

# The Welcome Visitor.

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

VOL. II.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

No. 22.

## The Welcome Visitor.

ISSUED SEMI-MONTHLY BY

THE OHIO CONFERENCE,

306 West Mulberry St., SPRINGFIELD, O.

PRICE: 25 CENTS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

MISS KATHARINE E. MILLER, Editor.

OHIO CONFERENCE OFFICERS:

R. R. KENNEDY, E. A. MERRIAM,  
President. Sec'y and Miss. Sec'y.  
H. H. BURKHOLDER, KATHARINE E. MILLER,  
Vice President. Cor. Secretary.  
A. A. LAUDER, Treasurer.

### PROSPECTION.

BY P. TIFFANY.

A pilgrim in this little band,  
Among the poor and not the grand  
Of earth's afflicted ones.  
I feel this is no home for me,  
Its pleasures all are vanity  
To God's dear waiting ones.

But there's a land, a better land  
For those that in that day shall stand;  
A land for all the blest.  
'Twas purchased by the Son of God,  
For us He bore the chastening rod,  
To gain an endless rest.

That glorious land I long to see,  
Where I shall eat of life's fair tree;  
And enter through the gate  
Into that city built above,  
Where all is peace and joy and love.  
For this I long and wait.

### OUR STATE PAPER.

Since taking up my work as corresponding secretary of the Conference, and editor of the WELCOME VISITOR, I find myself standing face to face with some facts connected with its publication, to which I wish to call attention.

In looking over the file, I find stated in the first number of the paper, the object of the issue. I quote the following: "The paper will contain four pages, and there will be four departments—The Conference, the Tract Society, the Sabbath School and the Mt. Vernon Academy.

These occupying each a page, it will be easy to furnish our people with such knowledge as they are anxious to obtain. Our object is to give out information and instruction on all branches of the work.

From this, it can be readily seen who is responsible for the information the people in general expect to receive through the columns of this paper. The first department men-

tioned is the Conference. Those expected to contribute to this department are the Conference officers, ministers and Bible workers.

Second, the Tract Society—The President, Secretary, Cor. Secretary, State Agent and canvassers.

Third, the Sabbath school—President and Secretary especially.

Fourth, the Academy—The Principal and teachers.

We have the word from the President of the S. S. Ass'n, this week, that all the officers and the executive committee will unite in making use of the space belonging to them. This is encouraging. If the representatives of all the departments would make it a point to contribute something, no matter how little, we should experience no difficulty in getting out a good, interesting issue each time.

But make note of this, please. If those who should feel it a privilege, and whose duty it really is, to assist in making the paper interesting, fail to send in material, the entire work falls upon the editor.

Perhaps not all are aware that the editorial work is only a part of the work of the Cor. Secretary. Many other lines of work are carried on by this officer, but the VISITOR must be gotten out on certain dates, without fail. This being so, I would ask those who should contribute for each issue, to come up on this point, so that each line of work may receive due attention.

We are nearing its second anniversary. Shall we not unite to make the coming year the best, that the paper may be made more welcome than when it made its first appearance in the homes of the people? Trusting I may have your hearty co-operation, I am

Your humble servant,

KATHARINE E. MILLER.

### WHO WILL HELP?

By the beginning of the year 1899, we desire to have the subscription list of the VISITOR raised to one thousand. This can easily be done by the co-operation of each subscriber. If each one will send in one new subscription, the list will be more than doubled. To

assist in this, we will send the paper until the close of this year, for ten cents, or until Jan. 1, 1900, for thirty-five cents.

### REMOVAL OF THE OFFICE.

The office of the WELCOME VISITOR has been removed from Cleveland, and is now located at 306 W. Mulberry St., Springfield, Ohio. All communications, either for the VISITOR or the Corresponding Secretary, should be sent to this address. We trust that all will remember this and thus avoid delay in receiving mail.

### TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Please remember, that all matter intended for any issue of this paper, must be in before Friday of the week preceding date of issue.

If matters of importance are delayed until Monday, it will be two weeks before they can appear in the paper. Please pin this in your hat, and let us have good, fresh news for our next issue.

