

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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SPECIAL.

MY COMFORT.

God holds the key of all unknown,
And I am glad.
If other hands should hold the key,
Or if he trusted it to me,
I might be sad.

What if to-morrow's cares were here,
Without the rest?
'Tis better to unlock the day,
And as the hours swing open, say,
"Thy will be best."

The very dimness of my sight
Makes me secure;
For, groping in my misty way,
I feel his hand, I hear him say,
"My help is sure."

I can not read his future plan,
But this I know:
I have the smiling of his face,
And all the refuge of his grace,
While here below.

Enough. This covers all my want,
And so I rest.
For what I can not, he can see,
And in his care I sure shall be
Forever blest.

—Selected.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.

GORGEOUSLY the springtide falls on the "Sunny South." Long since the sun has kissed away the sting of frost, and vernal showers have burst the buds of winter, and filled the air with sweet perfume of fruity flowers and myriad warbler songs. The springtime season, symbol of the earth made new, has clothed the earth with new glories, which seem almost too beautiful to be true.

Never have we been in a land so blessed with what goes to make life joyous as here. With winters short and mild, with summers long and temperate, (much more so than in the North), with freedom from pests, such as mosquitoes, etc., with the most delightful springs and autumns, with pure crystal water and balmiest of air, with all these, one can but declare at least this part of the "Sunny South" a most delightful land.

We are glad we are here, and so glad we are here that we expect to stay here till Jesus comes, unless he

as clearly directs us elsewhere as he directed us here. Nothing but clearly defined duty could call us away.

We fear that many have obtained a gruesome idea of the South. Of course it has its dark mountain recesses, where civilization and education seem almost strangers. But this is not the South. It is a land of culture, colleges, refinement, and beautiful manners. Even among the uneducated you will find children taught to be respectful and polite to a surprising degree.

True, the baneful effects of slavery and war still hang over the land, but like a new territory, the South is swinging its gates open to the North and welcoming, yes urging, emigration and settlement. And I truly believe that no part of the United States to-day offers better opportunities to the homeseeker than North Carolina, and many other sections of the South. This is very firm conviction after viewing the country from one end to the other, from North to South.

Some, in fearfulness, have felt that the time for closing the work had come in the South. Personally, I believe there is just before us a mightier work than we have ever yet dreamed of. When the work is taken hold of in a substantial manner, we will be astonished at the results. Meteorlike dashes will accomplish little or nothing for good. The people are intensely religious, in their way, and demand acquaintance before accepting new truths.

While we have met almost every form of discouragement since coming to this field, and are now compelled to labor with our hands for our daily bread, for hope was never brighter, nor courage better, than at the present time. We are living for victory, and confidently expect it will come.

We rejoice to read the dear VISITOR, as it comes to us, and to see the broad plan adopted in Ohio for extending its field. We feel like sending love and greeting to all our old friends, and welcome to all who daily are finding the precious truth. Pray for us.

DR. AND MRS. ALBERT CAREY.
Hildebran, N. C.

FINISHED, GLORIFIED.

ON the eve of his crucifixion Jesus said, "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." Jesus accomplished a perfect work. In so doing he glorified his Father. Only in finishing his work shall we glorify our heavenly Father and be ourselves glorified in the day when the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their heavenly Father. To run well for a season, and to fail of reaching the end of the race, is to lose all for which for a time we have toiled.

When will the work which the Lord has given us to do be finished? I refer now to the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." All that has been written is to-day a living, present appeal just as truly as when it was written.

The following testimony was written Aug. 9, 1903:—

"My brethren and sisters, why is so little being done to sell 'Christ's Object Lessons'? Have you become weary in well-doing? Have all the families in your neighborhood been supplied with the book that is so full of helpful lessons, both for parents and for children? Are there not some who did not buy a copy last year who would buy one now? Why should we not go steadily forward with this work, until millions of homes are supplied with 'Object Lessons,' and our schools are freed from debt?"

