeemer. Yours in the truth, RAY CORDER.

Springfield.

THE increased attendance at our Sabbath-school and Sabbath meetings are sources of great encouragement. Sabbath, October 1, in the presence of a good audience we used the baptism in our new church for the first time. Two precious souls were there planted in the likeness of Christ's death. If faithful unto the end, they will be also in the likeness of his resurrection, even unto eternal life. Rom. 6:5.

On October 8, we held our quarterly meeting. The ordinances were celebrated, being graced by the presence of God's Holy Spirit, causing us to feel the sacredness of the occasion.

J. G. WOOD.

Killbuck.

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1. On Sabbath, October 1, the Killbuck church met together to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house, a goodly number being present, as well as some who have not yet united with the church. We wish to make mention of one dear soul especially, at this time, Brother C. Kaser, who was brought out under the labors of Brethren B. L. House and H. H. Votaw at Clarks. He walked five miles to be with us on this occasion, partaking for the first time of the ordinances of the Lord's house. This was indeed a time of refreshing from the Lord and a rejoicing in the hearts of his people.

The clear, ringing, and unmistakable testimonies that were given on this occasion of good courage in the Lord, the looking forward to and hastening the glad time of his coming is evidence enough to us that the Lord was with us in great measure. Brethren, the work is onward at this place. Sunday, September 18, witnessed the

organizing of a Young People's Missionary Society at this place, with V. S. Whisler, *Pres.*, R. F. Vansicle, *Vice Pres.*, and D. R. Gallion, *Sec.* We believe that much good can be accomplished through this channel of the Lord's work. Pray for us that we may be faithful and receive much of the blessing of the Lord.

E. D. BATES, *Clerk.*

DEAR VISITOR: I am glad to be able to report that the interest is growing here in my new field of labor. One young man employed by the City Gas Co. came to my home to turn on the gas. He inquired what my business was; on telling him, and mentioning some of the peculiar points of faith I held, he became very much interested. When leaving, I gave him several tracts and sold him "Christ's Object Lessons," which I shall deliver soon. He is very anxious to know the truth.

People in different parts of the city are inviting me to their homes and inquiring for truth. I have been visiting the homes in the neighborhood with the *Family Bible Teacher*. Frequently I hear this remark, "I am glad you came to our neighborhood."

My purpose is to hold weekly Bible studies in my own home. Several have already promised to attend. I need at present one hundred or more of the *Family Bible Teacher* to meet the demand, and tracts, neat and clean, for the poorer classes. Who will help to pay for one hundred *Family Bible Teacher* and thus hasten the glad day of our Coming King?

Dear brothers and sisters, my heart burns within, as I write these few lines, for the salvation of souls. O, let us be faithful a little longer, and plant, and water, and ere long God will give the increase. F. H. HENDERSON.

Dayton.

TO THE VISITOR: So far in these pages I have seen very little reported from the church schools, and thought all would be glad to hear how we are progressing at Dayton.

We have partitioned off the church room, and use the south room for the school. A good furnace made and donated by one of the brethren now heats the building. The school room is small, fifteen by twenty-five feet, but it accommodates us nicely.

School opened September 12, with thirteen in attendance. The first month has just closed with seventeen enrolled, and a good prospect of more. The general opinion seems to be that the Dayton church school was never in better condition. Three pupils are taking intermediate work.

The Lord is blessing us with good attendance, interest and lessons. We recognize the principle that any trouble in the school is caused by Satan coming between the participants. So we all unitedly, with the Lord, turn against him, and all is well.

R. B. THURBER.

Pleasant Hill.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We were glad to have Elder J. O. Miller with us on Sabbath, October 8, to conduct the quarterly meeting. This was the first ordinance meeting that this church has enjoyed since its organization the first week in August. The Lord richly blessed the dear brethren and sisters who were assembled.