### NOTICE TO DISTRICT NO. 2.

This district embraces the counties of Coshocton, Delaware, Holmes, Licking, Marion, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry and Union. All churches and isolated Sabbath-keepers in this district, desiring ministerial labor in their churches or vicinity, or knowing of good openings for a series of meetings, will please write to me immediately, at Chesterville, Ohio.

J. S. ILES.

### A DAY AT THE HELPING HAND MISSION.

Sept. 17 was a busy day at the Helping Hand Mission. The duties of the day crowded in thick and fast, and four o'clock found the workers gathered together for a council meeting. Plans with reference to future work were discussed, and it was decided that we must have a gospel wagon in which to herald the gospel throughout the city.

At seven o'clock about twenty-five earnest workers met together

in the chapel. A brief song service was held, followed by a season of prayer for the divine blessing of God upon the work of the evening. While some remained to carry on this meeting, a large company went to the corner of Seneca and Superior streets and a most successful street meeting was held. Dr. Carey and wife rendered a most beautiful duet, which was appreciated by the large audience. Bro. F.C. White and the superintendent gave short, stirring talks.

But the close of the day found us engaged in the meeting at the Mission. At eight o'clock, nearly one hundred, of all classes, were present. Stirring gospel songs were sung. A few words of exhortation by the Superintendent, and soul-stirring testimonies followed. About seventy-five raised their hands to testify to the blessing the meeting had been to them. It was one of the best meetings we have attended in a long time. The collection amounted to \$1.28. As we laid our tired heads upon our pillows, we thanked God for the blessing and privilege of working for Him.

J. W. COLLIF.

[While in Cleveland, I had the privilege of visiting the Helping Hand Mission. Surely the Lord's hand has been, and is, in this work. Not only is it a "haven of rest," as it has been called by one dear sister, for the poor, sin-sick, tempest tossed men for whose benefit it was opened, but it offers spiritual and physical rest to those who engage in the work connected with it.

As efforts are put forth to raise the fallen, and lead to Him, those for whom Christ died; and He is held up to those who know Him not; the Lord comes very near indeed. I trust that the work in Cleveland is only a small beginning of what shall be done in this line, throughout the State, in the next year. May the blessing of God rest upon the new departure.—ED.]

### *Our Sabbath Schools.*

#### THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

No doubt it is well known that the Sunday School association pays for one-fourth of the WELCOME VISITOR space each issue; and therefore many query why more is not seen in its pages on this subject. Feeling that this is so, the Executive Committee of the association have planned to make use of this valuable space, to push the work of the Sabbath schools as

much as possible during the present year.

We in no way desire to reflect on the work of past years, but know, with you, that unless progress is made forward we must go backward. We are nearer the coming of Christ than ever before, and so must step faster. "Make a rush for the kingdom of God," is the command from heaven. Let all who expect to go to that good place hurry up. Knowing that these things are so, we are anxious that the Sabbath schools may become enthused.

Let the monotonous programs that have been carried out from week to week, for months or years, be broken up. Let the officers study to bring the Spirit of Christ, the great Missionary, into every session.

The officers solicit, most earnestly, your co-operation upon this line and wish you to correspond with them on any question, either by way of inquiry or suggestion. We must work unitedly or fail; so be free in reporting anything of interest you may have. The whole committee is at your command, and will unite in making this page of the VISITOR an interesting one. Pray that the Lord may direct and bless in every advance step.

ALBERT CAREY, Prest.

CLARA V. RADABAUGH, Sec'y.

#### THE MORNING WATCH.

At the last meeting of our young people, on the camp ground this year, this subject was presented, and quite a number raised their hands, pledging themselves, by the help of the Lord, to keep the "morning watch." This plan is to set apart the first moments of the day to reading God's word, and asking Him to map out for us our day's duties. And to place ourselves in His hand, that He may use us that day for His glory.

One hour or half hour may be devoted to this service. It is a practice that is world-wide among men and women of faith; and it was a desire to see this great element of faith springing up among the young people in Ohio that led to this movement. I have found such strength in this one thing myself, that I am anxious to have every one try it.

