

# The Welcome Visitor.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

#### Retrospective.

The Week of Prayer is in the past;  
And human life is ebbing fast.  
Time's fleeting course will soon be  
run;

A crown will then be lost or won.  
Each flying moment leaves in store  
A record closed forevermore.  
The Judgment hastens on apace.  
Time's record then each soul must  
face.

What then the record of the week  
When God we all profess to seek?  
Have all its moments been well used,  
Or have God's gifts been sore abused?

#### Prospective.

This question to each soul is given;  
Let answer true be sent to Heaven.  
Time's sinking sands are wasting  
fast;

This Week of Prayer may be the last.  
The present, God in mercy gives.  
His word instructs us how to live.  
His grace gives strength to do His  
will

That each His pleasure may fulfill.  
Accept that grace, learn now His  
way,

And strength receive to Him obey.  
Then rest divine to thee'll be given,  
And lasting home thou'lt find in  
Heaven.

—Southern Watchman.



### CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

The canvassers who are planning to attend the canvassers' institute, that will be held in the Seventh Day Adventist church in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 6-16, are requested to bring bedding. Board and room will be provided, as formerly announced.

How to reach the church—Take Oak street car at Union depot, get off

at Ohio avenue, turn to the left, go one block and the church is on the right hand side, second door from the corner.



### Our Canvassers.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Ohio:

It is with pleasant memories that I introduce myself to the work of the Third Angel's message in Ohio. There it was that the seeds of truth lodged in my own heart when a boy, through the efforts of Elder G. G. Rupert in Auglaize Co., twenty-six or more years ago, but it did not ripen into fruit until in Colorado, many years afterward, so it is with especial interest that I seek to co-operate with you in the work in Ohio. The seeds of truth that were sown in my heart were gotten out of a little tract called "Scriptural References", which father had brought home from the meetings being held in our neighborhood. I read some in it, and the impression of the truthfulness of the statements never left my mind, and under favorable circumstances were watered by the Holy Spirit, and I trust is bearing fruit to His glory. So it is by a personal experience that I have learned the value of our good literature, and have been, since my conversion to the truth, devoting my ability to placing it in the homes of the people. If the Lord permits, I will be at the Columbus institute in February. I hope that the Lord will put it into the hearts of many to consecrate themselves to the work at this time.

### THE CANVASSING WORK TO THE FRONT.

"Lift up the standard; let the self-sacrificing, the lovers of God and of humanity, join the army of workers." —Gospel Workers, page 352. "God

wants you to come to the front, speaking the words He will give you."—"Testimony" No. 34, page 317. "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties."—Ibid., page 331.

From the foregoing quotations, it is evident that the Lord regards the work of the canvasser very highly. This being true there should be an exalted ideal for the workers to have in mind, that their work correspond with the sacredness of the calling in which they are engaged. When the Lord says to "lift up the standard," and invites the canvassing work to "come to the front;" it implies that the standard has been too low, and consequently that it has been trailing in the rear, so if we would bring it up to the place that the Lord would have it occupy, we must seek to "lift up the standard." But, how shall this be done? A quotation from the same paragraph in "Gospel Workers" as the preceding one, will answer the query: "Young men can be trained to do much better work than has been done, and much less pay than many have received." Then follows the statement, "Lift up the standard," etc. From this it is evident that the way the Lord would have us bring the canvassing work to the front is by educating the workers to a higher plane, teaching them to work on correct principles, holding up before them the sacredness of the calling, so that they will be constrained to press close by the side of the Savior, then they will "speak the words He will give them."

There is a desire on the part of the canvassers to "lift up the standard," and now that there has been planned a canvassers' institute at Columbus for Feb. 6-16, shall there not be a large number come together, both of the old as well as the new canvassers, and together let us seek the Lord for a deeper insight into His work, that we meet His standard?

J. B. BLOSSER,

L. U. C. Can. Agt.

## THE WELCOME VISITOR

### tidings From the Field.

#### A STREET MEETING IN TOKIO.

New year's day and the week following is a great holiday time in Japan, and great preparations are made for its celebration. Business men close up their accounts, pay all their debts, and start the new year free from debt. Housewives engage in a general house cleaning. Everybody prepares to decorate their dwellings, and to have a good time generally. To this end extensive street sales are conducted during the last few days of the closing year. At these sales everything imaginable may be found, and many things a foreigner never would have imagined. The goods are displayed in temporary stands or shops in the open street after the manner of our street fairs at home. On broad streets a double row of shops are arranged in the middle of the street, and a row on each side, thus converting one street into two. The people throng the streets during these sales, especially at evening, and far into the night. Our brethren take advantage of such occasions to call the attention of people to present truth. So on the eve of Dec. 24 we sallied forth. There were three of the Japanese brethren, besides Brother Burden and the writer. In the hand cart used for peddling health foods, we had several hundred copies of our Japanese paper. Taking a position near a busy corner we made ready for the work. One of the brethren began to speak, and a crowd soon gathered. In earnest words the gospel of Christ was recommended; then the paper was presented, and its character explained. After this we all took part in handing out the papers to all who desired. Very few refused them. As one crowd dispersed, a hymn was sung, and a new congregation was soon gathered. Thus the work went on until over one thousand copies were distributed.

