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

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THE WELCOME VISITOR.

According to a decision reached several months ago all subscriptions to the VISITOR will expire with the close of each year. With this in view the paper will be furnished from this issue until the close of the year for fifteen cents.

SPEAK GENTLY.

Speak gently; it is better far

To rule by love than fear:

Speak gently; let no harsh word mar
The good we may do here.

Speak gently to the young; for they

Will have enough to bear;

Pass through this life as best they may,
'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged one;

Grieve not the careworn heart;

The sands of life are nearly run,
Let them in peace depart.

Speak gently to the erring ones;

They must have toiled in vain;

Perhaps unkindness made them so;
O win them back again!

Speak gently; 'tis a little thing

Dropped in the heart's deep well;

The good, the joy, that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell.

'Tis ours to sow the kindly seed,

'Tis His to bid it grow;

Our every word and every deed,
The harvest time will show.

—Selected.

OUR CAMP MEETING.

It is the annual meeting of the Conference. The condition and needs of the cause of the Lord are to be considered. Every church in the State is interested. Every individual member should manifest an interest in it in some way. It should make no difference how near by the place of meeting, or how far away

your are. If you cannot be present in person send a thank offering, or present of some kind to testify of your interest.

It will be a time to seek the Lord to reach a higher standard of piety. We all need a greater degree of divine power. Self must be crucified and the Lord given full possession of the heart. The great apostle Paul could say, "I die daily." If this was needed in one so high and holy, how much more in us. So a higher spiritual attainment must be reached by all. A connection with God must be maintained or failure will be our portion.

It will be a good thing for our meeting if our delegates can be on hand at the beginning. We expect you will send to us the most experienced and best members of your church. But we want, too, those who are cold and distant, who have backslidden, to come. Earnest work must be done now to arouse everybody to action. Bring your youth and children to the meeting. We want to see them converted and in complete union with Christ.

Those in the north and east part of the State may be thinking the meeting is too far away. Be careful you do not let that big man "self" keep you away. Are you not willing that your brethren in the south shall have the privilege of the meeting near them? The way has opened so clearly in Springfield that we are sure it is the place the Lord wants the meeting.

It is when the Lord's people are assembled together that he chooses to pour out his Spirit upon them. The disciples were bidden to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. The council was called at Jerusalem, Acts 15, and the Lord directed it by his Spirit. This is the word of the Lord to us: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—Heb. 10: 25. "Return unto the Lord and he will return unto you." "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." May all our people come and seek the Lord together.

I. D. VAN HORN.

RAILROAD DIRECTIONS.

We have now perfected arrangements with the Central Traffic Association concerning reduction of fare to and from our Camp Meeting. The following conditions must be strictly carried out to obtain the desired result: Tickets must be purchased on the following days, August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and used on the day of purchase. Certificates must be obtained of the agent of whom you buy your ticket, showing you have paid full fare. If you have to buy another ticket on the way when you change cars, get another certificate, one with every ticket you buy. These conditions complied with will secure your return over the same route at one-third the regular fare.

In the issue of this paper of July 8th, in the notice regarding the railroads, we said: "The N. Y. P. & O., known as the Erie line, is not in the Central Traffic Association." This is a mistake. Later correspondence informs us that it is in the Association. So certificates can be obtained alike on all of the four roads running through Springfield. Each road has its own depot, all of which (with the exception of the Erie), are in easy access to the street car lines, which either direct or by transfer, will convey all to the fair ground. As usual some one will meet you at the depot and direct you to the camp ground.

I. D. VAN HORN.

NOTICE.

During the time of our Camp Meeting, August 5-16, the Ohio Tract Society office will be closed. All mail for those in the office should be addressed to Springfield, O., care S. D. A. Camp Ground.

Canvassers, especially, and all others who expect to order supplies just before or during that time, would find it to their convenience to have such orders reach us during the last week in July, that they may be attended to before we close the office. Books to be delivered immediately after the Camp Meeting, should be ordered early.