Elder Miller also ordained our deacon and deaconess. Brother Alvin St. Clair was ordained deacon, and Sister Minnie Dunmead was ordained deaconess. On Sunday it was the writer's privilege to baptize a dear brother and his son from Norwich, O., who had come sixteen miles to be baptized.

A nice company was gathered at the bank of the Muskingum River to witness this solemn ordinance, and the Lord richly blessed in the service.

The work is onward here, and our prayer is that God will continue to add to the church such as should be saved. Yours in the Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

Defiance.

WELCOME VISITOR: The quarterly meeting here was again an inspiration to the church and an occasion of drawing near to the Lord. His blessed presence was felt in a marked manner.

On account of the work in Toledo, we postponed our quarterly services one week, to October 8. Immediately after the Sabbath-school we all went down to the river near by, where one precious soul was buried in baptism. The spectators seemed to realize how sacred and holy this step was. After returning to the church the ordinance of humility was celebrated. We then partook of the sacred emblems of the broken body and spilled blood of Jesus our Lord. New courage and hope has come into our lives. We pray God to bless the coming quarter.

Plans are now being laid to work Defiance with the *Family Bible Teacher*. We hope many will begin this work.

The attention of the people of Defiance has been drawn to us, and we hope to take this opportunity to make them acquainted with the Third Angel's Message. Pray for us.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Cleveland and Lagrange.

OCTOBER 7 to 9 I spent at Cleveland attending a good convention held in that place. I found the church in readiness to receive us and to do all that was possible to make the meeting a success. The first meeting was held Friday evening. The subject considered was "The Importance of Reverence in the House of God." Elder Burkholder, to whom this subject had been assigned, was unable to be present, having been called to attend a funeral. The subject was presented by Elder Lindsey.

Sabbath morning the convention proper began when many subjects of importance were presented. One encouraging feature of the Cleveland church is that all departments of the work are represented. These all received attention. I was very much interested in all the subjects considered and I can truly say that never have I heard subjects more ably presented. The kindergarten work which has lately been introduced as a help in training the children for places of usefulness in the Lord's work was represented by the teacher, Miss Bertha Mitchell.

The young people were especially interested in the consideration of the advisability of holding a Young People's Convention for the whole State, at which plans might be devised for the systematising of the work throughout the State.

Taking it as a whole I can say that it was a very profitable meeting. Even those who presented the subjects derived a great blessing and said they would have to do more thorough work in order to carry out their own advice.

After leaving Cleveland I went to Lagrange and found the church school there in a very prosperous condition. I was pleased to see the spirit of cooperation which was so manifest in the school. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper them.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

BROTHER GRANGER writes from Canyon City, Colo.: "We arrived at Denver safely though weary, and were given a very hearty welcome by the president and city workers. After a few days' rest the brethren were unanimous in their opinion that Canyon City was the place for us, and they gladly consented to bear our transportation expenses from Denver to this place. We have a nice church here, and it is needing help very much, so I will have a broad field of labor."

How forcible are right words.—*Job 6:25.*

MISSIONARY.

FROM EGYPT.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: The heart of every worker in the darker regions will thrill with joy on hearing the report of what the Ohio Conference did at its recent gathering for the foreign mission work. One half of the tithe, and one half of the workers placed at the disposal of the Mission Board! Good! Does any one suppose for a moment that the work in Ohio will be weakened if that resolution is strictly carried out? "The soul of the liberal shall be made fat." Bunyan wrote:—

"There was a man, though some did count him mad,
The more he gave away, the more he had."

This is the law of giving.

Many other items of interest from the work of the recent camp-meeting, also the Mount Vernon Academy notes, are read by us with great interest. How much we would enjoy a visit with all the workers there.

The work here is onward. Seeds of truth are being planted. The Holy Spirit is working on hearts, and fruit will appear in due time.

Difficulties which the home field workers cannot appreciate surround us, but we are all buoyed up by the assurance of the presence of the Mighty Helper. He never fails us. In him we trust.

