

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY.

"The sin of the world to-day is the sin that brought destruction upon Israel—ingratitude to God, the neglect of opportunities and blessings, the selfish appropriation of God's gifts."

### NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

Our Loyal People Are Not Tired of Giving.

WITHIN the last few years they have paid the \$66,000 debt on the Christiana publishing house; nearly \$55,000 on the Relief of the Schools Fund; they have paid for the English Sanitarium, and also given largely in response to other calls; and yet from January 1 to March 24, \$33,190.24 annual offering was received, as against \$22,000 for the entire year of 1903. This very large increase in the annual offering shows clearly that the confidence of our people has been greatly strengthened by this move to Washington, and that now there will be more money than ever before for missions and other enterprises.

Those who love the great message of truth, love to support it, and they are greatly blessed in the actual giving. From a letter written shortly after the week of prayer I quote the following: "Our dear people still love the Message, and they love to *hear the facts*. Sabbath we made of first importance the subject of missions and the offering. . . . That was the best meeting I have attended for years; and the subject of the meeting was—Money, Money, Money! Missions, Missions, Missions. O, the people love to hear of all the good things that mean the closing up of the grand, old gospel work! and they are not tired of being asked for money for *such* purposes."

This is the spirit of him who was rich, and for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be-

come rich. Thank God, that spirit is with this people and this movement.

We are very glad to say that the response to the appeal for the one hundred thousand dollar fund, even on such short notice, is most encouraging. Not a day passes without a number of donations to this fund. But we are still waiting for a donation of \$1,000 to start the published list in the *Review*.

J. S. WASHBURN.



OHIO'S REPRESENTATIVES IN CHINA.

### CHINESE NEW YEARS.

At this writing, Feb. 24, 1904, we are in the midst of the Chinese New Year's season. We have now been in China three and a half months, and have seen many things of great interest, especially to a believer in the Third Angel's Message, and one of the most interesting is the Chinese New Year's. This holiday season does not come upon the same date every season, for the Chinese calendar of twelve months is

shorter than the calendar months in the States, as a result, every few years they have to add a month to the year. This year, New Year's occurred late, as they had a thirteen month year last year.

We were warned two weeks before this date that all our provisions and fuel for this holiday season would have to be secured one week previous, as every business house closed during this time. This certainly would be a

departure from what we had seen before, for the narrow streets have been crowded with bargain seekers and merchants from early morning to night. Besides this mass of people, the rice merchant spreads his baskets of grain out in the streets and occupies his full half of the narrow highway.

The carpenter has a bunch of logs in front of his shop extending to the middle of the road. The hide dealer imposes on the public by covering the section of the street in front of his place of business with a number of hides, thus causing the passers by to tramp on them and tan them for him. The dyer has succeeded in renting of his neighbor opposite him his portion of the street, and there he hangs the full strips of blue cloth across the full width. The barber, peripatetic cook, and butcher conduct their business entirely in the street, and the thought of seeing these streets clear was indeed comforting to us.

During the week of preparation for the New Year's, every merchant pushed his business to the utmost, selling every accessible thing, in order that he might have enough money to last him many days without working. According to the custom, every Chinaman should have a new garment for the New Year's, as this day marks his birthday. Those that are very proud (and most of them answer to this description) and are not able to buy a new garment, will rent one from the merchants for the

season and then return it. Besides the tailors being very busy during this time of preparation there are large numbers of men, women and children making fire crackers. They are the only people that work during the New Year's time.

It matters not whether a Chinaman is born on the fifth of March, fourth of December or second of January, he has his first birthday on the New Year's day and is counted one year old. They keep a very careful record of their age as a man is respected according to his age.

On the day previous to New Year's every family placed an inscription upon the door to their house, or immediately above it, which contained some wish or desire for the coming year. The day was ushered in by a terrible noise caused by the explosion of fire crackers, much the same as the Fourth of July is celebrated in the States, but with a much different motive, as the Chinese have no patriotism, or feeling of public spirit. To illustrate their feelings in this respect, I will give the experience of a missionary, who, when the last emperor died, thought he would test the people on this point; so rising up among a large crowd of Chinamen spoke with great enthusiasm, and expressed great anxiety in his remarks as to what step would be taken regarding his successor. He was soon interrupted in his remarks by a Chinaman who told him "that his tea was getting cold," and continued by telling him that the government would take care of itself, and the only thing that concerned them was to take care of themselves. Most of the Chinamen know that there is a queen residing at Pekin; but that is as far as their knowledge or interest goes.

The object to be obtained by firing the crackers is to secure the attention of their gods. They believe that if they can only make noise enough the gods will give them their attention and answer their prayers, at the same time the noise drives the devils away.

