

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY.

### LIFE'S SCARS.

THEY say the world is round, and yet  
I often think it square.  
So many little hurts we get  
From corners here and there.  
But one great truth in life I've found,  
While journeying to the West,  
The only folks who really wound  
Are those we love the best.

The man you thoroughly despise  
Can rouse your wrath 'tis true;  
Annoyance in your heart will rise  
At things most strangers do:  
But those are only passing ills,  
This rule all lives will prove;  
The rankling wound which aches and thrills  
Is dealt by hands we love.

The choicest *garb*, the sweetest *grace*,  
Are oft to strangers shown;  
The careless *mein*, the frowning face,  
Are given to our own.  
We flatter those we hardly know;  
We please the fleeting guest;  
And deal full many a thoughtless blow  
To those who love us best.

Love does not grow on every tree,  
Nor true hearts yearly bloom.  
Alas for those who only see  
This but across a tomb!  
But soon or late the fact grows plain  
To all, through sorrow's test:  
The only folks who give us pain  
Are those we love the best.

J. L. WHITE.

### THEY "NEVER HAD A CHANCE."

PROBABLY nine out of ten men past middle life, if asked how it happens that they are to-day only barely earning their living, would tell you that they "never had a chance;" that they were kept back, that circumstances were against them, that they had no opportunities, such as other boys around them had, or that they did not have the proper schooling or else plead some similar excuse.

The probabilities are that opportunity did visit every one of these men more than once in their youth or early manhood, but that they did not see that all good chances consisted in doing everything they undertook cheerfully, promptly, and just as well as it could be done.

As boys they did not look upon every errand as a chance to be polite, prompt, energetic; on every lesson in school as a foundation stone in their success-structure. They did not think

that the demoralizing hours of indolence and shiftlessness which they were weaving into the web of their lives would mar the fabric forever, and reproach them through all time. They did not realize that the impudent reply to their employer, the carelessness and indifference which they slipped into their their tasks, would come out as ghosts, in the future, to mar their happiness and success. They looked upon every duty shirked, the minutes they cut off from each end of a day, as so much galu. They did not realize that these things, which seemed so innocent, would grow into giant defects which would mar their future success.

They did not think that their slipshod methods, their careless attire, and their aggressive manners, would lie as great bars across the path of their future success, and keep them back from the goal of their ambitions.

The foregoing from the *Observer* voices the sentiment of every individual who has made a success in life in any line.

The people mentioned in the item do not think that all these things were the real causes of their being non-progressive, plodders when they might be continually trading on their talents and rising to new heights each year. The world needs men of opportunity, minute men. "Minute men," however, are not developed in a minute. How is it with you, reader, are you planning for something better?—*Selected.*

### THE TRIP FROM HANKOW CONTINUED.

MY last letter closed with Sister Pilquist better but still quite sick. After learning about her sickness I prescribed the treatment, ate a lunch, and taking a sedan chair returned to Si Hsien. These chairs are carried on the shoulders of two men. I was quite stiff from the long ride on the donkey, so could not stand returning on another. We made the trip in half a day; but forgetting to get extra cash, I had none for the day's journey, so could not buy food or hot water to drink.

When I reached Si Hsien it was about 3 P. M., and I planned on getting help from the mandarin to reach

the rafts as they had left in the morning for O-leng-gee; but just as I was about to enter the official's quarter it began to rain, so that left me in an uncertainty as to what to do, as it is impossible to travel after a rain in most conveyances.

I had none of our Chinamen with me to make the arrangements and I had to explain to them all my desires under these very difficult circumstances. Going in I was met by the mandarin. On explaining to him my situation, he invited me to be his guest until the road should be better. I felt very strange here, although he was very kind, but I was anxious to get on to the rafts.

I was there but a short time when in came several officials asking my name, age, where I was from, what was my native country, and how many brothers I had; how many Christians there were in Sin Tsai Hsien, etc. Then they began to tell about a sickness they had one after another until I had to promise to send a man from Sin Tsai when I reached home to give them some medicine.

They brought in my supper, and I relished it, I can assure you, although it was Chinese, as it was the only meal I had had that day and the day before. I had so much business to look after that I had time to eat only a couple small lunches as I could pick them up. Our bill of fare consisted of rice, beef or donkey, chicken and chicken broth, pork (fat meat), bread (Chinese mo-mo), fried cakes, tea and wine. I ate rice and fried cakes.

I told them I did not understand the half of Chinese manners and they would have to overlook my mistakes, as foreign manners and Chinese manners are not the same. Here I had a chance to learn more about Chinese etiquette, and the way business is carried on among them than ever before. In everything that was served I always had a double portion served me. For instance, the tea for me was in a bowl and that for the mandarin in a cup. My rice was in a large, deep serving dish and he had a bowl of rice and everything on this style. They gave me silver chop sticks and he used wooden sticks. He would often reach over in a dish and dip out something and put it on my plate. He gave

me a large piece of pork, which I detested, on my rice. I wanted to eat the whole dish of rice but could not now.