If those who raised their hands at camp meeting on this question, and all others who are interested in it, and will take hold of it in a business like way with the Lord, will send me their names and addresses, I shall be glad to correspond with them. I shall also arrange with

them for reading upon this subject. We are taking it up in Cleveland, in a practical way, and are seeing blessed results. I hope that this movement will be so pushed this year that a whole army of Christians may be found in Ohio consecrating themselves, every morning, to God, for duty and service. Let me hear from you.

ALBERT CAREY.

### *Mt. Vernon Academy.*

The Academy opened at the appointed time, with a company of young people present, who impress us as being here for a definite and fixed purpose. Indeed I have never seen a year open with a better prospect for successful work, and this impression has deepened from the very first. Earnestness and sobriety have characterized the opening days to an unusual degree, although some of the pupils are quite young.

The number in attendance is not so large as we should like to see, but we know of several who will enter in the near future, and others are trying to so shape their affairs as to enter a little later in the season. In this connection we realize more fully than ever, the importance of securing a farm, so as to enable many worthy young men to largely pay for their schooling in remunerative labor.

Most touching appeals are received from young men who are more than willing to work hard for an education, if an opportunity for so doing could be found; but they are unable to raise the money now required for tuition. There is every reason for believing that these youths are just as earnest and just as capable, and would make as good, if not better use of educational advantages, than some who are more fortunate in financial circumstances; and we hope many will deem it a privilege to assist in carrying out the plan for purchasing a farm, adopted at the late camp meeting.

Some sixteen or seventeen acres have been pledged, thus making an excellent beginning, and we believe much more will be given when our people throughout the Conference come to realize the importance of this move, which has been undertaken solely for the purpose of reaching and helping a large and promising class of young people, to get an education, preparation and training for the Lord's work. The servant of the Lord has spoken directly upon this point, and hence

we know we are walking in the light, and feel free to invite all who will, to join us in the blessings of this service and sacrifice of love.

The plan adopted is broad and ample, so that all can have a part in carrying it out, and I shall be glad to have any and all who are interested in this move, to write me in regard to it. If you have money you can give, give it, and the Lord will bless you in so doing. If any do not have means, but have a practical knowledge of farming, gardening, fruit growing and the like, and from this experience can offer helpful suggestions. I should be glad to have you write me and every such suggestion will be thankfully received. The Academy is yours, and every Seventh Day Adventist in Ohio should feel free to write us at any time and touching any point, (for the school must be kept constantly in touch with the body of the people,) and you may be sure that every such letter will be welcome, and prompt, cordial reply will be made.

Our schools are rapidly taking on new form and character to meet the demand for a different training for those who will so soon go out as laborers in the Lord's vineyard, where new and trying experiences will be met; and the only surety for the success of these schools, lies in the willingness of their managers to let God lead as he desires. We believe this is the purpose of the trustees and teachers of the Academy, and to this fact we attribute the increasing prosperity attending its work. To it also can be attributed the effort to secure a farm, for the testimonies tell us that land for cultivation should be connected with our schools, and we pray and believe that God will put into your hearts a desire to aid in this work for the youth.

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

### *Our Work and Workers.*

SUNBURY.—We began our fall labors with a series of gospel meetings in the city hall, at this place. We had small hand-bills printed and distributed over six different school districts.

H. M. MITCHELL,  
A. G. HAUGHEY.

RICHMOND.—We can report a good interest at this place, if we can judge from the attendance and attention paid to the word spoken. We have held eight meetings, and there have been from fifty to one hundred present at each meeting.

Last evening the Congregational minister was present and expressed himself as being very glad that we had pitched our tent here. He made excuses that an entertainment had been arranged for one evening of this week, and said it should not occur again while we are here.

We believe the Lord has precious souls in this place, and we ask for the prayers of God's people, that we may have power in presenting these stirring truths.

C. C. WEBSTER,  
E. L. ILES.

IRONTON.—We begun a series of meetings in our tent here, Sept. 8. There has been but little work done to warn the people of this city. There is not a Sabbath-keeper in the place as far as we know, and the people know very little about our denominational views.

We have had unmistakable evidence of God's presence with us from the beginning of our effort in this place. The people are availing themselves of this, their first opportunity to hear God's message for the present generation. A well-filled tent, and a good degree of attention given to the word spoken, gives us courage in the work now and faith in the outcome. We ask to be remembered at the throne of grace.

