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

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POINT TO JESUS.

Do you know a friend that hungers
For some word of love and cheer?
Look all over land and ocean,—
Yes, look round you far and near.
Do not step from duty's pathway.
Tell about the wily foes,
How at last you met and conquered
Through the help that God bestows.

It may be your neighbor falters
On the brink of sin and wrong;
Show how much our Saviour loves him.
How his lips may sing the song
O'er the last of foes, triumphant.
In a land where sin shall cease:
Where the hearts which long were sun-
dered
Will again unite in peace.

O my brother, save the dying!
All about you they are cast;
Bid them now look up to Jesus,
He can save them from the past.
If they'll lift their eyes to heaven,
They may see what Christ will give:
Though their sins are like scarlet,
They may look to him and live.

Cast thy bread upon the waters:
Leave it there in Jesus' care;
Draw thy soul out to the hungry.
Hold them up in silent prayer.
It may be that when Christ cometh,
You may hear him say, "Well done,
Enter now into the kingdom.
Wear the crown that thou hast won."
—Selected.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

AS I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place, I ask myself, What do these things mean? The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, unregulated forces, but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which he seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready: for in such an

hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt 24:44.

But there are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near. O, how many who have not sought their soul's salvation will soon suffer the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth his coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent, and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields, to tell the unconcerned and indifferent to seek the Lord while he may be found. The workers will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth and devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is soon coming, and we must be ready and waiting for his appearing. O, how glorious it will be to see him, and be welcomed as his redeemed ones! Long have we waited; but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in his beauty, we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound!" We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take his ransomed ones to their eternal home.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is

the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isa. 25:9.

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." Isa. 62:10-12.

In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with; but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring his promises to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve him in righteousness.

"Let not your heart be troubled; 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." John 14:1-3.

Long have we waited for our Saviour's return. But none the less sure is the promise. Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us beside the living stream, flowing from the throne of God, and will explain to us the dark providences through which on this earth he brought us in order to perfect our characters. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. Casting at the feet of the Redeemer the crowns that he has placed on our heads, and touching our golden harps, we shall fill all heaven with praise to him that sitteth on the throne.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE proof that you believe what you declare,
Is that you still stand firm though throngs
pass by;
Better cry truth a lifetime to void air,
Than flatter listening millions with one lie.
—Edgar Fawcett.

MISSIONARY.

A GRAND RALLY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OHIO.

No doubt you have all been waiting to receive this issue of the VISITOR so as to know of further plans relative to the proposed Convention. Sabbath, November 12, the Mount Vernon church voted unanimously to invite the young people of the State to hold the Convention in Academia and to entertain all who came.

Elders W. H. Anderson, returned missionary from South Africa, and G. B. Thompson, Chairman of the Sabbath-school and Young People's work, have promised to attend, and we are expecting to receive favorable replies from Elders Spicer and Warren, now that the question of time and place have been decided.

This will be no ordinary meeting. It is hoped that every young man and woman who should have the benefits of this Convention will plan to be in attendance.

Such questions as "State Organization" "Support of One or More Workers in a Foreign Field" "Organization of and Maintenance of Local Young People's Societies" will be discussed and acted upon.

In order to secure good results we must have co-operation on the part of the young people of every church and company. Let these matters be agitated by the officers of each church and the Superintendent of each Sabbath-school. Make a masterful effort to influence all who should receive of the Convention's benefits to be here. The old are not barred from attending, as we want the encouragement and assistance of all who can help. As this is the first meeting of its character to be held in Ohio, let us see to it that it is a success.

You know the word says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." When we remember him it is to think of him as a giver and a worker for he says, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." Are we praying for Christ to come? Are we working for him to come? By this is our faith in the Message revealed. Surely if this generation is to see the culmination of all things earthly we must stand as did Caleb and Joshua.

Now dear young friends, if you have been desiring to work for the Lord but lacked the necessary qualifications, Come to the Convention, for there will plans be laid to assist you. If you have seen the need of the work and yet have seen no united action on the

part of the young people, come to the Convention, for plans will be laid to so organize the work that all may work harmoniously, systematically, and intelligently. And if there should be those who are uninterested in the work of the Lord at the present time, although we hope there are none, you should avail yourselves of this means of grace as those who have long stood on the advanced firing lines will be with us and will tell of the needs of the foreign fields.

Let all who plan to attend give their names to the local church clerk or in case it is simply a company from which you come, notify the Sabbath-school Secretary as soon as possible, then let this list be sent by them to me at Academia, O., at the earliest possible date, that the reception committee of the Mount Vernon Church may make arrangements for their entertainment.