We will have a fine assortment of Bibles at our book stand this year, besides a full line of our denomination-

al books. We also have on hand an extra supply of the tracts, "Christ and the Pharisees," and "America's Crisis," which we will close out at \$1 per hundred, net. We trust many will come prepared to carry home with them a good supply of these excellent tracts, and place them where they may be fulfilling their mission.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

THE R. L. LIBRARY FREE.

The International Religious Liberty Association decided at its last meeting to send the Religious Liberty Library free to all its members. If you are a member of the Association and will send your name and address to the Association, 39 Bond Street, New York, you will receive a copy of "Baptist Principles of Religious Liberty," and your name will be placed on our list as a regular subscriber, and in the future you will receive the numbers of the Library as fast as they are issued. Write your name and address plainly. If your dues are not paid up, and you still desire to continue a member of the Association, and expect to send your dues as soon as you can spare the money, send in your name and we will send you the pamphlet and put your name on our list.

If you are not now a member of the Association, and wish to aid in the good work, and at the same time take advantage of this offer, send your name and address with one dollar and you will be enrolled as a member, and receive the Baptist issue pamphlet free as well as all other issues of the Library.

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Our Sabbath Schools.

APPOINTMENT.

The twentieth annual session of the Ohio Sabbath School Association will be held in connection with the Ohio Conference at Springfield, O., Aug. 5-16. The election of officers and plans for future work will demand attention and action at that time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

WHO? WHERE?

Who are to go this year? Where? To Springfield to attend the Camp Meeting. This question is no doubt now being considered by many fathers and mothers in Ohio. Pardon me, dear parents, for interrupting you a moment by requesting you not to forget the youth and children in your final decision.

Anciently, when God's people were preparing to attend a meeting, the question was asked, "Who are they that shall go?" The answer given by Moses was, "We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters."—Ex. 10: 8, 9.

The Lord has also given us good advice in Joel 2: 16. He says, "gather the children." This counsel is for Seventh Day Adventists, and for us now. Special efforts will be made to help the youth and children in the work of preparation for the coming of the Saviour.

The nature of our surroundings and the times in which we live demand a united effort, prompt action, and perseverance. H. H. B.

WHO WILL BE A LIGHT BEARER FOR JESUS?

This is a question I want to ask our Sabbath School youth and children. The Saviour, and holy angels will watch every one of us as we read this or hear it read to see how we will answer.

What a dark, dark world this would be were it not for the precious light Jesus is giving through his people. At one time as he looked upon those who believed and trusted in him, he said "ye are the light of the world." This includes youth and children as well as grown people. Some of the brightest lights that ever shone in this dark world were children and youth.

As the Saviour stood in the temple, sad and weary from toil, how bright those little children shone as they clapped their hands and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David."—Matt. 21: 15, 16. In 2 Kings, 5, we learn how one little girl directed a sick man to the Lord to be healed. There was also a little boy called Samuel, who shone brightly for Jesus in the home of Eli, the Lord's priest.—2 Sam. 3.

We must also mention the youthful Joseph, how brightly he shone in the dark land of Egypt. Daniel and his youthful companions were light bearers in Babylon where none knew of the true God.

Perhaps you would like to know what you must do before you can shine. Well, I will tell you. Did you ever see a lamp trying to give light through a soiled, smoky chimney? I imagine I hear you say yes. Well, that is the way we are before we ask Jesus to forgive our sins. But after the chimney is washed and cleansed from smoke, then the light will shine brightly. So, dear children and youth, Jesus says if we confess our sins *He* will forgive and *cleanse us* from all unrighteousness, or that which prevents us from giving light.

Then we too can shine for Jesus.—1 John 1: 9.

I seem to hear some one ask, How are we to shine? Listen to the Saviour's answer: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your *good works*, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 5: 16. Does the lamp chimney make the light shine? No; it simply *lets* it shine. So we, when cleansed from sin, will let Jesus shine through us in doing good.

"We shall shine if Jesus dwells within us, Shine brightly as through the world we go. For his grace, the oil of truth and gladness, Into our lives will flow."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

The Work and Workers.

Cincinnati.—Sabbath, July 3rd, was a very good day for our church in this city. Although very warm, the hall was well filled with earnest worshippers. After the opening services, seven came forward in response to an invitation for those who had come prepared to follow their Lord in baptism. One hour was devoted to a talk from Matt. 28: 18-20.

