

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## "THE LORD WILL COME."

Joy to the world, the Lord will come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Lord will reign!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

Soon will he rule the earth with grace,  
And make the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.

— Isaac Watts.

JESUS soon is coming.

THERE shall be delay no longer.

THE hope of Abraham, Isaac  
and Jacob is soon to be realized.

THE desire of ages, the author  
and finisher of our faith, the ever  
welcome visitor is near, even at  
the door.

THE signals indicating his com-  
ing are increasing almost daily—  
signals of hope, signals of courage,  
signals of zeal, for those who love  
his appearing.

"LET not your heart be trou-  
bled: ye believe in God, believe  
also in me. In my Father's house  
are many mansions: if it were not  
so, I would have told you. I go to  
prepare a place for you. And if  
I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again, and receive you  
unto myself; that where I am,  
there ye may be also."

LET the song of redemption be  
struck anew. It is a joyful song.  
It is a song for the faithful. It is  
a song by the faithful. Let it be  
tuned in the chambers of the

heart. Let its note bring cheer  
to every home. Let its message  
be heard in the field, in the shop,  
by the wayside. With the Lord  
of love abiding in the heart by  
faith, his literal coming in glory  
becomes the song of the soul.

THEREFORE, "ye are my wit-  
nesses, saith the Lord, that I am  
God"—witnesses to his faithful-  
ness, for "he is faithful that prom-  
ised"; witnesses to his pardoning  
love, for "if we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to forgive  
us our sins, and to cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness;" witnesses  
to his keeping power, for "he is  
able to keep you from falling, and  
to present you faultless before the  
presence of his glory with exceed-  
ing joy." Thus we become wit-  
nesses to the world that *he is God*.

MEN, women, and children are  
lost daily for want of this wit-  
nessing. Hosea writes, "My  
people are destroyed for lack of  
knowledge." "Hear the word of  
the Lord, ye children of Israel:  
for the Lord hath a controversy  
with the inhabitants of the land,  
*because* there is no truth, nor  
mercy, nor *knowledge of God*  
in the land." "For I desired  
mercy, and not sacrifice; and the  
*knowledge of God* more than burnt  
offerings." And John records  
these words of Jesus; "This is  
life eternal that they might know  
thee, the only true God, and Je-  
sus Christ whom thou hast sent."

## OUR NEW MOTTO.

AS we enter upon the seventh  
volume of the WELCOME VISITOR  
it is with a fixed purpose to make  
it breathe forth in every issue the  
sentiment set forth in our new

motto: "Even so, come, Lord Je-  
sus." Rev. 20:20.

The inspired volume closes  
with the best of all the promises  
Christ ever made to his people  
"Surely I come quickly. Amen."  
To this precious promise his  
waiting church responds: "Ever  
so, come, Lord Jesus."

Yes, Jesus is soon coming. He  
is coming in his glory. He is  
coming for his people. Then we  
shall part company with sickness  
pain and death, and see Jesus and  
be made like him. Then we shall  
meet the loved ones who have  
been sleeping in Jesus. O, the  
rapture of that hand clasping  
Ah, what a meeting that will be.  
It has been long since some of  
these dear ones were laid to rest  
but not one will be forgotten.  
They will all be there, but how  
wonderfully changed—all the  
paleness of death gone, all the  
wrinkles and scars of sin gone.  
There we shall meet them,  
crowned with immortality and  
radiant with the glow of eternal  
health.

This gathering of the saints has  
nothing in it but that which is de-  
sirable. What wonderful ac-  
quaintances we shall then form!  
Abel and all the martyrs, Abram  
and all the patriarchs, Moses and  
and all the prophets, John and all  
the apostles, Luther and all the  
reformers—all will be there; and,  
dear reader, let this thought thrill  
our hearts, that if we keep God's  
commandments and the faith of  
Jesus and endure to the end, we,  
too, may be there. Discouraged  
ones, look up! The long dark  
night of sin and sorrow is almost  
past. Just over the hill-tops of  
time behold the dawning of an  
eternal day of joy and gladness.  
Stand faithful at your post of

duty a little longer; the conflict is almost over; the victory is almost won. Thank God for the blessed promise: "Surely, I come quickly."