Will you all pray that this may be a profitable meeting and that a new impetus may be given to the work in Ohio?

Let all assume the responsibility of making this meeting a success.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

London, England.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: Disliking to say good bye and being greatly pressed with duties preparatory to leaving, we left Ohio without writing a word for the VISITOR columns.

We left Marion Monday evening, October 16, and went via Pennsylvania to Washington. Here it was our privilege to see a goodly number of our friends and acquaintances.

We visited the grounds where our institutions are to be located and found good progress being made. To us it seemed evident, as we viewed the grounds themselves, that a most fitting place had been chosen.

Through the kindness of Brother Harold Cobban, who acted as our guide, we were enabled to see a great many of the points of interest in the nation's capital in a short time. For the first time in our lives we found a city which appeared to us as being a desirable place for residence. Usually the country appeals so much more strongly as a place for home, but in Washington the wide streets, the beautiful parks, the points of historic interest, the great educational advantages afforded one—all these things appealed to us so strongly that we were all but wishing we could stay longer, until we remembered India with 300,000,000 people calling for help and remembered also that soon the nations of this earth must fall. The glory of any earthly city is not to

be compared with "Jerusalem the Golden." We are but pilgrims here; we "look for a city which hath foundations; whose builder and maker is God." As we contemplate, by faith, the glories of our capitol city, we remember that the inspired record says, "There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Leaving Washington, we arrived in New York on the day before our boat sailed. Here we met Brother and Sister J. C. Little, from the State of Washington. Sabbath, October 15, we went aboard the steamship Findland of the Red Star line.

As the boat left dock, many wept, some bitterly, but God gave us light hearts and although we realize that we may never see our homes again, yet the same great Jehovah "ruleth in the kingdom of men" on one side of the earth as upon the other side.

We found our new home to be a very worthy craft and her crew most kind. During the time we were getting accustomed to the boat's motion, every attention was shown us. After the first two or three days we were good sailors and enjoyed the voyage very much. We had the privilege of Bible study with some and are in correspondence with others whom we hope to aid in finding the truth.

Several Ohioans were aboard ship: some were going abroad for study and some for business. I thought, "O that the church of God would show the zeal for missions that the world shows for gain." On the morning of the 24th we landed at Dover, England, and by noon had reached London. Here Brother Bacon of the International Tract Society met us. We found comfortable quarters and are just waiting for a boat to sail for India.

Will try to give some points of interest concerning the things we see while in London in our next letter.

Remember us in your prayers. You can never know until you leave home and friends, how comforting, how satisfying it is to know that some faithful souls are praying for you. It cheers beyond expression. Yours in Christ,

H. H. VOTAW.
MRS. H. H. VOTAW.

THE November number of *The Life Boat* is especially good. Every body should read it, and place it in the hands of their neighbors and friends as soon as possible. This is a little thing to do, but the result may be great in eternity. Price five cents. Address: *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO-DAY?

We shall do much in the years to come;
But what have we done to-day?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum;
But what did we give to-day?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer;
But what did we speak to-day?

We shall be so kind in the after-while;
But what have we been to-day?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile;
But what have we brought to-day?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
We shall find the hungry souls of earth;
But this is the thing our hearts must ask,
"What have we done to-day?"

—Selected.

Canon City, Colo.

WELCOME VISITOR: It has now been about seven weeks since we broke up our comfortable home in Toledo, and started for this State, hoping to have our health benefitted by the change in climate. We arrived safely in Denver after a pleasant journey across the fertile plains of the intervening States. After a few days' stay in Denver, where we were kindly entertained in the home of Elder Anglebarger, a former Ohio worker, we proceeded on our journey to this place. On our arrival here we found good brethren ready to welcome us to their homes until we were in a position to care for ourselves. After looking around a few days we decided to locate our large new house tent on the church lot. This was soon accomplished, and we are now comfortably located in our new home.

We have a fine brick church building here, but the membership has become quite weak, and is greatly in need of help.

Canon City is a beautiful town of about 6,000 inhabitants, and lies at the mouth of the royal gorge of the Arkansas River. It has an altitude of about 5,000 feet, and is surrounded by thousands of acres of orchards which annually produce hundreds of carloads of apples, peaches, plums, and all kind of small fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow very luxuriantly where the land can be watered by irrigation.

The weather is very beautiful here, as we have not seen a cloudy day for over three weeks. The days are warm, but the nights are becoming cold, as heavy snows have already fallen on the surrounding mountains.

Altogether we like the country very much, and are already feeling the beneficial results of the invigorating climate. We are encouraged to be-

lieve that we will soon be in a condition to return to our work in Ohio.

