

THE Welcome Visitor

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

Vol. 7, No. 31.
Weekly, 25 cts. per Year.

ACADEMIA, OHIO, NOVEMBER 4, 1903.

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

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and depend on him, not on the ministers. Let them learn to work as Christ worked. Let them join his army of workers, and do faithful service for him."

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

NEVER before in the history of our world was there so much agitation over the subject of *Capital and Labor* as now.

Never before were the laboring classes so well and so thoroughly organized as now.

Never before were there such gigantic combinations of capital and moneyed interests as now.

Never before was there so much discontent among the laboring classes as now.

Never before was there such a large and general demonstration by laboring men all over this country as on Sept. 7, 1903.

And the question is being asked on every hand. *What do these things mean, and what will be the final outcome?*

IN the providence of God, another grand opportunity has come to our people to present to the world God's answer to these momentous questions. The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* have decided to issue a special double number of this paper on the subject of *Capital and Labor*, as announced heretofore in the VISITOR. The whole question will be treated in a fair, impartial manner without antagonizing any one. Articles will appear from prominent men representing both sides of the question. Then, without comment or taking sides with either party, will be shown what the Bible says concerning the present situation, the remedy, and the final outcome.

The paper will be beautifully illustrated with original engravings, designed to tell the story as fully as possible, thus appealing to the eye as well as to the mind. The first page of the cover will be a strong allegorical drawing representing Capital and Labor striving with each other for the mastery and over-riding the masses. Other illustrations will follow, representing Christ at work as a carpenter, Paul as a tent-maker, Peter and John as fishermen, etc. Then there will be

a few portraits of eminent philanthropists who have used their money for the benefit of mankind, and under each portrait we will give a brief history of the person, how he used his money, etc. There will also be a double-page insert showing the great labor demonstration as it appeared in the large cities on Sept. 7, 1903, taken from photographs,— also illustrations showing Christ searching for the lost sheep, the hope of the Christian, the new earth, etc.

Without doubt this will be one of the most attractive, interesting, and important numbers ever published, and it ought to have a circulation of a million copies at least. In order to secure the best results, the most thorough organization should be perfected by the tract societies and churches, and all the territory mapped out and apportioned to different ones, so that no haphazard work will be done, and so that we may be sure that all are reached. Special attention should be given to the large cities, and a good, efficient corps of workers placed in each one. This special number should be used as a means for securing subscriptions to the regular issue.

Subject Matter.

The subject is one that will interest all classes, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, and the paper will sell at sight. The following is a brief outline of some of the articles which this special number will contain:—

The Fundamental Differences between Capital and Labor.

What is Necessary in order to have a Permanent Settlement and Peace.

Capital's Side (by some representative of Capital).

Labor's Side (by some representative of Labor).

Individualism—the Human Unit in his Relation to God, to his Fellows, to the Church, to the State. The Present Trend in Church, in State, in Society, in Commercial Life.

The Hope of Man in the Unchangeableness of God.

Christian Union *versus* Trade Unions.

The Great Strife for Power, and the Christian's True Attitude.

The Great Question, Considered in the Light of the First Commandment.

The Oppression of Wealth: Its Results in the Light of History.

The Oppression of Wealth: Its Outcome in the Light of Prophecy.

Dangers and Warnings, in the Light of Prophecy.

How Came this Great Conflict?

Stirring Poems.

Utterances from Eminent Men and Authorities.

Statistical and Biographical Data, etc.

Donation to Mission Board.

The *Signs of the Times* is our pioneer missionary paper, and in view of the fact that this is a missionary enterprise, and as an additional incentive to our people to give this number a wide circulation, the publishers have decided to donate one half of the net profits on this special issue to the Foreign Mission Board to be used in carrying the truth to the Regions Beyond.

The "Capital and Labor" number will be dated December 15, but will be ready for the mail not later than November 12, thus giving a whole month to sell the paper before the date of publication is passed, but the subject matter is such that it can be sold at any time.

This is a most important matter. It means much to the world just now. We have but a short time to work. Already we have heard "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and the command is to "go forward." C. H. JONES.