After finishing supper he offered me his opium pipe and tobacco pipe, but these so-called luxuries I had no use for. He then invited me to lie down on a couch, as he thought I was tired, and brought a silk robe and placed on me. In every way he made my stay as pleasant as he knew how.

I kept before him the fact that I was anxious to reach my destination. He showed me an old watch that he had bought, about like the dollar watches in the States. He spent most of his time smoking opium, drinking tea, and smoking tobacco. These men have no governing ability. He was very much afraid that we would report this case to the United States officials and he would lose his office because it happened in his territory.

Every hour during the night the soldiers would fire off an old gun, pound the doors, and beat an old drum to scare the devils away, but it did not seem to disturb the sleepy Chinese. On account of the smoke of opium in the room, my nasal passages and throat were irritated and congested, the effect lasting for several days. This made me the more anxious to continue my journey.

The Chinese could not understand why I should want to leave a place where they had so much to eat, and while the road was so muddy. They never know how to work or to do things under difficulties. In the morning the mandarin had four men come with a chair to convey me to O-leng-gee, a distance of forty-five miles. It required two days for the journey. I reached this place on the second day at about noon. Just as I had arrived I found that Dr. Selman also had just arrived with the rafts. So we again met and laid plans for the remainder of our trip.

The four men who were carrying me had a habit of sitting down every few miles and smoking. It was taking so much time that I got out of the chair and started on when they sat down to smoke, and walked as fast as I could, getting about a mile ahead of them. As I was a guest of the mandarin, these men were responsible for my comfort on this trip, and should I complain to the mandarin about them they would get a beating as the result. They ran with the chair to catch me when they saw I was so far ahead, and after that there was little smoking.

The first business Dr. Selman and I had to look after was to secure a boat to complete our trip. We had 120 miles by river to travel and fifty miles by land. So far the river was so

shallow that we could use only a raft but now it was deep and we used a house boat. It was not easy to secure this boat, as the man who owned it had a hundred schemes to get money out of us. At first he could not handle all our goods. Then we told him we could get another boat, so he decided to let us try it, and he put on part of it and said his boat was full. We looked around and told him he bargained to take all of it, and we could find room in the boat for it. Then we got it all on. His next scheme was to ask us to hire men to pull the boat. We informed him that was his business. He had several other schemes to get money from us, but we finally got started on our way. I will continue the narrative in the next letter.

We are all well and have passed the heat of summer without any serious sickness among us. We have been studying all the time when missionaries usually go to the mountains for the hot season. Grapes at present are in the market. China is not a barren land. It is a garden.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

#### CONSOLATION.

"ACROSS the fretful thoughts of strife.....  
The sordid thoughts of greed,  
Shines brightly one sweet day of life—  
His thought, who knows our need.

"What breast could bear its heart,  
Its stress of anguish keen,  
Without the day of peace and prayer,  
The thought of God, between?"

#### CLEANSING POWER.

LAKE TITICACA, in South America, has the peculiar quality that prevents metal from rusting in its waters. A chain or an anchor or any article of ordinary iron can be thrown into it and remain for weeks, and when it is hauled up it will be as clean and bright as when it came from the foundry. And, what is stranger still, rust that has been formed upon metallic objects elsewhere will peel off when immersed in its waters. This is frequently noticed by railway and steamship men. Rusty car wheels and rails, and even machinery, can be brightened by soaking them in the waters of this lake. There is a fountain that has the power to cleanse the stains of sin and guilt from the human heart. Cowper sings about it in his famous hymn,—

"There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Loose all their guilty stains."

—Selected.

## FROM THE WORKERS.

### REPORTS.

Cleveland.

THE impression may have gone out from the statement in last week's VISITOR that I have left my work in Cleveland to respond to the call referred to. However, I am still here, and expect to remain until I know the Lord would have me elsewhere. I have not chosen this because I feel it to be an easy place, but because I am convinced this is where the Lord would have me labor. The enemy, as with all, has sought to discourage me; but with increasing confidence in the promise, "My words shall not return unto me void," in his strength I endeavor to sow the seed, and trust him for the result.

One case I might mention, that of a gentleman from the country who heard not more than a half dozen readings last summer, and became convinced of the Sabbath. On his return home, he failed to do what he was fully persuaded was right. Early in the summer he lost a very valuable milch cow, and all of his crops failed. More and more the conviction of his duty pressed upon him until he decided to obey God's law, and now he is keeping the Sabbath. His knowledge of the truth is very limited; but he is very anxious for papers and books to read, that he may learn more of what is truth.