We have already placed an order for 250 sets of the *Family Bible Teacher*, with which to begin our fall campaign.

The Conference here is taking hold of the *Bible Teacher* work with enthusiasm, having secured a shipment of over one hundred thousand lessons for use this winter.

We are of splendid courage, and ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters in Ohio that our sojourn here may bring salvation to some dear souls in this place, and a new lease of life to ourselves. W. H. GRANGER.

1120 East Main St.

ANOTHER GIFT TO INDIA.

BEFORE this issue of the VISITOR reaches its readers Elder and Mrs. W. W. Miller and Sister Della Burroway will have set sail for India, their future field of labor. Brother and Sister Miller are well known throughout the Conference and we are sure the united prayers of God's people will follow them. Sister Burroway, having spent several years in the Mount Vernon Academy, is quite well known to many of the students and young people of our Conference, who will be glad to know that she has consecrated her life, for a time at least, to the suffering cause of Christ in India.

May the blessing of God attend these dear co-workers and make their efforts in their new field of labor contribute to the finishing of the Gospel Message for this generation, and help to hasten the final triumph of the people of God.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Oak Harbor.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: After taking down our tent at Funk and storing it away, I went to Rows and spent the Sabbath with the brethren there. I found them of good courage. Then I returned home for a couple of days. I went to Waterford and met with the brethren here and was glad to see so many new faces as well as the old ones. They have a nice live Sabbath-school and on the whole, I think the church is in a prosperous condition.

Brother and Sister Acton were rejoicing over a fine girl who had come to stay with them. While on this trip I sold \$12.95 worth of books.

I am now at Locust Point and have held two meetings with an attendance of twenty-seven and forty-three. The brethren are helping all they can to make the meetings a success, and with God's blessing we hope to see a good work done here. There is much house

to house work to be done. Pray for the work at this place.

Address me at Oak Harbor, O., care of E. H. Gyde, R. F. D. No. 1.

W. E. BIDWELL.

A UNITED EFFORT.

IN the Japanese army to-day, we see a vast army of probably 300,000 men, but with unanimity of purpose—an army that willingly and cheerfully faces death to accomplish the defeat of Russia. Without such an army could Japan ever hope for success? Most assuredly hers would be a hopeless cause. Would to God that we were as enthusiastic in proclaiming the Third Angel's Message!

As a people we profess to be giving "the loud cry" of this Message, but how ridiculous to call such feeble efforts by such a name, when our efforts are hardly felt outside of our own church doors. Our efforts are so scattered and spasmodic that we accomplish but little. We need a concentration of effort that will enable us to act as one man, and give a clear and decisive Message.

When Israel of old compassed Jericho, on the the seventh day, the seventh time around, the people shouted, but they shouted as one man, a mighty shout of faith, and down came the walls.

Some of us have been marching around Jericho's walls for years, and many of us lag away behind and unless we make the necessary preparation we will not be ready to give the final mighty shout.

Oh, brethren of Ohio, how much longer shall we march around the walls? Why may not Ohio take the initiative in a grand move to unite the efforts of this people so that we will be ready to give the final grand shout of victory, the genuine "loud cry."

Let the slogan be, "The Lord is Coming in this Generation." Let every soul that believes this truth take up the cry.

To make such an effort as this successful, each individual must *live* the Message. Every great effort of the Lord's is preceded by a special consecration on the part of his people. God is calling for a people without spot or wrinkle. Let us see to it that our consecration is thorough and genuine. If we do this, we shall be ready for the final shout.

If some living in 1833 shall see the end, how much longer shall the Lord wait for us to get ready? His word *shall not fail*. He *will* come in this generation. And what awful consequences, if we fail to give this Message. A. DINGWALL.

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SISTER J. G. WOOD and R. R. Kennedy are both convalescing.

MRS. W. E. BIDWELL, and daughter, are visiting relatives and friends in Wisconsin.

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

WE apologize to Baby Ellen Acton for an unintentional transposition of her name in last week's WELCOME VISITOR.

ONE of our sisters who pledged at camp-meeting to take some "Object Lessons," orders them sent to the Manitoba school. Are there not others that would like to do the same?

WE trust the articles in regard to the Young People's Convention will receive a careful and prayerful reading; and that the possibilities of this meeting may be impressed upon the minds of all to the extent of enlisting their prayers, at least, in behalf of the work the young people can do, when filled with the spirit of the Message. The fields are white already to harvest, and are anxiously waiting the coming of some of these young people whose ability and energy coupled with a complete consecration, will enable the Lord to do a quick work in the earth.