The importance of our publications in a field like this one can hardly be overestimated. We wish again to thank the brethren for the donation to this work made at the Canton camp meeting; also to assure any other liberal souls that there is still opportunity to help in this good work.

Send donations to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio.

F. W. FIELD.

I spent the week of prayer with the church at Laura. It was my first acquaintance with most of the brethren at that place. I enjoyed the privilege of getting acquainted and visiting all the members. We had two meetings each day. They were well attended by the brethren and also those not of our faith. The interest was good and the Lord greatly blessed in every service. All said that the meetings had been a great blessing to them. So we feel that the week of prayer was a great blessing to that church. All seemed to feel the importance of having more of the grace of God in their hearts, that they might be able to take an active part in proclaiming the message for this time. As I returned to Sardinia I stopped in Dayton a few days and visited the interested ones at that place. I also met the brethren at the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. They were of good courage and faith in the Lord. May the Lord perfect the good work that was done in His name during the week of prayer and may He help us all to keep in the channel of light and patiently and perseveringly press on to gain the victory.

CORA PETTIBORY.

The week of prayer was one of great blessing to the Toledo church, and our quarterly meeting was one of the most precious seasons of our remembrance. The field is white in this great city. We are learning of newly interested persons almost daily. We are in most urgent need of consecrated Bible workers and canvassers. I have more calls than I can possibly fill from most interested hearers. Pray for the work in Toledo.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Middlefield, Ohio. — The church here observed the week of prayer with the usual exercises. On account of sickness on the part of some, and others living at a distance, only a few attended, but we had excellent meetings.

C. C. WEBSTER.

Wilmington, O., Jan. 12, 1902.

Sabbath, Jan. 11, 1902, we enjoyed our first quarterly meeting since our organization. Meeting was opened by a song, followed by prayer by Brother Bert Bloom and Elder Chas.

A. Smith. Elder Smith read a part of the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians and gave a few interesting and profitable remarks.

The roll was called and all the members present bore testimony of the blessing of the Lord to them and expressed a desire to live a better life in the future. Then others who were present bore encouraging testimony.

The thirteenth chapter of John was then read by Elder Smith and by comparing it with Phil. 2: 5-12 he showed that the laying aside of Christ's garment and washing the disciples' feet was a type of the laying aside of the glory He had with the Father and taking upon himself the form of a servant, etc.

We then observed the ordinance of humility and partook of the Lord's supper. All felt benefited by the meeting and encouraged to press forward.

M. ETHELBERT WALKER.

Coshocton, O., Jan. 12, 1902.

By the blessing of the Lord I took orders for \$20 worth of Object Lessons last week. May the Lord roll a burden upon many more to take up the blessed work is my prayer.

The week of prayer proved to be a blessed time for the little company at Coshocton. I believe it was a time of heartsearching and consecration for each one. The little company here seem to be in a better condition spiritually than ever before. We had a room full almost every night, about half of whom were those outside our faith.

We took time for prayer and testimony seasons several times during the week which proved to be seasons in which the Lord came precious near to us all.

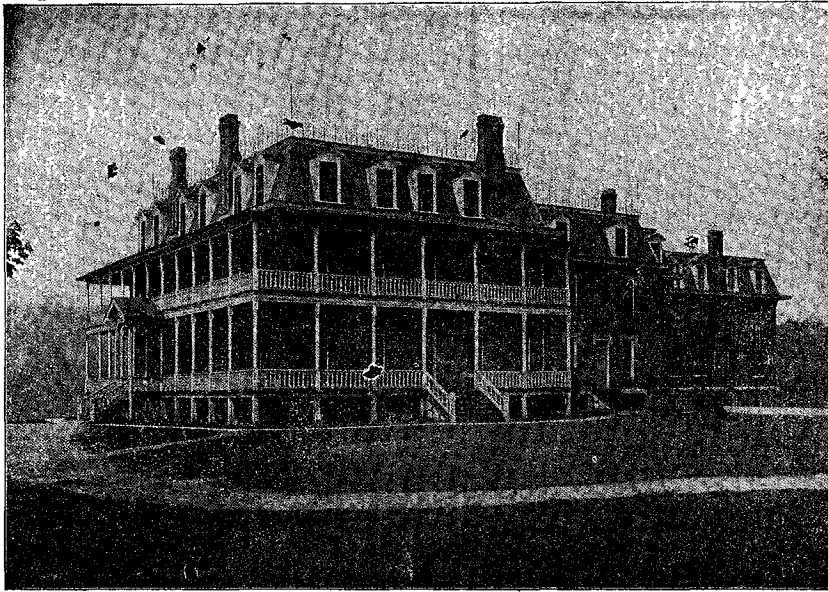
There are quite a number outside the faith who are much interested in the present truth. One more has united with us in keeping all the commandments of God since I have been here.