May God bless the Ohio Conference, and make every member faithful to the trust God has given him. Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course here.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 27, 1904.

AN ORDINATION.

DEAR READERS OF THE VISITOR: Many of you, especially those who are acquainted with Brother and Sister Votaw, will be interested to learn of the ordination service held here just previous to their departure for New York from where they sail October 15.

It was the desire of the brethren in charge of the work that Brother Votaw be ordained before leaving this country, and a meeting was accordingly arranged for Thursday at 11:30 A. M. in the office of the Mission Board. Nearly all the workers of the General Conference and Review & Herald offices together with some of the brethren of the church were present.

After singing an opening hymn, Elder Daniells spoke briefly of his

own experiences in the foreign fields, and referred to them as being the brightest in his life. He expressed his thankfulness that these young people had responded to the call of God and were on their way to a dark, heathen country like India. He said that they might expect to sacrifice and to endure privation, but that the One who had called them had promised to go with them "even unto the end of the world."

"Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" was then sung after which Elder Daniells requested that as prayer was offered all might unite in earnestly seeking God to bless, guide, and protect these workers as they entered upon their new field of labor. He then offered the prayer, during which the Lord seemed to come especially near.

Following the prayer Elder W. A. Spicer delivered the charge, using for the basis of his remarks the following scriptures in the order given: Eze. 33: 7-9; 2 Cor. 2:15, 16; Isa. 61:1, 2; 2 Cor. 6:1, 3-7; 2 Tim. 2:3, 4; 4:1-5.

Brother and Sister Votaw each spoke briefly of their thankfulness to God for the privilege of having a part in this great work, and asked that we all remember them in our prayers. As it was nearly train time, the meeting was then dismissed. Elder J. S. Washburn assisted Elders Daniells and Spicer in the service. Among those present were quite a number of former Mount Vernon Academy students; and also Prof. J. W. Loughhead.

While it makes our hearts sad to part with those we love, yet our love for him who left all for us causes us to rejoice that they have responded to the call and have gone to help hasten the time when all those with whom we have been called to part will be with us, forever united. Let us remember these friends in our prayers, and let their going from us only serve to direct our attention more closely to those countries where there are millions who have never once heard that dearest of all names—Jesus; and let our efforts in behalf of this Message never cease until the work is finished and Jesus comes. H. H. COBBAN.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 14, 1904.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF THE "WATCHMAN."

THE Four Special Issues of the *Southern Watchman*, dated November 1, 8, 15 and 22, are to be *Missionary Campaign Numbers*, having illuminated covers and being beautifully illustrated. A new design for the first page will be used, having a mortice

(Continued on page 4.)

The
Welcome Visitor

ISSUED WEEKLY BY THE

Ohio Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists

Price, 25 Cents a Year in Advance.

BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

Academia, Ohio. Oct. 19, 1904.

Sabbath begins Oct. 21 at 5:13 P. M.

Continued from Page 3.

so that the central picture will be changed each week.

These numbers will be ready for distribution in advance of their printed dates. The first will appear October 12, and the others will follow in quick succession.

It is designed to use these in connection with the Special Signs Number, making a set of five papers, costing 15 cents per set, or 10 cents per set in clubs of ten or more.

Each issue will be devoted to a specific subject.

November 1.—Health and Temperance.

November 8.—The Second Advent.

November 15.—Immortality alone Through Christ.

November 22.—The Sabbath.

Specials Signs Number — The Coming of the Lord, and the Signs.

The *Southern Watchman* is one of the best missionary papers published, and the Special Signs Number sells itself. So will the four November issues, and almost anyone seeing them will purchase the set. Their very appearance will create a desire to examine and read them.

Any one, even little children, can sell them. You will always be welcome in a home where these special numbers have been purchased.

