

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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MISSIONARY.

ANSWERED PRAYER.

Oh when of God we ask
For fuller, happier life,
He sets us some new task
Involving care and strife;
Is this the boon for which we sought?
Has prayer new troubles on us brought?

This is indeed the boon,
Though strange to us it seems;
We pierce the rock, and soon
The blessing on us streams;
For when we are the most athirst,
Then the clear waters on us burst.

We toil, as in a field
Wherein, to us unknown,
A treasure lies concealed,
Which may be all our own!
And shall we of the toil complain
That speedily will bring such gain?

We dig the wells of life,
And God the waters gives;
We win our way by strife,
Then he within us lives;
For only war could make us mete
For peace so sacred and so sweet.

— Selected.

THE LAODICEANS.

THE early church was called upon to give light to the world. Matt. 5:14. The purpose of this light was to lead men to God. Verse 16. The splendor of their example on earth drew thousands into the fold of Christ. The service which this church rendered to the cause of righteousness is symbolized by a crowned rider on a white horse, going forth to conquest.

As long as the church kept its first love, this zealous service continued, and there were added to their numbers daily "such as were being saved." It was the waning of this early love that caused the light in their candlestick to grow dim, and their evangelistic success to lessen.

The conquest of the Prince of Peace was so effective while the church retained the glow of its first love that Rome's war drums were kept muffled, and tens of thousands newly converted from the ranks of sin sang loud praises of God. Wherever the man with the bow and crown went forth on the white horse, there was victory; but it was all by peace.

It is the first love of Ephesus that the church of Laodicea should have in order for it to bear faithful and

true witness for Jesus. This quality will be secured when the gold, the white raiment, and the eye-salve are obtained from the One who is knocking at the door.

Will the lukewarm professor who thinks himself rich and increased in goods let Jesus come in? Will he buy these precious things? They can be had without money. Only the heart's affections are given for them. And even the price paid is returned to the purchaser. It would be very improper for one who is wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked to go about telling the people that he was heaven-sent, with the true riches to dispense to all the world. Who would believe such a message proclaimed by one so miserable and poor?

Does the lukewarm condition of the Laodiceans have anything to do in holding back the Third Angel's Message from the world? Has this church heeded the counsel which pleads with it to buy the fire-tried gold, the white raiment, and the eye-salve? If it has not done this, then what is its condition? If it has heeded the counsel, what, then, is its condition, and where does it stand? What great event comes next after the church is made ready for its song of triumph? Can the church answer these questions if it does not know its own condition?

WM. COVERT.

CHINA'S PRESENT AND FUTURE.

WE are arranging a place to set up our printing press. We find the same difficulty comparatively between the English and the Chinese languages when we come to print it as in learning to read it. Instead of having twenty-six different types, we have three thousand different characters which we must use in writing tracts. We have to have a large room to hold the type, not that we have such a large bulk of type, but we have a great variety, which requires a separate box for every set of type. Out of these three thousand characters, over one thousand are used with equal frequency, so you see what it means to set a tract or present truth. Arranging the trays of type in the most convenient way we can think of, the man

setting type gets plenty of physical exercise walking around the room collecting it.

But this is a most important work. We must get the light of Christ's soon coming, and the Seventh-day Sabbath before the heathen, and that soon. Railroads are being placed in China rapidly to carry this literature. Why should we not be just as eagerly preparing the literature for them to carry? But under our present situation we will not be able to do this. We have no printer in the field, and this is the principal factor necessary now to carry on the work successfully. Why could not one of the many printers that are found in the States work in a printing office in China where 426,000,000 heathen would be around him crying for light.

Since the first of January, thirteen different railway lines have been begun, and urgent demands made from the owners of the different ones for their rapid completion. These lines extend in every direction, covering every province in China. The question comes to us, Are we with the same enthusiasm planning for carrying the gospel as extensively in this needy land? The reason assigned for these men pushing the railroads into China so rapidly is that their respective nations will claim the part of China through which their railroad runs, as they will have to protect the railroad line. It is plainly evident that China will be divided soon among the different nations, so that each is getting as many railroads on the land as possible. But while this is the motive behind these different nations, the question arises, Why are they being put in *now*? Railroads have been in existence for nearly a century, and China for many years has needed these railroads for her immense commerce.