I am glad to have the privilege of working with heavenly intelligences for the salvation of precious souls for whom the Saviour died. Remember the work in this field, for it is a great and needy one, and we need your prayers. ALMEDA HAUGHEY.

Dowling.

SABBATH, September 24, we spent with the little company of believers who recently embraced the Message at Dowling, Wood County, as a result of a tent effort, the first part of the season, by Elder Francis M. Fairchild, John P. Gaede and J. O. Young who canvassed and did personal work from house to house.

Elder Fairchild administered the ordinance of baptism to eight willing souls in the forenoon, while the afternoon was spent in reviewing the different points of faith and an organization of eleven members was completed. All these have newly come to the faith and are in harmony on every point. Three others will go forward in the ordinance of baptism at their first opportunity.

Brethren Gaede and Young were both present to share with us in the joy resulting from their past efforts. A goodly number of brethren and sisters from Bowling Green, were also present at the baptismal services and rendered assistance, and by their presence contributed to the interest of the occasion.

We enjoyed this visit with these new converts and shall pray for their future prosperity and final triumph with the Message.

The election of necessary officers was deferred on account of sickness but will receive attention a few days hence.

May the closing gospel Message thus established in this new locality be faithfully lived out by those who profess to believe it that the glorious coming of Jesus may be hastened and an end be brought to the reign of sin.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

THINKING that the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR would like to hear from a portion southern Ohio, we submit the following report: After spending twenty-five days at Marysville, we went to Marshfield to meet with the church in their quarterly meeting service. The Lord came precious near. One more dear soul was united to the church. Encouraging testimonies were borne by the faithful ones. On the following Sunday we left for Battle Creek, to attend a board meeting.

Shortly after my arrival home my wife was taken very sick. We are glad to state at this writing that she is much better. I shall leave this week to meet with the church at Columbus upon their quarterly meeting occasion.

The ordinance meeting was held at Wheelersburg on last Sabbath. One adult brother was added to the church. The Spirit of the Lord was present throughout the entire service, bringing joy and gladness to the hearts of all present.

R. R. KENNEDY.

Rochester.

DEAR VISITOR: Since our last report we have witnessed the Lord's power. His presence is with us all the while; so much that we can feel it. The people come out from night to night to hear the truths presented to them in a straight and sharp way. The Lord gives us power in presenting them.

We have come to the place where we just take the Lord at his word, and then walk out by faith as little children and do what he tells us. Read Titus 1:13; Mark 16:15-20; James 5:14-16. Do we believe the Lord will do

what he says? If we do not, in whom are we trusting? The Lord says, Go forward; awake out of your sleepy condition; "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Last Wednesday night we came in from the service and before retiring had a short conversation together. Brother Morgan had been suffering for two or three days, and had slept very little during that time. There was a high wind, Satan seemed to be working in the atmosphere, and also very hard with the people. But the Lord was present with us. Sister Morgan was doing all she could to relieve him until one o'clock. With all her treatment and work, conditions grew worse. Brother Morgan then called to me and said that his suffering was more than he could bear, and said that he believed the Lord could heal him. We all were of the same mind. Sister Morgan then led in prayer and then Brother Morgan prayed. I then in the fear of God, followed out the instruction of the Word, and laid my hand upon him anointing his head with oil, and he was healed, and we praised the Lord. God is good and why should we not do what he tells us?

We are now seeing souls take their stand for the truth. We are of good courage, and are trusting the Lord in everything. The Message is onward.

F. E. GIBSON,

L. K. MORGAN.

#### THINGS TO FORGET.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the slander you have heard. Forget the fault-finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and remember only the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are.

Blot out, as far as possible, all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or, worse still, malice, will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.—*The Trumpeter*.

#### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S CONSCIENCE.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR was a conscientious worshiper of idols. That was the only religion he knew. He was more acceptable in God's sight in his idolatry than were the Jews with their boasted light and knowledge. Because of this God gave them into his hand. He took the golden vessels from Jerusalem and placed them in the most sacred place he had, his idolatrous temple. When brought forth by Cyrus, the number was found to be so exact they are mentioned in Ezra 1:7-11. When conscientiousness left the kingdom, God left it.

When Jerusalem was taken, "The captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, the Lord hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the Lord hath brought it and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains that were upon thine head." Jer. 40:2-4. He gave him an opportunity to go to Babylon and be cared for, or go to Egypt. "Whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go," were the words of the king's messenger.

Nebuchadnezzar had a conscience in this matter and showed a knowledge of God and the testimonies concerning Jerusalem. Three times the Lord called him and in each instance he responded and acknowledged God as the All-wise and Powerful Being, and heralded the news to the ends of the earth. Dan. 2:47-49; 3:25-29; 4:1-3, 37. We have no evidence that he ever relapsed back into idolatry after the last call. He also acknowledged a personal God and the ministrations of angels. Dan. 3:25, 28.