Then do not stop to complain at the roughness of the way, nor allow your faith to wane because of the failures and unfaithfulness of others; but be up and doing, and help sound the glad tidings: "Jesus is coming again." Take up your allotted work; hasten to help warn a guilty world of its approaching doom. Preach, pray, write, talk, sing and daily live out the stirring truths of the third angel's message. Dear brethren and sisters, let us redouble our diligence and make the year 1903 mark greater progress for us than any preceding year. May every thought, word and act of our lives henceforth be, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

#### BACK TO THE OLD PATHS.

I BELIEVE there is nothing our people need so much as a thorough awakening along the lines of the "old fashioned" tract and missionary work. Somehow it seems to have died out to quite a degree during recent years. We cannot go on as we are now going. The time for the close of this work, the time for which God has himself set for its close, is right upon us; and the Lord has said if the present "order of things" is continued, this work "will come to naught." But this work *must not* come to naught; therefore the present order of things *must not* continue. It appears to me that it will be impossible for this people to finish the work of this message with the triumphant success which it must achieve unless they take a determined stand, under God, on the following points at least:—

1. Every member of the church who knows this message must bring all his powers into service.

2. The third angel's message,

the special message for this time, must be preached in clear lines which will constitute a definite warning to the world.

3. We must reach out to foreign lands, where the doors have hardly been opened, and carry the message to them by more powerful measures than have yet been adopted.

These are the mechanical means at least. Complete consecration of self and all that we have, with an implicit faith in God and in his message for this time, is the foundation for it all.

E. R. PALMER,

Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Dept.

#### WITH THE CHURCHES.

##### Portsmouth.

I AM always glad to hear from the workers in the different parts of the State, and so thought probably some would be glad to hear from the work in Portsmouth.

We are of good courage in the Lord and he is blessing us in our work. We have no house of worship but hold our meetings in the homes of the people. The Lord came very near to us in our recent services, especially on Friday evening during the week of prayer. After the reading we had a testimony meeting and there were some present that testified for Jesus for the first time. It was a precious season. There were only a few present on account of the inclemency of the weather, but the Lord verified his promise to us. Matt. 18:20.

One who testified for the first time said, "I cannot keep my seat for I feel that the Lord is here. . . . I wish we could have a meeting like this every evening."

It makes our hearts rejoice to see those coming out with whom we have been laboring.

I spent several days at Ironton. Some of the people have moved away, others have given up the truth. We could not hold any meetings with them, but we visited them at their homes and had some good talks with them. I

called on one dear old sister who is not able to go out, and had a reading with her, which she highly appreciated. Her strong faith and long Christian experience made us feel and realize that the Lord is good.

I sense as never before the responsibility that is resting upon us as workers in carrying this precious truth to souls that are in darkness. Surely "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people."

ANNA E. SMITH.

##### Findlay and Bowling Green.

It was my privilege to meet with these churches during the week of prayer. At Findlay we found the little company of "light-bearers" of good courage, although Satan had not overlooked them in his liberal disbursement of trials and perplexities. Their faith, however, has enabled them to look above these afflictions, which are but for a moment, and see the smiling face behind the cloud, remembering that "tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

At Bowling Green we found a goodly company, who had been holding meetings regularly in their neat and comfortable church building. Much earnestness was manifested by those who were able to attend. The weather continued inclement but the dove of peace was surely dwelling in the hearts of those assembled to hear the words of admonition and encouragement sent at this time. At both places the attendance was quite good, and all felt encouraged to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus." We also found good earnest Sabbath-schools; and our prayer is that these young people may grow up in the fear and admonition of the Lord and make zealous workers in his cause.

BESSIE E. RUSSELL.

## ACADEMY.

## LOVING SERVICE.

ONLY the Master shall praise us, and  
only the Master shall blame,  
And no one shall work for money, and  
no one shall work for fame;  
But each for the joy of the working,  
and each in his separate star,  
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for  
the God of things as they are.

— Selected.

## ON THE FRONTIER.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

To the Mt. Vernon Academy  
Missionary Society: You will, no  
doubt, be pleased to get a com-  
munication direct from the land  
of the pharaohs, the pyramids,  
and the sphinxes. So here, al-  
most under the shadow of those  
mighty monuments of ancient  
greatness, I write a few lines,  
hoping that in your hearts may  
be developed a stronger desire to  
give your lives for those who are  
now sitting in darkness and gloom.