Through the street car service, a goodly number crossed the river to the Kentucky side, where the water seems quite pure. Here, as Jesus was baptized of John in the Jordan, these souls, in the presence of many witnesses, were planted in the likeness of His death. We trust they may walk in newness of life, and in the likeness of His resurrection, till Jesus comes. J. G. WOOD.

Spencer, LaGrange and Wadsworth.—Sabbath, July 3, the LaGrange Church united with the Spencer Church in their quarterly meeting service. We had a blessed day. The work here is onward. July 4, the LaGrange and Camden Sabbath Schools united in a union grove meeting. An excellent program, consisting of sacred songs, select readings, essays and recitations with a short discourse were executed. We had an edifying gathering, rather than what is usually understood by a picnic and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the evening we had services in the church, and on Monday morning, four of the dear youth of the Sabbath School were baptized.

I spent July 10th with the Wadsworth church at their quarterly meeting, and then closed up my work at Spencer. It was my privilege to baptize seven dear souls at La Grange, also, one, an old man of 75 years, the result of the Spencer meeting, who is making his first start to be a Christian. S. S. SHROCK.

"As you take the Bible in your hand, remember that you are on holy ground."

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.

(Through the kindness of Bro. Saxby, we quote the following from a private letter from Eld. W. L. Iles. We are confident that their many friends in Ohio, will be pleased to hear from them. ED.) We are now in the wild west laboring for the Master. This is indeed a very wicked city. Our work will soon close in this place and then we move on. One family is on the verge of stepping into the truth.

We are quite well and know the Lord sent us here. Mrs. Iles' health is improving. How we would enjoy the Ohio camp meeting; but we are content, to know his will is being done.

Mt. Vernon Academy.

WHY ATTEND SCHOOL?

This may seem like a strange question to raise in this day and age of the world, and especially so among a people who believe what we profess, and who have received so much instruction upon this very point; and yet I am fully convinced that room exists for a more earnest and prayerful consideration of the subject than has been given it by many. It is possible that this issue of the VISITOR may enter some home where the subject of education is under consideration, and where decisions have not yet been reached; or it may perhaps find its way into the hand of some young man who feels within himself a desire for something better than he now possesses, and a longing to prepare himself for some position of usefulness in life. There are many of this class, some of whom may fail to see and to grasp the opportunity for which they earnestly wish, unless some kindly word of counsel shall be spoken at the opportune time.

OBJECT OF OUR SCHOOLS.

Our schools have been established for the purpose of reaching and helping this very class, for all aspiration after that which is true and noble is from God; having given the impulse he also provides ways and means for its realization. Our denomination ought to be so filled with the missionary spirit that its members would not rest till every young man and young woman of suitable age and so situated as to be able to leave home, should be engaged in obtaining a preparation or be actively at work in the great cause of the Master.

This gospel of the kingdom must be carried to all the world, and then shall the end come; but who is to carry it? The youth of our churches, for we are told by the Testimony that God has

especially chosen them for this work. Then how necessary it is that the churches keep the importance and the magnitude of the work and the need for the most careful preparation, constantly before the youth.

IS EDUCATION ESSENTIAL?

But is education an essential part of the preparation for this service? Let me answer by quoting from Special Testimonies on Education, pp. 222, 223. "Those who have had no opportunity for acquiring knowledge, or who have had opportunity and have failed to improve it, and become converted to God, can be useful in the service of the Lord, through the operation of his Holy Spirit. But those who have been educated, and who consecrate themselves to the service of God, can do service in a greater variety of ways and can accomplish a much more extensive work in bringing souls to the knowledge of the truth than can those who are uneducated. They are on vantage ground, because of the discipline of mind which they have had." In the light of this clear and positive statement, can there be any doubt as to the privilege or rather duty of the youth who is planning to give his life to the cause of God? We should each strive to do all we possibly can, reaching out and extending our labor and influence to the uttermost, not for the purpose of building up self, but for the glory of God and the upbuilding of his kingdom.