O. F. GUILFORD,  
H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### FROM A FORMER PRESIDENT.

Believing that the readers of the VISITOR will be pleased to hear from one of our former presidents, Eld. I. D. Van Horn, we quote from a personal letter, the following:—"I have been permitted to retire from the Indiana conference, and Michigan receives me as a laborer in my home conference.

Now I shall be nearer home to render assistance in time of need. This is what I so much desired when I left Ohio a year ago. But I have some good news to tell you. The Lord has been pleased to manifest his power in my home. Some three weeks ago, special and continued prayers were offered in the behalf of my afflicted son. On Monday, Sept. 5th, a change took place. He declared himself well, and has not had the least shade or symptom of trouble since that day.

You may be sure there is rejoicing in our home. We offer thanksgiving, praise and honor unto the Lord day by day. I believe the work is done, and all appearances show it to be so. This will set me free to go forth and proclaim the

truth with new zeal, energy and power. To the Lord be all the praise, honor and glory forevermore." We know this will be good news to to all who are acquainted with Bro. Van Horn, and we rejoice with him.

### *Obituary.*

EDWARDS.—Died at Holgate, O., Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1898, Lovell Kellogg Edwards, aged 5 months and 6 days. Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sept. 8, at 1 P. M., conducted by Eld. J. S. Iles.

RAYLE.—Bertha E. Rayle, infant daughter of John F. Rayle and wife, of Hamler, Ohio, died Sept. 6, of cholera infantum, aged 5 months and 1 day. Bertha was a beautiful babe, just opening up to life like a sweet flower, under the dews of the morning and the sunshine from above.

Severed from life she withers, but will bloom with immortality, when Jesus the life-giver comes. Services were held in the Hamler church, Sept. 8, by the writer.

D. E. LINDSEY.

SPENCER.—Ira Howard Spencer died at his home in Hicksville, O., Sept. 9, 1898, of consumption. He found Christ his Saviour a short time before his death, and Eld. H. H. Burkholder baptized him a few days after our late camp meeting.

Bro. Spencer was aged 29 years, 6 months and 4 days. He leaves a wife and two children, but they do not mourn without hope. Sr. Spencer is a daughter of Sr. Burr, of Hicksville. At the funeral, a large company listened intently to words of life from the promises of God, then we followed Bro. Spencer to his resting-place, whence Jesus will soon call him to immortality.

D. E. LINDSEY.

### RESURRECTION.

We may sleep, but not forever,  
There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part, no, never,  
On the resurrection morn.

When we see a precious blossom,  
That we tended with such care,  
Rudely taken from our bosom,  
How our aching hearts despair.  
'Round the silent grave we linger,  
'Till the setting sun is low.  
Feeling all our hopes have perished,  
With the flower we cherished so.

We may sleep, but not forever,  
In the lone and silent grave;  
Blessed be the Lord that taketh,  
Blessed be the Lord that gave.  
In that bright, eternal city,  
Death can never, never come;  
In His own good time He'll call us  
From our rest to home sweet home.

## The Welcome Visitor.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, SEPT. 29, 1898.

### OUR COLPORTERS.

Our colporters are preparing to enter the work soon. This is a very important work, and in its performance requires much of the wisdom and grace of God. Remember these dear brethren in your prayers, and mention them by name. The prayer of the righteous man availeth much. The names of these brethren are as follows: M. C. Kirkendall, Francis M. Fairchild, Willis E. Bidwell, Chas. A. Merriam.

R. R. KENNEDY.

### TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

"The Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work." Now if we are the servants of God, we have work to do. Not particularly of our own choosing, but such as the Lord shall choose to give.

This the servant of the Lord will do with faithfulness. To such, the Lord will say, at the close of the service, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

There are many lines of work that must be pushed with vigor, this coming fall and winter. One very important plan is proposed by our pioneer paper, "The Signs of the Times," which will need the co-operation of every Seventh Day Adventist in the land.