"Success has attended the effort made in the past to sell 'Object Lessons,' because God's people have worked in co-operation with heavenly agencies; and success will attend the effort put forth in the future, if our people will still carry forward the work. As they patiently press on in this work, the Lord Jesus and his angels will open the way before them. All receive grace for grace, as they give what they can, in time and influence, to the circulation of 'Object Lessons.'"

You will note that this work is to go steadily forward until our schools are freed from debt. That work has not yet been accomplished in full,

although we are thankful to write that there is one school in the denomination that has never gone into debt.

But even when all our schools are free, can we then say that the work is finished, completed? Please read the following, written May 18, 1903:—

"The plan for the circulation of 'Object Lessons' is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set his approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of his people. Shall we mar this plan? No, no! Until the Lord shall come, and our present system of school work shall be ended by our entering the higher school, 'Christ's Object Lessons' is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions."

Note that this work is to continue until the Lord shall come. A double, yes, a triple, blessing will result from this work, as there is need of Christian education, and this work of education must continue until the great commencement day when we shall see our great Teacher face to face, and have the joy of his visible presence. Till then this blessed work is to continue.

Will not every one who has had an experience improve the opportunity to go forward earnestly with this work during the present season, and will not every one who has never sold "Christ's Object Lessons" immediately take the step that brings the blessing which infallibly follows obedience? Will not all those who are engaged in this work send brief statements of experiences to me at once?

J. S. WASHBURN.

Takoma Park Station, Washington,
D. C.

DEAR EDITOR: Enclosed you will find twenty-five cents to renew my subscription to the dear little paper. I am always waiting for its visit to me. I sit down and read it all before I do anything after it comes. Praise the Lord for our WELCOME VISITOR, all the periodical we have printed in Ohio. We must be thankful for small things that larger ones may come. May the Lord bless all is my prayer.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Your weekly visits have been very pleasant indeed the past year. We truly welcome you each week and look forward to see your face the next week. Enclosed you will find twenty-five cents to pay you for another year's visits.

Wishing you success in your work,
I am,
M. S. BALDWIN.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Shreeve.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Sabbath, April 8, witnessed the organizing of a Sabbath-school at this place with thirteen in attendance, six in senior division and seven in the intermediate.

Officers were elected to serve three months as follows: Superintendent, E. D. Bates; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Nellie Hague; Assistant Secretary, Miss Clara Daubenspeck.

Although few in number we claimed the promise of the Lord that "where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst." We earnestly solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters in this Conference that the dear Lord may bring out a strong company of believers at this place to help proclaim this glorious Message throughout the land; and that we who are here and rejoicing in the present truth may so live that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father.

E. D. BATES.

Cincinnati

THE work of the Lord that has been entrusted to his servants is moving forward in this city. The church is in a good condition spiritually as shown by the increased attendance at prayer meeting and Sabbath services. There seems also to be a unity prevailing among the brethren.

The outside attendance at our Sabbath meetings is very good, some of these have begun to keep the Sabbath while others are investigating. A few have requested baptism. Some of these became interested through Bible readings; others by members of the church laboring for them.

During the past month, almost sufficient money to purchase a 24x50 tent has been pledged by the members and friends in Cincinnati. The tent, which has already been purchased, is to be used and worn out in this city and suburbs in giving this Message to the people. Members and friends of this church scattered abroad, and we have a number such, who wish to have a part in this good work may send donations to my address, 2617 Gilbert Ave.

Although our city is three-fifths Roman Catholic, one-fifth Jewish and a large percentage of the other fifth non-church going people, we have many encouraging features. We believe the entire church is standing shoulder to shoulder in the plans for work for the coming summer.

C. A. PEDICORD.

Pleasant Hill.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We are glad to give an encouraging report from the Pleasant Hill church. The brethren and sisters of this church, although few in number, are of good courage and pressing onward in the battle against sin. The Lord gave us much of his sweet Spirit and blessing at the quarterly meeting held at this place last Sabbath.