After a profitable visit in  
Europe, and a pleasant voyage  
across the Mediterranean Sea, we  
arrived safely in Cairo, the capital  
and largest city of Egypt. All of  
the workers in Egypt, six in num-  
ber, were at the station to meet  
us, and gave us a most hearty  
welcome. We went immediately  
to the Vegetarian Health Home  
which is in charge of brother  
Louis Passebois and wife; and  
have been making this our home  
since. We find it very difficult  
to get rooms or a house to suit  
both our needs and our pocket-  
book. House rent is very high  
here, though not more so than  
in some cities in America.

The tourist season is just be-  
ginning, and the city is as fully  
alive and noisy as similar cities in  
other countries. Cairo is a city  
of over 700,000 inhabitants, al-  
though in extent I do not think  
it is as large as Columbus, Ohio.  
You can imagine the conditions.  
In the native portions the people  
literally swarm in the day time,  
and at night, to use an American

expression, are packed away  
"like sardines in a box."

The conglomeration of smells  
constantly arising from some of  
these quarters is simply inde-  
scribable; and one wonders why  
the cholera and all other filth dis-  
eases do not rage here contin-  
ually. And, by the way, the  
terrible mortality of the cholera  
during the past season may be  
appreciated by the following item  
from the *Egyptian Gazette*, the  
only English daily in this country:  
"The total number of cases since  
the commencement of the out-  
break on July 15 is 39,673; of  
deaths, 33,809; and of recoveries,  
5,856." That means that over  
eighty-five per cent. of all who  
took the disease died. Here is  
surely a needy field for the med-  
ical missionary. Any one plan-  
ning for the missionary work in  
the Orient, or in the tropics,  
should take a thorough course in  
practical hygiene.

The climate here at this season  
of the year is simply delightful not  
too hot, nor too cool. The air is  
dry, and the sky cloudless. Last  
week at Luxor, 500 miles up the  
the Nile from Cairo, I picked  
oranges and lemons from the  
trees, and most beautiful roses are  
in full bloom, and in profusion. A  
few days ago brother Passebois  
bought four beautiful bouquets,  
mostly roses, for five cents. They  
would have sold for two dollars in  
Columbus. Nice oranges can be  
bought on the street for five cents  
a dozen, and lemons, small ones,  
for ten cents per hundred. But  
common potatoes sell for \$1.25  
per bushel, and nice dairy butter  
is entirely out of sight, at least I  
have not seen any in Egypt.

(To be continued.)

THE first term of school at the  
Academy closed Friday, January  
16. After four months of close  
application to school duties, both  
teachers and students now appre-  
ciate a few days vacation in which  
to relax and gather strength to  
take up the work again.

CHURCH AND SABBATH-  
SCHOOL.

If any secretary has not re-  
ceived the report blanks, please  
notify us by postal card, and they  
will be sent by return mail. Also  
any desiring contribution envel-  
opes can be supplied by address-  
ing the Ohio Tract Society.

WE are glad to note the im-  
provement in making out the re-  
port blanks. A greater degree  
of carefulness, neatness and ac-  
curacy is always appreciated.  
The Lord is pleased to have all  
things done "decently and in  
order."

WE are glad to see the Sab-  
bath-school reports coming in so  
promptly. Still there are others  
we are anxiously expecting and  
hope to receive soon. These re-  
ports are particularly important  
as they will contain the names of  
the officers for this quarter.

ALL secretaries should care-  
fully watch the subscriptions to  
their periodicals, and renew them  
at least three weeks before expi-  
ration of club for *Little Friend*,  
and two weeks for *Youth's Instruc-  
tor*. This will obviate the incon-  
venience often experienced by  
those who are depending on these  
for their Sabbath lesson, and  
serves also as an object lesson in  
promptness in the Lord's work.  
We are always glad to receive per-  
sonal letters from the secretaries  
telling us how their school is  
prospering. May the blessing of  
the Lord, that maketh rich, be  
with you all in a special manner  
during this new year of 1903.