THE *Southern Missionary*, a paper issued monthly in behalf of the work in the South, is full of interesting items in regard to the work in that field. We enjoy reading it, and in order that it may find its way into the homes in Ohio offer it with the WELCOME VISITOR for THIRTY CENTS a year. The *Southern Missionary* is devoted exclusively to this field and will keep you informed of the progress of the Message, and your subscription will be a material help, as the proceeds are given to advancing the cause. Brother C. V. Hamer solicited quite a number of subscriptions in a few days. Cannot you do likewise? Address WELCOME VISITOR, Academia, O.

ACADEMY NOTES.

AT the Friday evening prayer meeting one hundred and three were present. The testimonies given showed the working of God's Spirit among the students.

IN a recent communication from Brother Kenneth R. Haughey he says God is blessing him with better health than he has had for some time. God is at work among the students of the Graysville Academy as he is here.

MISS DELLA BURROWAY, who has been a student at the Academy for the past three years, made a short visit with Elder Kirkendall last week. She is now on her way to India in company with Elder Miller and wife. Before leaving she spoke to the students at missionary meeting, showing the needs of the field, and the necessity for a thorough knowledge of the Bible. The prayer of the students is that God will give her souls for her hire.

MONDAY morning during chapel exercises at the Academy Prof. Lawrence spoke to the students in regard to the effort being made to free the Academy of debt. This appealed to the students in a substantial manner, and the boys concluded to donate that day's work to the same purpose. The girls followed their worthy example, and in field, home and laundry energetic and willing hands were working to good purpose. The boys were seen hauling the field products by lantern light. The donation amounts to twenty-five dollars or more. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FOR varied and excellent reasons the last *Special Signs* will bear date of December 7, instead of November 30, as first planned. This will give an extra week. The issue of November 30, will be a regular one, without cover.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Mountain View, Cal.

AIKAIN VARTIJA.

(Times Watchman.)

WE wish to call the attention of our people in America to *Aikain Vartija*, a monthly publication for the Finnish speaking people. As there is no periodical in America carrying the Third Angel's Message to this people, we deem it our duty to make known to our brethren that here in Finland we have a paper in the Finnish language. Its subscription list during the past

three years has gone up from 300 to more than 3,000, and it is continually going up. Those of our people, who have an opportunity to work for the Finns, should remember this paper. We send it to America for 50 cents a year.

This autumn we have published a special number containing the following general articles: "Watchman, What of the Night?" "The 2,300 Days," "There Shall Be Time No Longer," "The Law and the Gospel," "God Made Manifest in Our Flesh." The Health, Home and Mission departments have some special articles.

This number should have a wide circulation in America, and it will be a help to introduce the paper for those who will take yearly subscriptions.

Shall not our brethren living in Finnish communities take hold and do something for their neglected neighbors?

This special number will cost to America 5 cents postpaid. Send all orders to *Aikain Vartija*, Jagaregatan 2, Helsingfors, Finland.

OBITUARY.

TALMAGE.—Died at her home near Chester-ville, O., Nov. 2, 1904. Mrs. Sophia (*nee* Alver-son) Talmage, aged 67 years, 11 months, and 29 days. As will appear from these dates, she was laid to her final rest on her sixty-eighth birth-day. Sister Talmage had been in ill health for several years, having been twice operated on at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The real cause of death, however, could not be previously determined by skilled physicians, but the autopsy showed that it was the result of exhaustion due to the growth of numerous small tumors within the chest cavity and one large growth occupying the upper part of the right lung and extending into and almost filling the pulmonary artery. While this malady was sapping away the life energy, the Lord mercifully preserved her from suffering pain. She frequently expressed a sense of weakness; and her oft repeated wish that if her work was done she might be given rest, at last was granted, and like a weary child, without a struggle, she fell asleep. On Oct. 7, 1856, she was united in marriage to J. N. Talmage, thus sharing with him the joys and sorrows of this life for forty-eight years. This union was blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living and were present at the funeral. At the age of sixteen she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing in that faith until 1873, when she and her husband identified themselves with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Waterford at its organization, remaining steadfast in the faith of this people till the time of her death. She was a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, an earnest Christian and a kind neighbor, loved and respected by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed in the home, in the church, and in the community. She leaves her husband, five children, eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two sisters and one brother to mourn her loss. The funeral service was largely attended by sympathizing friends and neighbors. Prof. and Mrs. Chas. E. Welch, Ethel Pope, and James E. Shultz rendered appropriate music for the service, and words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4:13-18. H. H. BURKHOLDER.