It is said that a blacksmith can take five dollars' worth of iron and make it into horseshoes worth ten dollars. The cutler can take the same iron and make it into knives worth two hundred dollars. The watchmaker might take the same metal and make it into mainsprings worth two hundred thousand dollars, or into hairsprings worth two million dollars, sixty times the value of the same weight of gold. Something of the same principle applies in the use of time, talent and opportunity given us of God. If we wish, we can make the cheapest use of life and simply exist, or we can rise a little in the scale of usefulness and be of service to a few, or we can go farther and reach a larger class and in more helpful ways, thus widening the circle of our influence. This process can be carried on and on till all the powers of the being are enlisted for the accomplishment of the great object of life. With which stage shall the Christian worker be content? As Christ died for him ought he not to live for God? As all heaven was poured out in its gift for him, should he not give in grateful service his all for Heaven? It seems to me there can be no middle ground; hence the importance of these schools to the youth primarily, and through them to the whole denomination. Indeed, we are told that they were established for the

purpose of preparing many workers for the cause of God, and that they should be those of whom he would not be ashamed.

NOT LITERARY TRAINING ALONE.

I would not be understood as favoring literary training alone and apart from the instruction and experience in the things of God, for purely intellectual development will never of itself prepare one for winning souls to Christ. The power of soul-winning can come only through a knowledge of God and his Word, together with a daily, growing experience in walking with Christ, our pattern; and our schools of preparation will be successful only so far as they provide for and meet the three-fold need of mental, moral and physical.

The mental and the moral, the intellectual and the spiritual, must go side by side. The fact that instruction has been given for establishing such schools is the best evidence that this work is not being done in other institutions in the manner and measure which the Lord would have his people experience at this time. For this reason the youth of the denomination should be educated in the schools controlled by the denomination, and should be continually taught that mind and soul and body, all belong to God and should be dedicated and trained for his work in the earth. With this ideal of usefulness before the youth, who of them will not seek a Christian education? Who will not put all the power of the entire being to the stretch for the accomplishment of the greatest possible service? Who will not place himself, soul, mind and body on the altar and say, "Here am I, Lord, take me, use me for thy glory and seal me thine for time and eternity"? J. H. LOUGHHEAD.

OBITUARY.

COYL. — Died on June 30, near Wheelersburg, Ohio, of typhoid fever, John Wm. Coyl, aged 15 years, 1 month and 21 days.

Willie, brought up by Christian parents, was very attentive to their requests, and to his home duties. His attendance at Sabbath School began when but a mere child. March, 1896, about the close of a short series of meetings held there by the writer, he gave himself fully to the Lord. In July following, at our next visit, together with others, he was baptized and united with the church. Though young in years and experience he had learned to love his church associations and enjoyed its privileges to the close of life. The father, mother, three brothers and a sister mourn their loss but not without hope, being fully confident that he sleeps in Jesus. Funeral services by the writer from Col. 3: 4.

J. G. WOOD.

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The Canvassing Work.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

For the past few weeks I have been canvassing in the vicinity of Nevin, Highland County, where one of our tent companies is located. My success has been very poor, owing to the opposition against the truth; but I look for a better experience this week as I have made a good start. I went out to the Pricetown Sunday School this morning and took thirteen orders for Gospel Primer, the superintendent ordering them to present to his infant class. CORA PETITHORY.

I esteem it a great privilege to put my trust in the Lord and be a co-worker with him. People are crying hard times in this part of the State, but I think if they could only realize the blessings they enjoy from day to day, they would have no reason for complaint. I am so glad the Lord provides so many blessings for me. It seems as though I am doing so little to advance his cause. Although Satan is doing all he can to hinder the work in this place, yet I expect to push the work with the help of the Lord, knowing that the prize lies at the end of the race. C. H. WICAL.

All who labor in the cause of God should be whole hearted in their work. There is a lesson for us in the experience of Gideon's army. Those whose hearts were in their work were so in earnest that they would not stop to kneel by the brook to drink, but dipped up the water in their hands as

they hurried on to the battle, and these were the ones God used. Those who were not in any hurry were sent back to their homes. The Lord God of Israel is watching every worker to see whether he is in earnest; whether he carries upon his heart the burden for souls. God sees whether his servants touch these living interests with the ends of their fingers, or whether they grasp them with all their might. Gideon's army prevailed, not because of their numbers, but because in living faith they followed the special direction of God.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

DELIVERIES.