It will require but a few months' time ere we will be able to reach any portion of China, and we know that everything is being rapidly prepared for "The Loud Cry" of the Third Angel to spread over this dark land. We here in this land can appreciate these changes. As it is now, we receive mail twice a week when there is

any. Nearly all of our news comes from the States and requires at least about six weeks when on time, but it is more often behind time. The news that we get from the seaports of China requires about two and a half to four weeks. As an instance of the situation, war was declared between Japan and Russia about February 10, we can not be sure. We received word from Brother Anderson, of Hong Kong, to this effect, and undoubtedly the war has been going on ever since, but though the field of warfare is only a short distance from us (I am writing this March 16) we know nothing of it except that war has been declared. Such is the condition in the interior now.

In a few months the railroad from a point near here to Shanghai will be completed, then our mail will come from Shanghai in one day, and from the States in three weeks. Then daily we can have the current news, and daily send out our literature as well. We now see what our grandfathers saw, but I think I should say that we see what they did not see; for China is not now what the civilized world was 400 years ago. But in the course of a few years we will see it having all the conveniences of civilized nations. But with this march of progress, we also see the enemy at work.

We would urge you, brethren in the States, to consider this field in this light and see if you think that workers and facilities are being placed in China in sufficient numbers to carry on the great work of warning 426,000,000 people in the last days of this generation. H. W. MILLER, M. D.

AN ANTI-MISSIONARY DISEASE.

"MORBUS SABBATICUS" is the name of this new ailment. It is most generally found among the church members. The attack comes on every Sabbath. No symptoms are felt Friday night. The patient sleeps well and wakes Sabbath morning feeling as usual, eats a hearty breakfast, and does his morning chores. About church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over. Then the patient feels better, eats a hearty dinner, sleeps well in the afternoon, is able to eat a light supper, and get his mail. But occasionally a relapse comes about the time for evening services and the patient is not able to attend. He retires early, sleeps well, and gets up Sunday morning much refreshed. He goes about his business and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sabbath.—*Exchange.*

MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

SUMMER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCLUDED.

Music Course.

Instrumental Music.

THIS work is designed to cover a broad field in music, and to glean from it the essentials for teaching, or for practical work without a teacher. We will become acquainted with all the keys in music, both major and minor, and be able to recognize and distinguish between them at a glance. We will technically master scales, triads, arpeggios, intervals, consonants, and dissonants, with rules for writing and correct methods for fingering them.

Church Music.

Will receive special attention. The art of playing church music in close, dispersed, and full harmony will be taught. The time will not be long enough to enable the pupil to play everything at sight, but the instruction will be so thorough that he may by practice play any collection of church music entirely through, employing either harmony correctly. Time, touch, accent, movement, interpretation, and analysis of music will receive due attention. For the music student who has control of his hands, and can read notes, there will be more than a year of practical work without the expense of a music teacher. If instructions are followed, the work will be thorough, and the results perfectly satisfactory.

Teacher's Course.

This short course is designed to aid in accomplishing what long years in practical work would surely do. Teaching how to practice; giving instruction in rapid sight reading; analyzing music and giving reasons for each advance step taken; simplifying the rules in music; giving comprehensive and satisfactory answers to questions; applying the principles of harmony in the first lessons in music, and continuing to do so through the entire course.

Vocal Music.

We do not consider this among the least important features of our Summer School. Everywhere in life the power of music is felt, and in many instances we find it teaching lessons and preaching sermons that remain and bear fruit through life. We cannot appreciate too highly this divine gift, and are glad that it is withheld from none, for it is no longer a question, but a demonstrated fact that every one can learn to sing. Realizing that this is a part of our work that has been too often neglected, special

attention has been given to it for the Summer School. There will be an experienced and competent teacher, who will give lessons each day on the principles and theory of vocal music, and also in the training and cultivation of the voice. We trust this will be one of the largest classes in the school, for six weeks of vocal instruction means much to any one who gives daily attention to the use of the voice and the reading of notes.

Business Course.

Bookkeeping.

For those wishing to pursue this branch, a short course will be offered embracing the first six months of our regular course. The work will include the handling of customary papers which are used in actual business, namely,—the making of statements and bills of goods, the issuing of receipts and drawing of drafts. The time required for the completion of this work will depend upon the application of the student and upon the time at his disposal. Each student's work will be independent; so that the faithful and diligent need not be held back by any one. Those completing this work and passing a satisfactory examination may be given credit for the same upon our regular course. A special feature will be practice in filling blanks and forms, such as are used by our church secretaries and treasurers.