This land is truly the devil's kingdom, the people openly worship the devil. During this season of idleness, which lasts about two weeks, the people are given up to the worship of the devil and their idols. Here where the darkness is so great, we especially need the prayers and help of God's people in the home land. Your brother in the work of Christ.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

THE real want is of God's men to be multiplied—the fighting saints of the world.—R. J. Campbell.

## WITH THE WORKERS.

"BEAR the burden of the present, let the morrow bear its own;  
If the morning sky be pleasant, why the coming night bemoan?  
Grief nor pain nor any sorrow rends thy heart to him unknown;  
He to-day and he to-morrow grace sufficient gives his own."

### ELDER J. G. WOOD SURPRISED.

ONE of the most pleasant experiences of the Springfield church, was in the nature of a "surprise" on Elder J. G. Wood, who has been pastor of the church for the last three years.

It was the occasion of his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary, and the church members had planned to spend the day with him and his wife. It being more convenient for most of them to be present on Sunday, April 3, that day was chosen, rather than March 31, the day on which he passed his seventy-eighth milestone.

He was detained by the members of the building committee, at a business meeting, at our new church building, until 11 A. M. On his arrival at home he was ushered into the presence of those who had gathered, and the complete surprise, which it proved to be, deprived him for a few moments of his usual readiness of speech. His composure was soon regained, however, and he proceeded to make his guests as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

After partaking of a bountiful, but healthful dinner, a brief time was spent in social intercourse, when Elder Wood was decoyed into another part of the house, while a beautiful Morris chair was brought from its place of sequecy.

On his return the chair was presented to him, on behalf of the church, by another dear old patriarch, Abram McLellan, who is one of the charter members of the church, having been connected with it as elder, deacon, or treasurer since its organization twenty-six years ago. Elder Wood very touchingly acknowledged the small token of the high esteem in which his brethren and sisters held him "for his work's sake," and while seated in the chair, received congratulations.

His beautiful words of encouragement, admonition and blessing, spoken to each one, reminded us of the parting words of Jacob to his children; but we prayed that, unlike the experience of Jacob, this should not be his

last, but that he might live to see many happy returns of the day, and that we still might enjoy his counsel and the benefit of his long experience in the Lord's work.

KATHERINE E. MILLER.

Newport News, Virginia.

I AM pleased to report progress all along the line. Attendance at public service is small, but some come regularly and show deep interest. The deacon here has secured a little farm in the country to which he has moved his family. A good brother not of our faith yet, though a constant attendant and a close, careful student, now acts as janitor for us and can pass the offering basket like an old hand.

At Portsmouth, which is within my district, there is a marked change of late. The company of over twenty members has been increased by seven since January last, two by confession of faith last Sabbath. By unanimous vote the church offered to assist financially and personally in a series of meetings to be held at once and if a suitable place can be secured will begin soon. I go over to-morrow to meet the brethren and see what they have found, if any within a price we can reach.

Some two weeks since, at the request of the Executive Committee, I went over the western part of the State with Elder Hottel to study the field. We found most favorable openings for the summer campaign and for camp-meeting. We were gone some nine days, and saw some very fine country, and spiritually some very needy sections.

The strength of the church in this State lies in the famous Shenandoah valley. Here are a few strong companies and faithful souls. I saw where the first general meeting was held in the State, on a mountain side, with Elders Butler, Corliss, Huffman, and others present; and also ate dinner one Sabbath with a number of other important guests at the home of the first sister baptized in Virginia, I think they said some twenty-one years ago. Difficulties, and sometimes severe trials, the cause in the "Old Dominion" has had and now has; but God knows his own, and will deliver not a few, I believe, out of the ruins of "civil war" into the perfect peace of the kingdom of the Prince of Peace.

Two days ago the State en masse, from the governor to the humblest citizen, literally blockaded the streets of this city and congested her transporting facilities by land and sea at the launching of a mammoth ship of war, christened the "Virginia." The governor's little daughter some twelve years of age, "attractively attired in

white," broke the bottle of "native wine" on the monster's prow while men drove loose the blocks that let her slip down the ways into the deep water of the bay. The papers report that the governor said the part he taught his young daughter to act was most to be regretted, in that he had to school her in the "arts of war."

I suppose this is the largest shipyard and dry dock, and the best equipped in this country. It covers 120 acres of ground, they claim, and it looks like it. We did not attend the launching, but friends from Norfolk came to dinner, and in the afternoon a few of our Bible readers here came in and we had a Bible study and singing and a practice in the "arts of peace."