All of our hearts were encouraged and it has been the writer's privilege to remain with this church for nearly a week and revive the work of God at this place. Some dear souls have recently become deeply interested in the truth, and we hope to see them walking in the light in the near future.

I had an opportunity since my last report to present three sermons before a large and interested audience in the Methodist Episcopal Church some eight miles from my home. I had much liberty from the Author of liberty in presenting "The Second Advent," "The Millennium" and "The Judgment." From what we could learn, considerable prejudice was removed and an open door created for God's truth to enter more fully at some future time.

Pray for us that God may baptize us with might and power from on high to carry forward this glorious Message. Your brother,

B. L. HOUSE.

Lancaster.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Since sending our last letter we have had many good experiences for which we wish to praise our dear heavenly Father. Though it took some time to get fairly started and the Lord tried us in many ways at first, this is no more than we had expected.

We feel satisfied that the Lord has been blessing our work from the many expressions of appreciation from those who have been reading our book.

Some have asked for other books and we believe that when the time comes to recanvass this territory that the doors will be thrown wide open to us. We find many dear souls who are earnestly seeking for light, and we have been greatly blessed in presenting the word of God to them. We are glad for the privilege of having a part in this closing Message. Do not forget to pray for the work in Fairfield County. Yours in the work.

C. R. NUMBERS.

Gladys.

"EYE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by

his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Many things pass before us; but we have eyes that see not; and many, many things has the Lord spoken to us, but we hear not.

O, how glad we ought to be that God sends the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth! So many times in studying the Word of God we come to things that we do not understand. Let us be patient and seek the Lord for help, strength and an understanding, and have faith in God to believe what he says, and take hold of the promise and believe that God will do just what he says. Let us remember that the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

In order to have faith in God and his Word we must be born again. Jesus said unto Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." I am afraid that many are trying to enter the kingdom of God without the new birth; too much of *self*, but none of Christ. O, that we all could walk with God as Enoch did of old; that we might have the faith of the three Hebrews when cast into the fiery furnace; and of Daniel, who, for worshipping God, was cast into the lions' den. If God could save those men then, he can save us to-day from the sin and wickedness of this world unto and the end. God is just as powerful to-day as he was then; and will hear those who call upon him to-day, just the same as in the past. Let each one ask themselves the question, "Do I really and truly love the Lord?"

A few days ago I drove to Brother Newton's who lives about nine miles south of Gladys and stayed with them from Thursday until Sabbath morning. Here the seeds of truth were sown a number of years ago; and since that time they have been obeying the Lord and keeping the Sabbath.

How good the Lord is to send his messengers into all parts of the world to teach the truth, which sets us free.

While there I spoke to a nice company of people on Thursday and Friday nights in the Universalist church, which is open for us to hold services in at any time. Sabbath morning I came back and we had a good Sabbath-school and meeting, which was enjoyed by all present. On that day we organized our Sabbath-school. There were twenty-two present.

The next Sabbath I met with the little company at Morrow. We had a good meeting and the few who were there were of good courage, and all went away rejoicing in the Lord. Last quarter our little Sabbath-school at Morrow after paying for *Lesson Quarterly's* and *Youth's Instructors*, had

one dollar and thirty-one cents to help spread the gospel in other places.

Toward the last of the week I went to South Lebanon and stayed over night, and spent a few hours of the next day in visiting and studying the Bible with interested ones. The Spirit of the Lord is working upon the hearts of a few there, who, I think, will take their stand for the truth. Let us pray for those who are hungering for the Truth that they may be filled, and then obey.

I then returned to Gladys and while waiting for my train called on two families. One family seemed to be interested in our work; and asked me for literature, and invited me to come back again. The lady said that she met one of our denomination a few years ago, and had gotten tracts. While waiting for a train she saw some one reading the Bible; and found the person to be an Adventist. She said that the ones she has seen were devoted Christians. Let your lights shine.