The demand for these numbers is certain to be very great, and we expect to run our presses night and day to supply it. We urge you to place your order with the Secretary of your Tract Society early so that you will not have to wait. We will do the best we can to meet the demands upon us promptly, but we have printed and sold many thousands of the Special Signs Number, and still the demand continues, and we expect that the orders for the four special issues will greatly exceed this, taxing our two large presses to the utmost. Order promptly that you may receive your papers without delay.

I. A. FORD, *Mgr. Southern Pub. Asso.*

ACADEMY NOTES.

WE have had our numbers increased this past week by the addition of Mr. and Mrs. LeFevre, of Springfield, O.

MISS GLENNA SHROCK has gone to her home in Indiana. She expects to return to the Academy for the second term of school.

A FEW of the students had an afternoon of picking apples from Brother Fairchild's orchard. The subjects under consideration while at work were the needs of the foreign fields.

BROTHER NED ASHTON, who has been laboring in the tent work in Pennsylvania, is with us. He will remain a few days, then return to his field of labor.

MISS MAUDE RUDOLPH of Allegheny, Penn., spent two days at the Academy last week, visiting with Mrs. Shepherd and other friends. She has now gone to Newark to take up nurses' work.

MISS EMMA FRENCH, formerly a student of the Academy, has finished the Nurses' Course at Melrose, graduating with her class Tuesday, and will now connect with the bathrooms in Mount Vernon.

MR. VAN VOORHIS led in the students' prayer meeting Tuesday, reading a few thoughts on the use of words from "Every Day of Life," bringing out the thought that we should give a kind word or smile—that we should leave this world better than we found it. Much earnestness characterized the meeting, and the Lord richly blessed by drawing the students near to him. Two made a start to serve the Lord. To him be all the praise.

WEDNESDAY morning, the time usually occupied by chapel exercises was given to the Missionary Society. Hereafter on Wednesday the Society will occupy the time of chapel exercise. The different missionary stations were considered at which Academy students of former years are located. Much interest was shown as the various places where missions are located were considered. Prof. Lawrence pointed to the war in the East as a sign of the end. Young men of Japan are coming to Prof. Field, who is in Japan, for instruction along Bible lines. Knowing that the closing Message is to be carried by the young people of our denomination, we can see how God will close this work and cut it short in righteousness. The Message of the Third Angel must go with a loud voice, to all the world, then the end shall come.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 30, 1904.)

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 43 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$2; total, \$27.

Laura E. Young, Findlay.—Coming King: value of orders, \$10; helps, \$10.50; total, \$20.50.

THE FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER

A Grand Campaign Help.

ONE of the "helps" recommended by the General Conference Committee for the coming missionary campaign is the *Family Bible Teacher*. During the past few months upwards of 10,000,000 pages of this series of Bible readings have been distributed. Many precious souls have already accepted present truth as a result, and hundreds of others are investigating.

There are scores of Seventh-day Adventists who would like to take an active part in this campaign, but who hardly know how to go at it, not having had any experience or training in missionary work. They dread the thought of starting out by asking the people to "buy" something. The *Family Bible Teacher* entirely overcomes this difficulty. In addition an introduction slip which saves the worker making a verbal explanation at the door has been prepared. A sample of this introduction, together with a little booklet giving full instructions as to how to use the lessons, will be sent to any address upon request. These also tell how to obtain pay for the lessons, so that the work may be made self-supporting.

On freight shipments the rates of the *Family Bible Teacher* are 7 cents per set and 20 cents a package (a package containing 100 copies of the same lesson). At these rates the freight is paid by the person ordering. When sent by mail, the charges are 10 cents a set and 29 cents a package, postpaid. The price of the introduction blank is 10 cents per hundred, net, postage 5 cents additional.

The *Family Bible Teacher* affords the little folks and every one an opportunity to take part in this general missionary effort. By this method all can present the truth to their friends and neighbors easily and in a favorable light, while old and experienced workers are enabled to reach, and that effectively, from twenty to forty times as many people as by the old plan of giving oral Bible readings. The instruction booklet, etc., as well as the lessons, may be obtained from the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.