In our trip over the State we visited Richmond, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Staunton, Basic, Stanley, New Market, Charlottesville, and decided that Roanoke was most needy, possibly, with best apparent prospects for an early effort to be blessed. We join in Christian greetings to all laborers and laity in beloved Ohio.

M. S. BABCOCK.

Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the last report some victories have been gained for the cause in this part of the field. A few have begun the observance of the Sabbath, but the enemy is working hard. The Disciples are just organizing a church here, and the controversy with them is a hard one. They are always fighters, but on a field of contest as this is at present, they are bitter. I believe the Lord will give power to the presentation of his word, and save at least a few from the conflict.

We hope to get the work in shape here so that we can join Elder Horton in a few weeks' special effort in New Orleans in April and the fore part of May. A tent will be pitched there in a few days. The weather is fine now. Corn and cotton are well up, and much of it cultivated once. Strawberries are ripe, and every thing is pushing on toward the hot season.

Our health thus far is good, but the heat is beginning to show its effect by the characteristic weakening effect on the nerves. I am working all I can considering the necessary care of my body, and I believe with prudent attention to healthful living I shall be able to go through without fever. Pray for the work in this needy field.

C. A. WATKINS.

THE Bible seldom speaks, and certainly never its deepest, sweetest, words to those who always read in a hurry.

—Selected.

## EDUCATIONAL.

### IT IS NOT SO MUCH

WHAT you think as what you say.  
 What you earn as what you save.  
 What you sing as how you sing it.  
 What you want as what you need.  
 What you believe as what you do.  
 What you give as how you give it.  
 What your work as how it is done.  
 What you possess as how you use it.  
 What you profess as what you perform.  
 What you learn as what you remember.  
 What you write as the value of your thoughts.

—Selected.

### IN FORMER DAYS.

#### Digging for Truth.

"YES, if thou crieth after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Prov. 2: 3-5. The harmony of the system of truth as it appears in our literature of to-day, is admired by every true and honest seeker after truth.

But present truth has not always shone with the clearness of to-day. Somebody has had to search and dig for it in its native mine, and the treasures of to-day are the result of earnest and laborious effort. Here is a test. Take some passage of scripture which to you is obscure, and wrestle with it before God until its meaning is clear, then you will know what it means to dig for truth.

But you will say it is easier to get it from some one else. Granted, but somebody has to work for it, and why should not you labor, and wrestle, and pray, as well as some one else? Is it not a fact that ignorance of the Word of God betrays mental and spiritual indolence? If this is wrong, please correct me. God has no favorites, and the laborer is always rewarded.

Seventh-day Adventists had a good start in Bible knowledge, but they did not have it all. The way this knowledge has been obtained is well illustrated by the experience of Elder J. N. Andrews. It was early in the Message, and the subject of the sanctuary was being carefully studied. The frame work, so to speak, of this great truth was discerned, but the outline needed to be filled out, and Brother Andrews was working on it. He would take his pen and write as far as he could see the subject clearly, and then get down on his knees, and earnestly plead with God for light. When light came, he would

take his pen and write as far as he could, and then down on his knees again, and with earnestness and tears plead for more light.

In this way this great and precious truth was brought out plainly, and light on other points has been obtained in a similar manner by different ones. There is no reason why any person of ordinary intelligence should not be a good Bible scholar. Bible knowledge is obtained in precisely the same way as any other, namely, by diligent application; and the Teacher, the Holy Spirit, is always ready to assist. The usual excuse, "want of time," does not count, for it is self-evident that every person has all the time there is, and the way this time is used is more at the command of each one than most are willing to admit. A person always finds time to do what he is determined on doing.

D. HILDRETH.

### WHY THEY ARE POOR.

THEIR ideas are larger than their purses.

They think the world owes them a living.

They do not keep an account of their expenditures.

They are easy dupes of schemers and promoters.

They reverse the maxim,—“Duty before pleasure.”

They have too many and too expensive amusements.

They do not think it worth while to save nickels and dimes.

They have risked a competence in trying to get rich quickly.

They allow friends to impose upon their good nature and generosity.

They try to do what others expect of them, not what they can afford.

The parents are economical, but the children have extravagant ideas.

They do not do to-day what they can possibly put off until to-morrow.

They do not think it worth while to put contracts or agreements in writing.

They prefer to incur debt rather than to do work which they consider beneath them.

They do not dream that little mortgages on their homes can ever turn them out of doors.

They have endorsed their friends' notes or guaranteed payment just for accommodation.

They risk all their eggs in one basket when they are not in a position to watch or control it.

They think it will be time enough to begin to save for a rainy day when the rainy day comes.