Arithmetic.

A class in higher arithmetic will be formed for those who wish to review briefly this subject. Special attention will be paid to underlying principles, and the reasons for the different processes, rather than the solving of difficult problems, although these will be given their proper place. Other classes in mathematics will be formed if there is sufficient demand for them.

Shorthand.

This course will accommodate two classes. First, those who desire to take shorthand in connection with some other study, gaining a practical knowledge of the subject, but not a high degree of speed. Second, those who wish to devote all of their time to the subject, gaining speed in addition to the practical knowledge. Instruction in typewriting will be given if desired.

Language Course.

As the church school teacher looks forward to his work, he recognizes at once that here is a subject he will *have to teach*, and one which we do not hesitate to say should receive much attention; for it is too often the case that the lack of thorough work done here, handicaps the student in his more ad-

vanced studies. This is a subject in which the teacher cannot have too complete a preparation, and many, when brought into the place where they are to teach it, are forcibly reminded that several years have passed since they studied the principles of English Grammar.

During the six weeks of the Summer School, the plan in this line of work is to review this subject so fully that the teacher will feel no fear of the many puzzling questions which are sure to arise with those who are just entering the mazes of our English Language, and who are, for the first time, trying to learn to give the reasons for the constructions which are so familiar. To our church school teachers, there is in this six-weeks' review another advantage, which proves to be no small one. Many have received their instruction and drill in English Language from some of the standard grammars used in our country schools, while the books used in our denominational schools are those written by Prof. Bell, and we are confident that any teacher will be grateful for the privilege of studying the book which he is to use, and will feel that the assurance with which he can take up his teaching in this line, after these six weeks of study, well repays the time given to this subject.

However, the advantages to be derived from a review of language are not confined to those who expect to teach this subject, but our Bible workers, nurses, and all whose work brings them in contact with people, will be glad for the opportunity of refreshing their memories along this very practical line,—the English Language. If there should be a demand for other branches of English study, classes will be formed accordingly.

Lectures.

A course of twelve evening lectures has been arranged for, to be given by members of the Academy Faculty and invited Lecturers. Bible, History, Science, Pedagogy will each receive attention. The stereopticon will be used to aid in these lectures, and demonstrations will be given illustrating the X-ray, wireless telegraphy, and other modern wonders of science.

How To Plan For Studies.

While the Summer School offers a variety of subjects, the limit of six weeks for the term makes intensive study imperative. Consequently, it will be advisable to plan for *only the one or two studies especially desired*, and devote the time wholly to them. Don't make the oft repeated mistake of grasping for *everything*, and then going away with *nothing* available for service.

FROM THE WORKERS.

THE BLESSING OF SONG.

"WHAT a friend we have in Jesus,"
Sang a little child one day;
And a weary woman listened
To the darling's happy lay.

All her life seemed dark and gloomy,
And her heart was sad with care;
Sweetly sang the baby's treble—
"All our sins and griefs to bear."

She was pointing out the Saviour,
Who could carry every woe;
And the one who sadly listened
Needed that dear Helper so.

Sin and grief were heavy burdens
For a fainting soul to bear;
But the baby singing, bade her
"Take it to the Lord in prayer."

With a simple, trusting spirit,
Weak and worn, she turned to God,
Asking Christ to take her burden
As he was the sinner's Lord.

Jesus was the only refuge.
He could take her sin and care,
And he blessed the weary woman
When she came to him in prayer.

And the happy child, still singing,
Little knew she had a part
In God's wondrous work of bringing
Peace into a troubled heart.

—*Christian Observer.*

Liberty Center.

WELCOME VISITOR: We are glad to report through your columns the good meeting that has just closed at Cygnet. From the first to close the Spirit of God was present, and his sacred presence was felt in every heart. Friday evening was so rainy that we held no regular service. Sabbath was a good day. The brethren and sisters from Bowling Green, Findlay and Hamler were present and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord with us.

Elder Burkholder was with us throughout the meeting, the first meeting, following the Sabbath-school which was held at half past nine, was a discourse on the need of getting ready for the out-pouring of the Spirit of God.