COME.

WE are glad to see some of the old canvassers again taking the field. Where are the others? Come along, brother, sister, and join the ranks. Not only do we want the old ones, but some recruits. This time of year anyone can sell books: then couple with this opportune time the power of the Lord, and how much can we not do? Remember what we fail to do in times of peace and prosperity, we must do under the most discouraging circumstances. Again we plead, come along.

N. S. M.

IN THE CANVASSING FIELD.

Crooksville.

THINKING perhaps you would like to know something of our success in this town, I write. It is not a very good place to work; the people are building their houses, and therefore can not buy. So we are pushing out into the little places around, and the Lord is blessing us. We believe the Lord has a people even here. I never get discouraged, because the way is prepared. I do not give myself any uneasiness, the battle is his, not mine. I used to think I had the work to do, but all I have to do is to let the Lord use me. All are not willing to hear, but I praise him for a part. My soul doth magnify my Lord.

MARY HUBBELL.

Millersburg.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I still feel like saying a word of praise in behalf of the *Family Bible Teacher*. I have recently received a letter from my mother at Mansfield, O. She is past sixty years of age and has been delivering lessons to about seventeen families, with two new ones added recently. One man said that he expected to read them till he had memorized them. His wife said that they did not have No. 1, but that they wanted it by the time they got all their lessons so she could put them together and make a book of them. Several of her readers expect to make books of their lessons. So brethren and sisters, if we don't want to sell books let's give the people the paper and let them make their own books, and I believe the Lord will bless us. He has blessed me although my garments are not free from spot and wrinkle. But praise the Lord, he will make them as fine linen if I will do what he wants me to do. If I were to throw my whole life and all into the service of God from now till he comes, I think that I would then feel unworthy to be called up among the shining ones to the marriage supper and to be waited upon by holy angels. But can we all be at that supper? Yes, if we work hard and get hungry for it. May the Lord help us all to do our appointed work, and then Jesus will come: and as we go riding home in the clouds, we can shout praises to our King, for we shall be like him. Let's get ready, sell what we can't take along, and finish our work. Then we'll soon go.

V. S. WHISLER.

PLACE your orders early for the special edition of the *Signs of the Times*, and plan for large things in your field.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"There are times when it is fitting for our ministers to give on the Sabbath, in our churches, short discourses, full of the life and love of Christ. But the church members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath."

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

THE gift of prophecy is acknowledged in a general way by the Christian world; that is, the prophets of the past were all right. Isaiah and Daniel had visions, and foretold future events; they were all right. But say that a prophet in our day has visions, and their eyes will instantly indicate unbelief.

But this is nothing new, it has always been that way. Jeremiah while living was the most troublesome man in the Kingdom (Jer. 38:1-4), and Elijah was called the troubler of Israel (1 Kings 18:17. R. V.). As a rule, God's prophets have always been maligned and mistreated while living (Acts 7:52), but honored afterwards (Matt. 23:29-32). It seems that to be an accredited prophet one must be dead.

It was predicted that the gift of prophecy should be in the remnant church (Rev. 12:17; 19:10), and it has been in it from the very start. Nothing connected with the cause of present truth has met with a title of the opposition that this gift has. This gift was first offered to a man, but he declined accepting it on account of the trial and suffering connected with it. But the Lord found a woman who was willing to endure the suffering consequent on its acceptance, and nobly has she stood the test.

Persons coming into the truth now have no idea of the opposition to this gift in the past, both from within and without. In the first part of the Message personal reproof for wrongs was very common, which is not so much the case now. In many instances these reproofs would not be accepted, although the proof of their genuineness was conclusive. When events and conversation, which the Lord's servant had no means of knowing any thing about, only through revelation, were reproduced more accurately than the persons themselves could state them, what better proof could be desired? I know this by experience, having received a reproof in 1868. And everything from this source has always been in strict accord with the Word, which is the only test (Isa. 8:20). In the past, many persons have spent much time trying to show wherein the Testimonies contradicted themselves, or the

Bible, and much of this has appeared in print. Sometimes it has been necessary to notice and correct wrong statements.