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

THE Executive Committee of the Mount Vernon Academy met at Academia, April 6, 1904.

THE date for the summer school has been set for June 8 to July 20. Send to Academy for an announcement.

THERE are six candidates for graduation in the Academy this year: three from the Biblical course, two from the Scientific, and one from the Classical.

A GOOD quarterly meeting was held at Newark, Ohio, April 2. In this meeting, and in the one on the Friday evening before, the Spirit of God worked to move to confession of sin and to unite the hearts of the brethren and sisters.

WATCH, lest God's perpetually fresh revelations find your eyes closed and your soul shut; lest a spirit that might have opened to you a store of new and rich life, have roused in you possibilities of growth that may henceforward never wake again, should pass by you unnoticed.—*J. Edwin Ogden*.

FRED FAIRCHILD and Kenneth Haughey, with occasional assistance from Elder J. O. Miller, have been conducting a series of meetings in Mount Liberty, Ohio. They have the use of the First-day Adventist church of that place. There seems to be no prejudice, and a good interest is manifest. They will continue the meetings for a week or more yet.

WE take pleasure this week in presenting each of our readers a photograph of our missionaries to China, Drs. Harry and Maude Miller, in their Chinese costume. We know this favor will be specially appreciated by some, and generally so by all. Don't let your subscription to the VISITOR expire, for in working for missions it is hastening the coming kingdom: Go with us and we will do you good.

FROM the *Minnesota Worker* we learn that Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, formerly of the Ohio Conference, was elected president of Northern Union Conference at their recent session held at Milbank, S. Dak.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, APRIL 7, 1904.

WE are thankful for mild weather this week. With it we now have our church plastered ready for the finishing coat to-morrow. It also has on it the first coat of print, oil and ochre. We are very anxious to get it ready for occupancy. Yours in the faith,  
J. G. WOOD.

## CHURCH LETTERS.

WE find the following instruction concerning church letters in an exchange, and pass it on for the benefit of our readers: "The clerk of the church which you wish to join should be asked to write to the clerk of the church to which you now belong for your letter. Do not write it yourself, nor should the clerk, in sending it, send it to the church elder, but to the clerk. These are established rules, and should be faithfully followed. It has also been recommended that on moving from one place to another, even for a few months, that we transfer our church membership, thus throwing our influence and support to the church where we are located."

## WHY THEY ARE POOR.

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The head of the house is a good man, but he has not learned to do business in a businesslike way.

The only thing the daughters accomplish is to develop fondness for smart clothes and expensive jewelry.

They do not realize that one expensive habit may introduce them to a whole family of extravagant habits.

They do not know that giving a full power-of-attorney to an agent or lawyer puts their property at his mercy.

On a six-hundred-dollar income, they try to compete in appearance with a two-thousand-dollar-a-year neighbor.

They subscribe for everything that comes along,—organs, lightning rods, subscription books, pictures, bric-a-brac,—anything they can pay for on the installment plan.

They have not been able to make much in the business they understand best, but have thought that they could make a fortune by investing in something they know nothing about.—*Success*.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending April 1, 1904.)

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$22.40.

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$7.80.

WE have just received our first order for the special number of the *Southern Watchman*. Remember this is one way you can help the needy South. OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

## GOOD WORDS FOR THE WELCOME VISITOR.

ENCLOSED find twenty-five cents for my renewal of the WELCOME VISITOR. I enjoy reading it very much; and you know that isolated Sabbath-keepers would feel very lonely without the printed pages telling of the truth.

LOS ANGELES, CAL: Please note change of address. I am glad to have you come and read your pages with much interest. This leaves me well and of good courage. The weather has been fine here all winter. The roses are now in bloom and gardens are green.

## SHALL WE DO IT?

MORE than eighty thousand educated blind are appealing to us for something to read. Shall we turn them away, or shall we give it to them? This gospel of the kingdom must be preached to all the world, and especially to those in double darkness. We are printing for this class, and can supply hundreds, but we need financial support in order to meet the greater demand made upon us. Can you not give something to this worthy enterprise. Ohio has an institution for the blind, and this school is educating hundreds. But how? Simply to read, and a practical education is given them, but they receive no spiritual instruction; many go away worse for having entered the school. Address *Christian Record*, Battle Creek, Mich.

## OBITUARY.

BAUGHMAN.—On the 22d of March, 1904, Sister Catherine Baughman fell asleep at her home near Newark, Ohio, aged 45 years, 1 month, 22 days, and on the 24th we laid her to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Some six years ago our sister accepted the truth of the Third Angel's Message under the ministry of Elder A. G. Haughey, and ever since has been a faithful, consistent, working Christian. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.