Elder H. H. Burkholder spoke in the afternoon on the subject of rendering to God his own from the standpoint of love. Our hearts were made tender as we listened to the voice of God in his word intreating us to faithfulness. Brother John P. Gaede occupied the Sunday afternoon hour and gave us an interesting discourse on the works of God.

Prof. Welch reached us late Sunday afternoon, but we were glad to see him even at so late an hour. At half past five we listened to an interesting talk from him on the subject of church school work. May God bless this department of the Third Angel's Message. The Sunday night hour was

filled by Elder Burkholder, from whom we heard the Third Angel's Message in a clear and decisive discourse. We are of good courage in the Lord. May God keep his dear people until Jesus comes. Your brother in Christ,
FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Springfield.

THE Springfield church held its first meeting in the new building on Catherine Street, May 14. The building is not fully completed, but seating capacity was arranged for sixty-eight people. Notwithstanding the disagreeable surroundings, caused by the rain the day previous, the church being located in a new part of the city where all walks are not yet laid, every seat was filled.

The people of the locality, though not in attendance themselves, signified their friendliness by sending their children, seven or eight families being represented.

The Lord manifested his approval: and while the glory of the Lord was not seen, as in the ancient tabernacle, yet his Spirit's presence was felt by all. Feelings of gratitude in the heart, and words of praise on the lips were abundant. Truly we felt that the Lord dwelleth not alone in the high and holy place, but also in the temples made with hands.

A spirit of deep reverence and re-consecration prevailed in the congregation, and we individually felt a greater desire for that meekness and holiness, that would render our bodily temple a continual dwelling place for the Most High. K. E. M.

Red Haw.

TO THE VISITOR: Soon after the State Meeting at Cleveland I went to Red Haw and commenced visiting the people, holding Bible readings with them, selling books and tracts, and otherwise improving every opportunity to get acquainted there. I found most people friendly, but a few very bitter.

One man charged us with using a different Bible from other people, and then refused to get his and read with me to see if his statements were true. He confessed that he had not read much of our literature, and had heard very little preaching.

I soon learned that the Lutheran minister had warned his people not to let us into their homes. Poor man! The day will come when he will see he has been fighting against God's truth.

I have sold over 2,500 pages of tracts and quite a number of books. My courage is good.

W. E. BIDWELL.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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Sabbath begins May 27 at 7:18 P. M.

MISS PHORA HEWITT, of Mineral, O., will spend the summer in Academia.

WE read in the *Atlantic Union Gleaner* that W. J. Fitzgerald, a former student of Mount Vernon Academy, has been elected President of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and that Miss Nellie B. Underwood continues as Sabbath-school Secretary and Treasurer.

WE clip the following from the *Nebraska Reporter*, knowing that the friends will be glad to hear from one who was once engaged in Bible work in Ohio: "Sister E. M. Peebles is doing Bible work in Lincoln, Nebr., and reports some interested ones among those with whom she labored some years ago."

THE friends of Sister Bertha Gatton will be glad to know that she has just closed a successful church school at her old home at Hoquiam, on Grays Harbor, Wash. She writes that her school has been an especially nice one owing to the careful home training of the children. Her letter is full of courage; and while her experiences have been varied, she is confident the Lord has precious lessons for her in them all. She desires to be remembered to her Ohio friends, and has renewed her subscription to the WELCOME VISITOR that she may hear from them. Her address is Columbia City, Wash.

TO CHURCH TREASURERS.

THE Conference Committee would be pleased if all churches were to send in their tithe monthly instead of quarterly, as the funds are needed to meet the regular monthly drafts that are made on that fund.

We now have on hand a good supply of tithe and offering envelopes for distribution among the churches and will be pleased to send a supply to all churches wanting them. Address Ohio S. D. A. Conference, Academia, Ohio.

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

MARRIED.

MISS INEZ WHEELER, of Fremont, O., and Mr. Fred Philips, of Bowling Green, O., were united in marriage by the writer at the home of the bride.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

PROGRAM

For General Meeting at Newark, May 27-29.

FRIDAY evening, 7:30, Sermon, Elder J. O. Miller.

Sabbath, 9:30 A. M., Sabbath-school.

Sabbath, 10:30 A. M., Sabbath-school Work, Prof. C. E. Welch, Bessie E. Russell.

Sabbath, 2:30 P. M., Church Organization and Duties of Church Officers, Elder H. H. Burkholder.