WITH each report of the teach-  
ers of our church schools come  
encouraging letters. True, trials  
and perplexities are encountered,  
but as one writes, the "Spirit of  
the Lord comes in and the truth  
triumphs gloriously." Sister  
Flora Evans writes: "I am so glad  
I have a helper on whom I can

depend. For every day I realize more of what it means to train the children, and with it comes the sense of my own unworthiness; but I am praying that I may live a Christ-like life before them, and so teach them that they will follow Jesus.

WE are glad for the good letters received from our little band of faithful, earnest church-school teachers. While trials await all in every walk of life, many and perplexing are those that fall in the every-day experience of these self-denying workers in the interest of Christian education; for not infrequently a great lack of sympathy is found in those who should uphold these workers, not only in occasional prayer, but constantly; and equally so in their attitude toward the teachers before their children. A few unguarded, critical remarks before a child may bring disaster; not only to the child, but jeopardize the welfare of the whole school.

Here is an opportunity for a united effort in behalf of the children, not only to inspire faith in the Word of God, but to establish them thoroughly in the truth. Every one connected with this branch of the Lord's work should be a living exemplification of Gal. 6:1, 2. There is a feature in this work for both parent and teacher that can never be successful apart from the individual effort of each, viz: the parent must impress his children with the fact that respect and obedience *must* be given the teacher; and she in turn must of necessity manifest the character that will demand both without the visible effort.

God has spoken in regard to the church school, and we believe the message; but let us unite it with faith and works (James 2:17-19), and soon the wisdom of God shall again be revealed.

B. E. R.

THE fear of the Lord is to hate evil.—*Proverbs 8:13.*

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A FEW reports from the churches are in hand but necessarily held over till the next issue.

THE Annual Offering to missions taken up by the Mount Vernon church amounted to \$171.50.

KINDLY show the VISITOR to all the friends who do not take it. They may desire to make it a regular visitor.

A WORKERS' directory is published this week for the convenience of those who may desire it for reference.

IF this number of the VISITOR appeals to you as worthy a place on your table, remember that twenty-five cents pays for it for a year.

LET all church officers bring their church books to the district meetings, as instructions will be given in keeping records and accounts.

THE VISITOR readers will all enjoy Elder Wakeham's account of the beginning of his work in Egypt. The article will be concluded in our next issue.

DR. L. RUTH MERRITT and Ella McIntyre have been granted missionary licenses by the Ohio Conference and will labor in the interest of the medical missionary work.

THE friends in the conference will be glad to know that the price of the VISITOR now returns to them in wages to their sons and daughters, instead of going out of the work of the conference; and also, that it serves to build up an educational industry in connection with the Mt. Vernon Academy.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

### District Number Two.

THE date of meeting in District No. 2, which includes the churches situated in the following counties, viz., Coshocton, Delaware, Licking, Marion, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Union, and Knox, has been set for Jan. 23 to 27, and will be held in the chapel of Mt. Vernon Academy.

We especially invite all church and Sabbath-school officers to be present, as matters relative to their duties will be discussed. Remember our invitation is not limited to officers. We hope to see a goodly number of our brethren and sisters present. Plan to arrive here on Friday, January 23. Take the street car at depots, and come immediately to Academia, where ample provision has been made for all.

Dr. Merritt will be here, and will give valuable instruction to all. Elder H. H. Burkholder will be here to give instruction and words of encouragement. Brother N. S. Miller will talk to the treasurers with reference to keeping accounts, etc.

Let all put forth an effort to come, fall into line with the forward movement, and make a spiritual growth during the coming year that will cause the enemy to tremble. Acts 2:36-38.

My permanent address is Academia, Knox Co., Ohio.

Your brother in the work,  
J. O. MILLER.

### District Number Three.

THE meeting for this district is to be held at Middlefield, January 30 to February 2. The new church building at this place is to be dedicated Sunday, February 2. Plan to attend this meeting. Brethren, we are nearing the consummation of our hopes. The Lord is coming. Let us catch up the note of victory, come into close touch with our leader, and the record for 1903 will count for the kingdom.

A. C. SHANNON.

# Supplement Welcome Visitor

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## OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

A NUMBER of subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times*, both individual and clubs, have recently expired. Please make the renewals promptly.