Formerly many launched out fearlessly by word and pen, in bitter opposition to this gift, but after awhile this opposition to a great extent ceased. Now for the reason. It was found by observation that every person, without exception, who opposed this gift went down, and so fear of consequences has deterred many from opposing who otherwise would have done so. The covert manner in which this was done by some in Battle Creek not long since shows the strength of this feeling among professed believers.

But what about the benefits of this gift to our cause? The benefits to persons, and to the cause in general, have been numberless. This cause has been saved from disaster, if not from utter ruin, many, many times in the past through the agency of this gift. There has not been a year from the very start, but what this gift has been invaluable to our work, and not once has the following of this counsel resulted in loss, or evil consequences. But disregarding this counsel has resulted in evil consequences many times. The statements I have made are not simply theoretical, but facts of long observation. More points in this line may be brought out in the future.

D. HILDRETH.

FROM THE WORKERS.

Adams Mills.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We have been enjoying much of the Lord's rich blessing, and we wish to tell you of some of our experiences through the columns of the VISITOR. The Lord directed us, we believe, to this field of labor, for we have seen so many evidences of his guiding hand.

We found several places that would be suitable for locating our tent: but every place was hedged up so that we could not get them, except one, so we had only one spot to choose. And this place proved to be the best place of them all. It was in a place more convenient for the people to attend the meetings, with a lovely spring near by, at the edge of a beautiful grove, on a public road and just opposite the only church in the village. It seemed like a strange place to locate, but the Lord was leading.

From the start our meetings were hopeful and encouraging. We had a regular attendance of half a tent full, and a crowded tent on Saturday and Sunday nights. We never have felt more of the presence and power of God with us, and the Lord has given us souls for our hire. Two fathers, three

mothers, and one little girl are keeping the Sabbath, and several others have shown a deep interest.

Before we closed our meetings, there were several calls for us to come to other places in the surrounding country. Men have come several miles offering us a school-house; others are offering to pay the rent of a hall in a neighboring town, while in another direction we are offered a church.

So after a month's preaching we have taken down our tents and stored them on the battle-field for the winter, and we have accepted the offer of the church two miles east of Adaus Mills, and have been holding meetings here since October 15. We want to give the trumpet a certain sound at this place and then move on and preach the kingdom of God in other places.

Why shouldn't we, brethren and sisters in Ohio, enter now upon a campaign to quickly give the warning Message to every village and town and city in our state? Jesus says: "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

F. M. FAIRCHILD,
B. L. HOUSE.

Oct. 22, 1903.

Huntsville, Ala.

DEAR VISITOR: I know you are very busy carrying reports of the advancement of the work in the State of Ohio to the brethren and sisters over the State, yet I beg a small space in your pages in which to report some of the conditions of the work in this part of God's great vineyard.

We arrived in Huntsville safely on Monday afternoon, October 19, and found one of the workers of the Oak-wood Industrial School waiting for us, and immediately we started out to the school grounds, a distance of five or six miles. We found the school fairly well filled for this time of the year. Quite a number will come later when cotton picking is over.

The students now present are mostly grown, and are here for a purpose. They are very studious and do their domestic work with a zeal. Quite a large farm is connected with the institution, and the girls as well as the boys work in the fields. Some of the girls have been engaged in the afternoons of this week in picking cotton, while others, along with the boys and teachers, have been digging sweet potatoes.

All of the students are obedient, and a good spiritual condition prevails among them. We ask your prayers in behalf of the cause at this place.

JAMES H. SMITH.

Oct. 23, 1903.

HOME AND SCHOOL.

"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thyself diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons." Deut. 4:9.

OUR CHIEF AIM.

Winning Souls to Christ.

God has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister: *every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God.* But, instead of this, how many of our large churches come and go like a door on its hinges, feeling no responsibility for the progress of the work, no interest in the salvation of souls for whom Christ died. They do not dream of weaving their religion into their business. They say, religion is religion, and business is business: they believe each has a proper sphere, but let them be separated. But in whatever calling a Christian is found, he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world. Whatever may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ. If this is not our interest, we rob God of influence, of time, of money and effort. In withholding our heart's service from the Lord, we fail to benefit our fellowman, and thus rob God of the glory that would flow to him through the conversion of others.