After getting back to Gladys, Brother Van Voorhis and I called on a family on Friday evening and had a good Bible study. They have nearly made up their minds to keep the Sabbath and obey the Lord. One has done so since I first met them. On Sabbath all of the family except the husband were out to Sabbath-school.

Eighteen were present and all seemed to be encouraged. We had a good meeting following.

F. E. GIBSON.

BURMA.

DEAR VISITOR: A few days since a friend in Ohio to whom we had written and said that the population of Burma is about ten millions of people replied to our letter and said, "If that little country holds such a population already, there is surely no room for you." Now lest such an idea should become prevalent throughout the Ohio Conference and sad damage should result to our work in consequence, I wish to give a few facts about the country.

The population is about as given above and the area is about 285,000 square miles. This gives a population of approximately thirty-five to a square mile. Now I know that figures alone convey but little so let us compare Burma with Ohio. This latter has about 40,000 square miles and a population of nearly four millions. This gives it about one hundred people to a square mile. You can see there is more than twice as much room in Burma than in your own

State. Burma has some other advantages besides having room for good, healthy growth. While in India drought is common and oftentimes the direst distress prevails, this country has never suffered. There has never been a time when Burma has failed to give food enough for her people. The annual export trade in rice alone amounts to \$7.50 per capita. It is true that this is the principle article of food stuffs which is grown here, yet plenty of other things can be raised. The immense forests of teak wood form a great source of wealth to the country. This wood is hard, takes a beautiful polish and is alike impervious to both sun and rain. It will lie for years in water and not rot. There is considerable mineral wealth, gold, silver, rubies, tin and oil being found. The Standard Oil Co. has put forth repeated efforts to get a footing in the oil fields here but without success. We buy the refined oil here about as cheaply as in the United States.

There are public lands in different parts of Burma which can be gotten on a long lease for about twenty cents an acre per year. The land is suitable for fruit and grain growing and grazing. I am sure that if some good farmers could bring their families and live among these people and show the advantage of Western plans for cultivating the soil, there would good results accrue. One could raise their own living while working for the souls about them.

Burma has not the excessive heat of India. Many things combine to make this so. I think the main reason is the absence of the vast interior plains which India has.

Burma has a long stretch of sea shore on one side and immense rivers, navigable for long distances in the interior, so that a large amount of the business is done by ships. As a consequence, the railroad industry is in its infancy, there being only about one thousand miles of track in the country and this of the narrow gauge type. Of course traveling here is not up to American standards, but is much more comfortable and quick than the Burman bullock cart. In a recent trip up country we made one hundred and sixty-six miles in twelve hours. The cost was about one dollar and a quarter.

In my next letter I will tell something more of the people. After all it is the people and not the country that interests us most. We must give this Message whether the natural conditions favor or not.

Our address is "Greunan Slopes," Insein (near Rangoon), Burma.

MR. and MRS. H. H. VOTAW.

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

BRETHREN C. V. HAMER and N. S. Miller left Sunday morning for the State meeting.

BRETHREN W. F. BIDWELL and Floyd Gibson made a short visit home while on their way to State meeting.

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY spent a few days in Academia last week on business. It is always pleasant to greet old friends.

BROTHER WILLIAM CAMPBELL and wife are engaged in the work at Massillon. Brother Campbell is canvassing for our good books, and his wife, formerly Cora Petithory, is giving Bible readings.

WE are indeed pleased with the hearty response of the Sabbath-schools in regard to a general convention day. Watch the VISITOR for further instructions and the program. We hope to hear from others.

SISTER D. K. MITCHELL, of Cor-sica, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Flack, who has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be about the house; but Miss Daisy Mitchell has been suffering for several days from a severe attack of la grippe.