BEGINNING with the first issue of January, 1903, the club price of the *Signs of the Times* will be ninety cents per copy per year. Detailed reasons for this change will be sent out later.

### THE TRACT CAMPAIGN.

UNDOUBTEDLY all the brethren have read from week to week the announcements and notices in the *Review and Herald* concerning a special tract campaign during the coming winter.

The tracts are now ready. God has blessed the efforts of his servants to place the vital truths for this time vividly before the people in these simple, inexpensive tracts; and now only one thing is needed. We need sixty thousand people in the United States to circulate at least one hundred of these tracts each. Some will be able to circulate many more. One brother has expressed his determination to put in motion agencies which will scatter one hundred thousand. A few can do a great work like this, many can circulate a large number, and everyone can circulate a few.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(Since last issue.)

Mary Hubbell.—Orders, 3 Gt. Controversy, 25 Coming King. Value, \$31.37. Helps, \$8.40. Total, \$40.15. Value of deliveries, \$3.00.

C. A. Gibson.—Orders, 12 Coming King. Value, \$12.00. Helps, \$9.25. Total, \$21.25.

F. E. Wagner.—Value of orders, \$4.50. Value of deliveries, \$30.00.

## TITHE RECEIPTS.

DECEMBER, 1902.

Bellville . . . . .	\$ 20.46
Bellefontaine . . . . .	22.20
Beaver . . . . .	3.35
Conneaut . . . . .	13.28
Columbus . . . . .	18.20
Cleveland . . . . .	116.17
Camden . . . . .	33.56
Chagrin Falls . . . . .	10.28
Cincinnati . . . . .	57.86
Canton . . . . .	16.60
Delaware . . . . .	6.50
Dayton . . . . .	79.96
Dunkirk . . . . .	4.22
Elgin . . . . .	17.38
Fairfield . . . . .	27.68
Geneva . . . . .	8.11
Killbuck . . . . .	5.00
Lake View . . . . .	163.33
Laura . . . . .	8.50
LaGrange . . . . .	20.27
Lima . . . . .	27.81
Liberty Center . . . . .	36.93
Mendon . . . . .	15.76
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	55.86
Meigs . . . . .	25.35
Nashville . . . . .	8.00
Newark . . . . .	46.69
North Bloomfield . . . . .	23.65
Piqua . . . . .	2.85
Springfield . . . . .	4.50
Troy . . . . .	6.22
Toledo . . . . .	4.62
Wadsworth . . . . .	4.00
Wilmington . . . . .	35.19
Wheelersburg . . . . .	51.20
Isolated Sabbath-keepers . . . . .	77.60
Total . . . . .	\$1,079.68

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

## REPORT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

### CLYDE.

MONTH ENDING NOV. 7, 1902.

Number pupils enrolled . . . . .	14
Average age . . . . .	9
Number of grades . . . . .	7
Number of classes . . . . .	16
Average per cent. of attendance . . . . .	90 5-7
Average per cent. of deportment . . . . .	90

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Teacher.*

### LA GRANGE.

MONTH ENDING NOV. 21, 1902.

Number enrolled . . . . .	9
Average age . . . . .	12
Number of grades . . . . .	4
Number of classes . . . . .	-

Average per cent. of attendance . . . . .	87 2-9
Average per cent. of punctuality . . . . .	99 4-9
Average per cent. of deportment . . . . .	95

MISS LULU PIEPER, *Teacher.*

### AKRON.

MONTH ENDING DEC. 12, 1902.

Number of pupils enrolled . . . . .	6
Average age . . . . .	13
Number of grades . . . . .	3
Number of classes . . . . .	18
Average percent of attendance . . . . .	89
Average percent of deportment . . . . .	90
Average percent of punctuality . . . . .	-

MISS FLORA EVANS, *Teacher.*

### HAMLER.

MONTH ENDING DEC. 12, 1902.

Number of pupils enrolled . . . . .	14
Average age . . . . .	13
Number of grades . . . . .	5
Average percent of attendance . . . . .	92.4
Average percent of deportment . . . . .	90

R. B. THURBER, *Teacher.*

## WORKERS' DIRECTORY.

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