Training the Children.

What excuse can the professed followers of Christ offer for neglecting to train their children in such a way that they will, for the sake of advancing the work of Christ, bind about their wants in dress, and avoid all extravagance and display? The children should be educated in such a way that they will have sympathy for the aged and afflicted, and lend all the help in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and distressed. *They should be taught to be diligent in the missionary work;* and from their earliest years, principles of self-denial and sacrifice for the good of others should be inculcated, that they may be laborers together with God.

Oh, that parents would look carefully and prayerfully after their children's eternal welfare! Let them ask

themselves: Have we been careless? Have we neglected this solemn work? Have we allowed our children to become the sport of Satan's temptations? Have we a solemn account to settle with God because we have permitted our children to use their talents, their time, and influence, in working against the truth? against Jesus Christ? Have we neglected our duty as parents, and *increased the subjects of Satan's kingdom?*

A Transformation Needed.

This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented, that this state of evil may be healed. If parents would see a different state of things in their family, let them consecrate themselves wholly to God, and the Lord will devise ways and means whereby a *transformation may take place in their households.* Let the church awake, let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. Let sound faith and earnest piety take the place of slothfulness and unbelief. When faith lays hold upon Christ, the truth will bring delight to your soul, and religion will not be a dull, uninteresting enterprise. Your social meetings, now tame and spiritless, will be vitalized by the Holy Spirit, and your daily experiences will become rich as you practice the Christianity you profess.

In the face of what might be done, will the church sleep on, or will they feel the responsibility and the honor that is conferred upon them through the merciful providence of God, and gather up their hereditary trusts and the advantages of present light, and feel the necessity of rising to the urgent emergency that now presents itself before us? Oh, that all may arouse and manifest to the world that this is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, that Jesus will soon come! Let men see that we believe we are on the borders of the eternal world.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WITH THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

FOR a number of days I have been visiting with the brethren and sisters of the Hamler church, and have been very deeply impressed with the marked manner in which the Lord is working among the people of this church. As is usual where the Lord works, Satan strives hard to discourage, but our hearts were caused to rejoice as we saw souls flee to God and gain the victory over the enemy.

We are in perilous times, and Satan is using all of his devices to overthrow the people of God and it is a source of great joy and strength when we see a united effort to thwart his efforts. We thoroughly believe that the Lord is witnessing to the harmony of action of this people by an increased supply of spiritual blessings; and we are confident that this will be a blessed year among them.

The church school here is progressing very nicely. We were pleased to see the spirit of consecration manifested by the teacher, and we believe that this, coupled with the united support of the members of the church, will produce an impression that will be lasting upon the minds and lives of the children attending the school. And we trust it will give them a deeper desire to work for the Master in the uplifting of humanity, and the culmination of his work in the earth.

My own soul has been watered and strengthened by contact with the earnestness and consecration manifested by the brethren at Hamler, and our prayer is that God may ever keep them in the love of the truth and the service of the Master.

CHAS. E. WELCH, *Ed. Sec.*

LESSONS IN NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY.

THIS is a new book, published in three volumes, by M. E. Kern of Union College, College View, Nebr., designed for use in the academic departments of our training schools, the industrial academies, and the higher grades of our church schools. The lessons are arranged in chronological order, following the plan of "Desire of Ages." The written answer method is followed, space being left after each question in which the students write the answers.

This book, besides being used as a text book in our schools, will be of *special help to church school teachers* in preparing their work for the younger classes, and to put in the hands of the older classes for study; and to those who, for various reasons, cannot be in school and desire to do *private study at home*, it furnishes a plan for a thorough and systematic study of the Word of God. These lessons have been used in Union College for two years, and were recommended by the Educational Convention. The first volume is ready for delivery. Parts I and II, 50 cents; Part III, 25 cents; price of set, 65 cents; postage per volume, 4 cents.