On Jan. 5, 1899, the "Signs" proposes to print one million copies of the paper, denominated the Quarter Centennial number. This number will be double in size, with additional illuminated cover of four pages. Stirring articles, from our best writers in Europe and America, will bring our work prominently before the world.

The printing of this number will require about fifteen car loads of paper. Thus we see that it will be necessary for everyone who loves the truth for these times, to assist in getting this important copy before the world.

It will sell for ten cents per copy, but will be furnished to agents for five cents. Here is a work for all who are willing to work. Watch for further instructions with regard to this important work, and plan to have a part in it.

R. R. KENNEDY.

"The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character."

### THE SIGNS WORK.

Since our good camp meeting, I have been working in the interest of the "Signs of the Times." The Lord has blessed me from the beginning, and to him be all the praise. I have visited the churches at Columbus, Delaware, Marion, Dunkirk and Findlay. In each of these places I find a willing mind on the part of our brethren and sisters, to do missionary work.

Some of the smaller churches have been left for a long time, to stand alone. They are rejoicing that some one has been sent to encourage them, and get them started in active work. I have secured agents at each place. At Columbus I secured eleven. At one small place I visited thirteen families and raised a club of one hundred Signs. With the help of the Lord, I expect to accomplish this much or more, in each place I visit.

R. I. FRANCIS.

### BUSINESS NOTICE.

All persons desiring to order tents through the Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, or transact any business whatever with the Association, will please address the Business Agent, A. G. Haughey, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, box 386.

Trustees of church property, and those desiring to donate property to the cause in Ohio, please take notice. Make your deposits in the bank of Eternity. I shall be pleased to communicate with you.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

### BRIEFS.

Eld. Collie visited Chicago last week.

Nellie Stevens has returned to her Bible work in Cleveland.

Bro. Albert Carey moved his family to Cleveland this week. His address will be 152½ Birch street.

Eld. A. C. Shannon has been called from his tent meetings at Richmond to the bedside of his wife, who is quite ill of typhoid fever. During his absence, Edward Iles will assist Bro. Webster in the work.

Sr. Estella Houser leaves this week for Philadelphia, Pa., to enter upon her duties in the office of the Foreign Mission Board. Sr. Houser has been a valuable Secretary of this Conference for a number of years, and will be greatly missed. We wish her success in her new work, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon her as it has in the past.

Eld. S.G. Haughey has been taking a vacation and visiting Eld. R. R. Kennedy at his home at Wheelersburg.

George Wells has been spending a few days at his home in Bedford. He left on the 25th for Alabama, his future field of labor.

After the camp meeting, Elds. Mitchell and Haughey visited the Conference farm. They report the blessing of the Lord attending the work done on the farm, as is shown by the good crops of grass, corn and wheat.

Although quite late, the following will be of interest to many: "The Lord did not fail to add His blessing in a financial way, to the recent camp meeting. Although the expenses of the meeting were over \$400, we have a nice little increase to our tent fund. This we could not have had except for the liberality of our brethren and sisters, and also the business men of Tiffin."

Married, on Sept. 14, 1898, at the pleasant home of the bride's parents at Wheelersburg, Ohio, Mr. Carl M. Talmage and Miss Clara H. Coyl. The ceremony was pronounced by Eld. H. H. Burkholder. The happy couple will leave in a few days for Battle Creek College, to prepare themselves for service in the precious cause of Christ. Their many friends extend congratulations.

The interest that has been manifested in Springfield since the camp meeting in 1897, has not abated while the workers were out of the city. On our return, we found the interest as great as ever. Some have decided to cast in their lot with the people of God, and will soon go forward in baptism. The members of the church are filled with a missionary spirit, and are going out, two and two, into the streets and lanes of the city, working on Christ's lines for the poor, wretched and fallen.

It is with a feeling of reluctance that the VISITOR severs its connection with the Cleveland Leader. From its beginning, the VISITOR has been printed by this publishing house, under the direction of Mr. H. A. Babcox, who has always taken especial interest in having the paper appear at its best.

We have tried, by purchasing the plate from which the heading is printed, and in various other ways, to have it retain the dress it has formerly worn, so that it will not appear strange. We trust and believe that the blessing of God will rest upon its publication in this city, as it has in the past.