Sabbath, 6:30 P. M., Praise Service, conducted by B. L. House.

Sunday, 9:10 A. M., Book and Tract Work, I. D. Richardson, N. S. Miller.

Sunday, 10:30-11:30 A. M., Medical Missionary Work, Elder W. W. Miller, Dr. Ruth M. Miller.

Sunday, 2:30 P. M., Missionary Study—Methods and Means, led by Prof. Lawrence.

Sunday, 7:30 P. M., Sermon.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending May 6, 1904.)

Ralph Hess, Marion Co.—Coming King: 15 hours; value of orders, \$3; helps, \$8.40; total, \$11.40.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 34 hours; value of orders, \$29.50; helps, \$7.75; total, \$37.25.

D. R. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 40 hours; value of orders, \$27.75; helps, \$2; total, \$29.75.

J. F. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 40 hours; value of orders, \$31; helps, \$1.50; total, \$32.50.

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous; cash sales, *Special Signs*, \$5.10.

(For week ending May 13, 1904.)

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$17; helps, \$5.50; total, \$22.50.

D. R. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 33 hours; value of orders, \$21.25; helps, \$1.25; total, \$22.50.

J. F. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 45½ hours; value of orders, \$47; helps, \$7.75; total, \$54.75.

V. S. Whisler, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 26 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$3.25; total, \$18.25.

Grace Cline, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 22½ hours; value of orders, \$9.25; helps, \$2.25; total, \$11.50.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 20½ hours; value of orders, \$10.50.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous; value of orders, \$25.50.

OBITUARY.

SORROW.

THE flowers live by the tears that fall
From the sad face of the skies,
And life would have no joy at all
Were there no watery eyes.

Love thou thy sorrow: grief shall bring
Its own excuse in after years:—
The rainbow!—see how fair a thing
God hath built up from tears.

—Henry Septimus Sutton.

WALDON — Died at Green Springs, O., May 2, 1904. Ora Claire Waldon, and was buried from the Adventist Church. The dear child was 2 years and 24 days old. His death was very sad as he died with convulsions from drinking a bottle of acid. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the whole village. Words of comfort were drawn from Jer. 31:16, 17.

D. E. LINDSEY.

DUSTMAN.—Jacob Dustman was born at Berlin Center, Mahoning Co., O., Nov. 1, 1834, and died March 31, 1904. He accepted present truth and began keeping the Sabbath July 16, 1892 at Limaville, Stark Co., as a result of the labors of Elder S. G. Haughey as a canvasser. He was the father of four sons and two daughters, one of the latter now being dead. His death was caused by dropsy. He was formerly a member of the M. E. Church. * * *

CRAMER.—Elizabeth Ioy Cramer, daughter of our dear Brother Overmire of Fostoria, O., died at a hospital in Chicago, Ill., May 3. She was baptised by the writer at the first Mount Vernon camp-meeting. A husband, father, four brothers, and a sister mourn her sad death. Her last message to all was, "All is well." A great congregation of people gathered in the M. E. church at Fostoria, and the writer drew from the treasure house of God's word many of the exceeding great and precious promises to encourage the bereaved friends. Dr. Harshbarger of the M. E. church, the pastor, assisted in the service. How dark the grave without the Christian's hope, but what a ray of light pierces the tomb through the resurrection of Christ! How his saints long for his appearing! Five year ago I was called to preach the funeral of the mother of Sister Cramer.

D. E. LINDSEY.

THOMAS.—Amy Maria Thomas was born March 4, 1818, and died May 7, 1904, aged 86 years, 2 months, and 3 days. The deceased was born in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., and has lived in the vicinity of Bowling Green, O., over fifty years. She was married to Pelig G. Thomas March 17, 1838. Six children were born to this union, two daughters and four sons; two daughters and two sons survive the mother. The father died in Michigan in 1868. Sister Thomas accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists under the labors of Elder G. W. Holt, some forty-four years ago, and later united with what was known as the Lovett's Grove church, of which she has been a faithful member ever since. Her last testimony was that it was all well with her. Sister Thomas had suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was buried in Union Hill Cemetery. The services were held in the Bowling Green church, formerly called the Lovett's Grove church. The house was filled with aged people, many of whom will soon be called to pass through the valley of the shadow of death unless the Saviour soon appears. The text used was Rev. 14:15.

D. E. LINDSEY.