Remember your humble servant at the throne of grace.

BENJ. L. HOUSE.

Are you interested in the past, present and future of the United States? If so buy a copy of the "Marvel of Nations" and read it.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

THE VOICE OF GOD.

“Whose voice shook the earth, but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more, I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” Heb. 12: 26.

God’s voice is the voice of instruction teaching unerringly the past, present and future. It tells of himself, his Christ, the Holy Spirit, His purpose, decrees and character, the mission of Jesus, and the destiny of man. It is the grand prophetic announcement of earth’s history. It hung in the hopeless night of a ruined race, the blessed promise, “the seed of the woman shall bruise (crush) the serpent’s head.”

It was heard in warning during the dark and tragic scenes of the antediluvian age and was preached by the prophet Noah, telling of a new and unheard of judgment coming on a guilty world. Philosophy laughed and Science scoffed, but the rushing waters, and the wail of the perishing were responsive answers to the truthfulness of the voice of Jehovah.

His voice sounded along the line of Hebrew captivity, until the appointed time drew nigh, for the promised deliverance, until it deepened in the words, and miracles of Moses, and pointed to the morrow after the sprinkling of blood, and the girding of loins, as the day of emancipation.

According to appointment, the cloud appeared and moved, the tribes marched, the sea retired, and the song of victory sounded beyond the waves. Soon after, that voice was heard upon Mt. Sinai speaking his

law, and this is referred to in our text, “whose voice then shook the earth.” Perfect, Eternal and the divine standard of character it is the principles that govern every loyal intelligence.

As time has rolled its ever varying tide of human experiences down through the centuries, the angel of history has stood upon his mountain, and shouted across the vale of the silent generations to the angel of prophecy, saying: “Thy voice has been unerring and clothed with Almighty power. Commanding the earth and its nations, wheeling them into line, for fame or infamy, changing kingdoms according to thy eternal decrees.”

He says, “I have duplicated on my historic scroll every word that thou hast uttered in thy sanctuary relating to the social changes of humanity and and every prophetic word is as true as the truth.”

The time is near when that voice shall shake the heavens. When “all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live.” Dear reader, are you ready for that time?

L. D. SANTEE.

—Illinois Recorder.



“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.”

THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH PRINCIPLES.

“The body is dead . . . . but the spirit is life.” So said the Apostle Paul and his pregnant words may be applied to the principles of health. Take the divine life away from these principles, and they become dull, arbitrary rules, a veritable yoke of bondage, an instrument of death instead of the minister of life.

The life of the health principles is Christ. The true motive for building up the strength and beauty of the body, is in order that it may be the fit temple of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God should be the uppermost thought in the mind of every intelligent creature. Now the glory of God is His perfect character, of which His law, both natural and moral, is a revelation. Therefore the desire to glorify God impels one to seek to know and strictly obey the physical laws governing the health and well-being of the body.

Quibbling over small matters is one way to take the life out of these great principles. Prescribing for others precisely the same rules as you have adopted for yourself is another way of losing the life and attractiveness of true health reform. Remember that principles are living things. If they are to thrive they must have fit soil, and an abundant supply of the divine sunshine. Moreover, they must be allowed to grow and adapt themselves to the circumstances just as any other living thing. As soon as you have put a limit to the size of a given tree, you have pronounced its death sentence, for a tree cannot live without growing. Just so, when you precisely define a divine principle, it becomes in your hands a dead thing. You may embalm and adorn it so that it may appear beautiful to the eye; but the action is wanting. The saving power is not there, and the thing is practically worthless.

It is a very hard thing to live by rules; but it is a most natural and easy thing to live in accordance with divine, living, and life-giving principles. Health reform, while apparently pertaining especially to the physical organism, is essentially a spiritual

matter. We put away fleshly lusts not only as health destroying, but also because they war against the soul. In fact, rightly considered, the interests of body and soul are identical. Correct physical habits and a pure diet help to build up a pure body, which is the only fit instrument of a pure soul.