Saul of Tarsus from his youth had a good conscience even when he persecuted the church of God. Acts 23:1; 26:1-11. God never leaves a man to be destroyed who is faithful to his conscience. God regards more the conscientiousness of men than their knowledge or high sounding titles. I Cor. 8. It is the business of every worker in the cause of God to educate the conscience, and not to lead men to violate it. It is the nicest work ever committed to mortals. Daniel and his brethren did this by word and example in the court of the king.—*Selected*.

THE word of God is the most perfect educational book in our world.—*Special Testimony*, p. 19.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Oct. 7 at 5:34 P. M.

BROTHER FRED FAIRCHILD lost a valuable horse last week, the result of stepping on a nail.

BROTHER JAMES SHULTZ and wife, and Brother Row and wife, of Clyde, O., have become residents of Academia. We are glad to have them with us.

ELDER J. O. MILLER has returned to Academia, the tent meeting at Marysville having closed Sunday evening. He reports six new Sabbath keepers.

Do not complain about not receiving your WELCOME VISITOR, if you have changed your address and failed to inform the office of the new address.

We are indeed grateful to the Sabbath-school secretaries who have sent their quarterly reports so promptly to the office. We trust the others will follow their good example.

THE church at Elgin, O., held the annual Ingathering Service, Sabbath, October 1. We hope to have a full report of the meeting for the next edition of the WELCOME VISITOR.

We are glad to report that the call to service is both being heard and heeded. Men and means are forthcoming as the need is made plain and the Holy Spirit is allowed to lead.

"ANGER is a thing that comes in a hurry and leaves you to regret its coming the rest of your natural life." "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

MARRIED.—At the close of the Sabbath, Aug. 27, 1904, Brother Pulaski Hewitt was married to Miss Daisie Wharton. The ceremony was performed at the home of Brother Hewitt in the presence of a number of relatives and invited guests, who join the writer in wishing them a happy life in the service of the Master. The contracting parties are both members of the Marshfield church.

R. R. KENNEDY.

RICE and dried fish is the principle food of the Japanese army in campaigning times. The rice is boiled until quite thick and glutinous, and then cut into squares. When possible, fruit is substituted for fish. The Japanese soldier has muscles like whipcord, is a sure shot, has an eye for landmarks, and a memory for locality. He can do with three hours sleep out of the twenty-four, is cleanly, attends to sanitary instruction, and is ardently patriotic. He costs the state about nine cents a day, and thinks himself well off.—*The Brown Book of Boston.*

## LIFE AND HEALTH.

THE October number of the *Life and Health* is now ready. This issue is in all respects the best number published. Some of its interesting matter will be found in Dr. J. R. Loadsworth's discussion of the great increase of suicide and the most potent means of combating the evil. Eustace H. Miles, M. A., a noted athlete, who is no less famous in literary and educational lines, has succeeded by careful observation and experiment in the matter of diet in greatly increasing his health and efficiency. His story is told in the October issue, and will be interesting and profitable. The series of articles beginning with the October issue entitled: "My Experience With Water Treatments," written by one who had no teacher except good judgment, will be of practical value to all. The specially interesting "Household Department" will be of great value.

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## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 16, 1904.)

Alice Edwards, Findlay.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$17; helps, \$2.65; total, \$19.65.

Laura E. Young, Findlay.—Coming King: value of orders, \$5; helps, \$9.50; total, \$14.50.

## TITHE RECEIPTS.

SEPTEMBER, 1904.

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Ashland.....	.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13.60	.....
Beaver.....	.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	21.15	.....
Bellville.....	18.55	.....
Bowling Green.....	32.50	.....
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Brokaw.....	.....	.....
Broughton.....	.....	.....
Camden.....	3.60	.....
Canton.....	14.65	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	11.12	.....

Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	112.55
Cleveland.....	198.70
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Columbus.....	166.34
Dayton.....	74.97
Defiance.....	12.45
Delaware.....	1.50
Dunkirk.....	7.00
East Liverpool.....	15.00
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Geneva.....	18.20
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Newark.....	41.88
Norwalk.....	.....
Olivet.....	9.10
Pemberville.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	19.16
Reedsville.....	.28
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Rowsburg.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sherwood.....	10.00
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
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Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	7.75
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Youngstown.....	15.32
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## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES, SEPTEMBER, 1904.

Tithe.....	\$1,101.57
Ohio Tract Society.....	843.90
First Day Offering.....	28.09
Sabbath-school Donations.....	70.15
Academy Debt.....	30.00
Washington, D. C., work.....	28.70
China.....	8.75
Haskell Home.....	2.00
Nashville Work.....	5.00
India Work.....	1,000.00
Total.....	\$2,618.16
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