THE Mount Vernon church was favored with a visit from Elder George A. Irwin, Sabbath, April 22. His many friends were glad of the privilege of once more grasping his hand, and hearing of the progress and needs of the work in the isles that are waiting for the law of the Lord. We trust that our efforts will be redoubled to make the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning this vast and difficult field a possibility in the immediate future.

BROTHER G. F. ENOCH reports that the work in the East Caribbean Conference made encouraging progress during 1904, in spite of hinderances. 114 having received baptism. The work of the *Watchman* and the *Family Bible Teacher* had added strength to the cause. The annual offering had already been double over that of the previous year. At the recent committee meeting it was decided to hold their next annual conference in Demerara in July. Brother Enoch adds: "Our courage never was better. We resolutely face the coming year, believing that the Lord is now finishing the work."

FROM Samarai, British New Guinea, Pastor Irwin writes as follows: "We feel surprised at the burden of our island missionaries manifest for these people, and how anxious they are to get back to their field when once they are called out of it for a time. But one only needs to mingle with these people for a short time, and he will feel the same burden. Somehow they draw on our sympathies in a way that is inexplicable. I feel like stopping and remaining at every place we have visited. We ought to be in a position to send out a score or more missionaries to these island fields each year. If we had the qualified, consecrated workers, I believe we should have little trouble in sustaining them."

WELCOME VISITOR: I have been visiting among some of the workers in the canvassing work and find them having excellent success in the sale of the good books containing such important truths, besides the rich experiences gained by associating with those who are seeking for light. It is certainly refreshing to sell these good books to those who are seeking for truth.

I find these workers all of good courage in their work and praising God for the privilege of working in his vineyard.

I find there are others who want to join us in this good work. Dear reader, are you desirous of joining us in this good work? If so, write to me for territory and instruction and I shall be pleased to join you and give you the necessary instruction and start you in the field. Write me at the following address, Mount Vernon, O., R. F. D. No. 1.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

"SOON grievous troubles will arise among the nations—trouble that will not cease till Jesus comes. The judg-

ments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to loose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. *The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfilment.*"

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY MEETING.

AT our regular missionary meeting the time was taken up by Elder G. A. Irwin in relating some of the experiences of his journey of over 15,000 miles. He shows how God guides and cares for those who trust in him, and urged the students to have a close walk with God and to *know* at all times that he is leading.

J. M. IRVING.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Apr. 14, 1905.)

Robert Thomas, Marion Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 27 hours; value of orders, \$2.75; helps, \$1; total, \$3.75.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co. Bible Readings: 45 hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$3.25; total \$33.25.

Bradley W. Rayle, Clark Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$1; total, \$29.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$27; helps, \$1.50; total \$28.50.

G. A. Hopkins, Ashland Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: value of deliveries, \$34.

William Campbell, Massillon.—Coming King: 25 hours; value of orders, \$21.

OBITUARY.

LAMB.—Died at the home of her eldest son, Mr. Willard Lamb, near Franklin Furnace, O. March 28, 1905. Mrs. Lavina (Chaffin) Lamb, in her eighty-fifth year. In 1842 she was married to Mr. Reuben Lamb, but in 1854 death deprived her of this kind companion and she was thus left to battle alone with the trials and perplexities of rearing a family, which she did with patience and resignation, being a faithful, forbearing mother. Early in married life she united with the Methodist church. About 1880 she heard and accepted the last day gospel message, was baptized by Elder E. H. Gates, and in 1883 became a charter member of the Wheelersburg Seventh-day Adventist church being the oldest member till her death. Funeral services were held in the home of her son, conducted by Rev. Postle (Methodist) based on 1 Peter 1:5. She leaves three sons, two daughters and several grand- and great grandchildren. Sister Hattie Andre, who once labored in the Ohio Conference, now in Australia, is a granddaughter. Sister Lamb now sleeps in peace. The final summons came without warning; but her loved ones are comforted with the blessed hope.

JENNIE C. HOWELL.