Because health principles are spiritual, we need the aid of the spirit in order to properly comprehend them. On a casual examination, many things may appear inconsistent; but prayerful, earnest persevering study will reveal only beauty and harmony. That which Christians especially need to realize in these days, is the close connection between physical and spiritual things and the obligation resting upon all to glorify God in their body as well as in spirit.

M. E. OLSEN.



AS TO PLEDGES FOR THE MATERIAL FUND FOR CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

All of our friends have noticed from the published figures in the Review & Herald that the great \$50,000 for the relief of the schools is rapidly climbing up to the point of completion. The last figures showed that over \$35,000 in cash had been paid into the treasury. We have still a large number of pledges on our books, and, as we have some heavy bills to meet in the near future, would be very thankful to our kind brethren and sisters everywhere if they will do the very best they possibly can to meet these pledges.

Money should be sent by bank draft, express or postoffice money order to Percy T. Magan, Berrien Springs, Mich.



CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 18 Coming King, 4 Gospel Primer; 3 Sunbeams of Health and Temperance. Value, \$24.50.

Fred C. Webster—Orders, 16 Coming King, 3 Steps to Christ. Value, \$20.80.

F. H. Henderson—Sales in two days, \$9.

Ellen Frederick—Orders, 1 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Coming King, 1 Marvel of Nations. Value, \$3.50. Helps, 50c. Total, \$4.00.

OBITUARY.

Alonzo Silvernail died of pneumonia Jan. 3, 1902, aged 53 years. Brother Silvernail had been a believer in the present message ever since W. H. Granger and the writer held tent meetings at Oral three years ago, but had never taken a firm stand for the truth until last fall during the tent meeting held at Middlefield. He was baptised by Eld. Underwood. Since that time he has lived a devoted christian life. When he saw the end approaching he called his family together and calmly made arrangements for the funeral, speaking of all the details, and made arrangements for the settlement of his business. He said that he would like to live a few years longer, but if it was the will of the Lord for him to rest he was ready and had nothing to fear. He said that he was glad that he had taken Christ for his Saviour, but was sorry that he had not made the start sooner. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 13: 43.

C. C. WEBSTER.



OBITUARY.

Wilkinson—Died of tuberculosis, at Newark, O., Jan. 9, 1902, Wesley E. Wilkinson, aged 39 years, 6 months and 29 days. He leaves a mother, wife and two children to mourn his loss. For several years he has been afflicted with the dread disease, but not until the last year has he been confined entirely to his bed. He bore his entire suffering with patience and died trusting in the life-giving power of the Saviour to bring him up at the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from his chosen scripture, I Cor. 15:51-58, 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.



A "SUNDAY" NUMBER OF THE SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY.

Such might the January Sentinel of Christian Liberty be called, for nearly the whole of it is devoted to a consideration of vital phases of the question of Sunday Enforcement. Owing to the present agitation in New York city a great deal is being said just now with regard to Sunday legislation, and the minds of the people everywhere throughout the country are turning to the subject. The

Sunday movement is a growing movement, a deep movement, and now is the opportune time to place the Sentinel in the hands of the people. The January Sentinel will be larger than usual, 72 pages will be filled with this and other matter of serious import. There will also be two very suggestive illustrations.

The reason people are led into supporting this movement is from lack of knowledge of its nature. Who will help to give them the right kind of education, by placing proper reading matter in their hands? How many copies of the January Sentinel can you use? It is neat, attractive, and should have a circulation of 100,000 copies. Special price on this number, \$5 per hundred. Write the Ohio Tract Society immediately and tell them how many copies you will use.



QUESTIONS ON "TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK."

January Study, Pages 53-58.

Fourth Week—

1. Why has the truth been given to teachers and scholars?
2. What would be the effect if all felt a burden for souls?
3. For what should we pray? What will the Spirit do for us?
4. What does the cause most need?
5. What is said of many professed Christians?
6. Is the teacher's duty done when the theory of the lesson has been taught?



NEWS NOTES.

We thank those churches who have been so prompt in sending in their reports, giving the names of the church and Sabbath-school officers. We kindly ask those who have not sent in their reports to please do so as soon as possible, as it is desired to have a complete list of the church and Sabbath-school officers of all the churches and Sabbath-schools in Ohio.

The Mid-Winter Good Health will be the January issue instead of the December number. There has been some delay. All orders will be filled promptly when the issue is ready.

Mrs. E. G. White attended the "Southern Union Conference," that was held at Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3-12, 1902.