	BIBLE READINGS.	Books.	Value.
Clara B. Rider.....	6		\$18 30
Joseph Salathe.....	48		96 00
Nellie Hague.....	4		8 50
Carlton Chaney	9		19 00
PROPHECIES.			
C. H. Wical	7		13 75
DANIEL AND REVELATION.			
E. E. Cooper.....	17		51 00
Jaala Phillips.....	52		83 50
M. C. Kirkendall.....	28		67 50
GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
J. J. Spearing	1		2 50
MISCELLANEOUS.			
L. A. Holobaugh.....	21		12 75
Wm. H. Gossett.....	52		31 00
J. J. Spearing	10		2 50
M. C. Kirkendall.....	37		22 40
Totals.....	292		\$428 70

NOTICE.

In order that our own people, as well as others, may become readers of the American Sentinel, the publishers make the following unprecedented trial offer: Beginning with this week's issue, the paper will be sent until

January, 1898, over five months, to any one *not now a subscriber*, for the small sum of twenty-five cents. This offer is open until September 1, only, and to be made the most of, should be taken advantage of at once.

BRIEFS.

Preserve this number for railroad directions.

Several interesting reports were crowded out this week.

This is the last issue of the VISITOR before Camp Meeting.

Elder W. H. Wakeham and two sons spent last Sabbath in Cleveland.

Several will be baptized in the Cleveland Church, Sabbath, July 24.

Sadie Monroe went to Battle Creek last week to attend the Teachers' Institute.

Elder and Mrs. Saxby spent Sabbath, July 10th, with the church at Chagrin Falls.

Alfred Smith, of Battle Creek College, has returned to his home in this city for the summer vacation.

A party from the Cleveland church went to Detroit last week, taking advantage of the excursion by water.

We hope to meet all the church officers and VISITOR readers at our Camp Meeting, and to become better acquainted.

Two students from Battle Creek are canvassing in Chagrin Falls, and two in Toledo, handling Dr. Kellogg's books.

A corps of five canvassers are at the Mission, students from the Battle Creek College, who will canvass the city for Dr. Kellogg's works.

We are pleased to greet among our exchanges the neat little sheet from the Michigan Conference, Field Echoes. We bid her God speed on her mission.

Mr. J. T. Partridge, a young man who has recently embraced the truth in this city, went last week to Battle Creek, where he is attending the summer school. He reports excellent meetings.

One of our old exchanges, the Iowa Bulletin, comes to us on her eighth birthday, in a very tasty new dress. We compliment her upon her fine appearance, and can only say, doubly welcome to our table as she has always been in the past.

The VISITOR is late on account of the sudden death of the editor's brother.

REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 2, 1897.

	Days.	Hours	Orders.	Value.	Helps.
BIBLE READINGS.					
Nellie Hague, Wooster	4	21	2	\$ 4 50	\$ 1 20
Clement Dorsey, Cadiz	9		11	27 75	2 40
Joseph Salathe, Sandusky	5		20	41 00	
Cora Petithory, Sardinia	5	31	3	5 00	9 20
Carlton Chaney, Greenville.....	2	11			1 50
PROPHECIES.					
Mattie McCormick, Chillicothe	3	8	2	3 50	2 75
S. Roy Litchfield, Leesburg	5	42	4	7 00	4 00
C. H. Wical, Batavia	7	39	3	5 25	7 50
G. Clymer, Franklin Furnace	5	30	8	21 25	9 00
DANIEL AND REVELATION.					
H. W. Miller, Pyrmont	10	102	18	41 00	17 00
Wm. Smith, Pyrmont	10	102	15	33 75	11 25
James Smith, Leesburg	11	113	9	20 25	14 50
E. E. Cooper, Greenville.....	1	8			2 50
MISCELLANEOUS.					
W. H. Gossett, Huntsburg			3	1 75	
R. I. Francis, Newark	1	5	7	4 20	2 40
Totals, 15 Agents	78	515	102	\$216 20	\$85 26