Parts I and II are not sold separately. Write for further information if desired. Order of M. E. Kern, College View, Nebr.

The Welcome Visitor

ISSUED WEEKLY BY THE

Ohio Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists

Price, 25 Cents a Year in Advance.

N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

Sabbath begins Nov. 6 at 4:51 P. M.

THE week of prayer for this year is appointed to be held from December 12 - 19.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

THE members of the Ohio Conference Committee met for counsel at Academia, Mouday, November 2.

THE church school at Academia now numbers thirty-six pupils. The capacity of the building is about reached.

WE are informed that every family of the Newark church takes the WELCOME VISITOR. Let our other churches do as well.

"THE last word received from Elder Haughey brings the encouraging report that his condition is greatly improved, and it is believed he will soon be convalescent."—*The West Michigan Herald*.

THIS number of the VISITOR is practically a missionary number, but we have no regrets because of this fact. When this people fully awake to the importance of the hour, and begin to realize each his relation to the truth and to his fellow men, this will be a strictly missionary people.

NOTICE.

BROTHER A. D. GILBERT, recently from England, will spend a few days in Ohio on his way East and we have arranged for him the following appointments: Columbus, November 7, 8, Mount Vernon, November 9, 10, Cleveland, November 11, 12.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Oct. 23, 1903.)

Mary Hubble, Crooksville. — Great Controversy; value of orders, \$14.25; helps, \$15; total, \$29.25.

Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Mt. Vernon. — Ladies' Guide: value of orders, \$12; helps, \$17; total, \$29.

Mrs. L. Dennis, Crooksville. — Ladies' Guide: value of orders, \$19.75.

J. O. Young,* Wood County. — Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$31.25.

*Two weeks.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

OCTOBER, 1903.

Akron.....	\$190.86
Alliance.....	12.47
Ashland.....	19.81
Beaver.....	15.00
Bellville.....	14.86
Bowling Green.....	122.47
Brokaw.....	3.90
Broughton.....	8.81
Camden.....	.75
Canton.....	17.10
Chagrin Falls.....	18.12
Chillicothe.....	18.00
Cincinnati.....	45.04
Cleveland.....	186.49
Clyde.....	97.58
Columbus.....	241.51
Conneaut.....	7.53
Corsica.....	37.00
Coshocton.....	43.24
Dayton.....	62.56
Delaware.....	2.00
Dunkirk.....	7.10
Elgin.....	37.90
East Liverpool.....	35.04
Fairfield.....	42.55
Findlay.....	28.61
Geneva.....	32.19
Greensburg.....	2.30
Grand River.....	1.50
Hamler.....	97.71
Hicksville.....	87.28
Jackson.....	6.60
Killbuck.....	13.11
Kirtland.....	68.36
Lagrange.....	65.45
Laura.....	16.35
Leesburg.....	26.18
Lewistown.....	12.65
Liberty Center.....	53.77
Locust Point.....	1.00
Meigs.....	4.60
Mendon.....	14.62
Mount Vernon.....	215.38
Middlefield.....	29.95
Nashville.....	11.08
Newark.....	5.70
Norwalk.....	17.31
Reedsville.....	3.00
Spencer.....	13.10
Springfield.....	33.55
St. Clairsville.....	16.10
Toledo.....	70.67
Walnut Grove.....	77.26
Waterford.....	76.53
Wilmington.....	17.65
Youngstown.....	39.30
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	45.33

Total.....\$2,652.19
C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES, OCTOBER, 1903.

Tithe.....	\$2,652.19
Ohio Tract Society.....	462.10
First Day Offering.....	77.92
Sabbath-school Donations.....	190.05
Haskell Home.....	160.57
Academy Debt.....	137.25
McIntyre Transportation Fund.....	16.50
Dr. Miller Transportation Fund.....	194.93
James White Home.....	1.58
Australia.....	10.00
Southern Publishing Work.....	10.00
Washington, D. C., church.....	10.00
Review & Herald Removal Fund.....	.10
Egypt Tent Fund.....	10.00

Total.....\$3,933.19
C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*