

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

OUR yet unfinished story
Is tending all to this:
To God the greatest glory,
To us the greatest bliss.
Our plans may be disjointed.
But we may calmly rest:
What God has once appointed
Is better than our best.

And when amid our blindness
His disappointments fall,
We trust his loving kindness
Whose wisdom sends them all.
They are the purple fringes
That hide his glorious feet;
They are the fire-wrought hinges
Where truth and mercy meet.

No shattered box of ointment
We ever need regret,
For out of disappointment
Flow sweetest odors yet.
The discord that involveth
Some startling change of key,
The Master's hand resolveth
In richest harmony.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

AN ECHO FROM THE INDIA CONFERENCE.

DEAR VISITOR: All who have accepted this truth will remember the first feeling that animated them, viz., the desire to share these good things with others. It is with a feeling very akin to this that we are now writing.

Last week during our blessed week of prayer we felt that God was richly blessing us and truly we were refreshed; but since the conference has been in session we have seen that the best of the feast was reserved until the last.

What to us has seemed the most choice of all the good things has been the reports from the laborers.

We will attempt the reproduction of the gist of the reports given yesterday and to-day. Words can give no adequate conception of the impression made by these reports, for words seem lifeless things, but we pray that the same Spirit which was so manifestly present in the meetings may use these words to press upon every heart the burden of the work.

Brother W. A. Barlow reported the work being done among the Santhals, one of the peoples of the plains country. In the first part of his talk he thanked the Lord with great fer-

veny for having shown him this Message. I never saw a man who seemed to appreciate the distinctive features of our faith more. It will be of interest to Ohioans to know that Brother I. D. Richardson was the instrument used by God to reach Brother Barlow. As I heard him even bless the day on which the light came to him. I thought, "If Brother Richardson could but hear this he would ever look with pleasure upon the time spent in India."

Brother Barlow was for ten years in the employ of the English church. For the last five years he has been seeking to give the *everlasting* gospel as enjoined in Rev. 14:6-12.

When he began his work at Simultala he had no money and no land. For the first three months he lived in a tent. Sometimes when the storms were on, this would be blown down but God always protected the lives of the family. After a time he built a hut. This was covered with thatched roof and had a mud floor but said he, "It was a palace to me because God was there." He was stricken with Asiatic cholera but his life was precious and he was spared.

Seeing that "the people were so many," he started a school to educate helpers. For months he taught two boys. Now he has twenty. On Sabbath he takes the boys and goes among the villages. The people are fond of singing so he has taught gospel songs to the students. In every village there is a platform where all disputes are settled, where marriages are celebrated, etc. After the singing, one of the boys who can read, does so and gives a testimony of God's love. Some of the boys have come a distance of sixty miles to find a school. They are so anxious to learn that they walk long distances.

God has so blessed that now there is a goodly tract of land under cultivation. He has one line of fruit trees five miles long. You see this is a large number.

There is especial need of a girls' school being opened at Simultala. To teach the boys is not sufficient, for if they become Christians and should marry heathen wives their work would be much handicapped. Then often no woman could be found who would

marry them at all. One boy has met this experience. He was engaged but the engagement has been broken. The divorce ceremony, as the engagement breaking is termed, is interesting. The parties come to the public platform and are asked a number of times if they desire to disannul their pledges. If they answer in the affirmative a leaf of the banyan tree, which is sacred among the Santhals, is torn in two and a piece given each party.

Brother Barlow brought one of the boys down to the meeting and we were impressed by seeing this boy sit right down at his feet: nor could he be persuaded to sit upon a chair. Whenever Brother Barlow arose he did so too. These two sang a song in the Santhal language. Never in our lives were we so touched before. This boy stood in native simplicity and sang, "When he cometh, when he cometh to make ~~to make up his jewels.~~" He sang with evident pleasure and so the chorus was sung "like the stars of the morning his bright crown adorneth," etc, many a tear of joy was shed. Oh brethren, if you could but see! If the field as it is could but be portrayed; if the darkness could be felt at home as here, more would come. This letter is so long I'll give the other experience next week. Pray for us.

H. H. VOTAW,
MRS. H. H. VOTAW.

PROF. F. W. FIELD writes from Japan, soon after his return from Korea: "It does encourage us so much to know that the home conferences are taking hold so actively in fields beyond their own borders. How else can these countless Oriental millions be reached? We hardly dare think of the great work to be done; it seems so great for the means we have to do with. If anywhere strong faith in this Message is needed, it is out among the great masses that have never even heard of the true God. So every move in the home field to spread the light in the vast regions beyond is a great encouragement to lonely toilers in these dark regions."

Two have recently been baptized in Japan—a brother in Kobe, and a sister in Tokyo.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE.

THE first year or two of my experience as a missionary for God in the canvassing work I used to wonder if I would ever be privileged to see any results of my work.

To-day I am visiting with a dear brother and his companion who are rejoicing in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour as the result of reading a book which I sold them ten years ago. When I sold the book I engaged a night's lodging with them. That evening as we talked I could see that they were straight on the nature of man and so I gave them a Bible reading on the subject to establish them more firmly, if possible, and the next morning left them not to return until I made my delivery. This brother took up the book ("Great Controversy") and read it from time to time, and finally learned who changed the Sabbath; then he began to tell his neighbors until some called him a Seventh-day Adventist. Last autumn two of our ministers began meetings near his place. He knew little of them and they nothing of him until one of his neighbors told one of the ministers that this brother was a Seventh-day Adventist. On hearing this one of the brethren went out to meet him and to-day he is with us. One sows the seed, another waters, and God gives the increase.

The same autumn Brother E. E. Cooper and myself went into Butler County. We wanted to get a room with a farmer so as to be out in the country, so we asked the Lord on Monday morning to direct us (as we went out into the country to canvass) to the very home where he would have us locate. This he did, and on Monday afternoon I found the place. There were five who stepped out to obey, but some of the seed fell on stony ground, yet I was pleased to learn only a few days ago that two (the man and his wife) were still firm in the truth.

The next year but one, Brother U. G. Leonard and I went to Vinton County, and some time ago I learned that a man to whom Brother Leonard sold "Bible Readings" has begun to keep the Sabbath.

The next year I went to India, and one day as I was canvassing I came to a house where two ministers were living and I canvassed one, took his order and then the other one began on me as he knew of Seventh-day Adventists. I calmly answered him in scriptural language while the other

minister looked on and considered our talk and occasionally looked up the references which I gave and he became convinced and later began to obey. So while I am sleeping he is working. This was our dear Brother W. A. Barlow whose name appears frequently in the *Review and Herald* as superintendant of the Santal Mission and Training School.

It rejoices me greatly that God has given me such a high calling. I suppose there are others who have come to a knowledge of and obedience to the truth from reading books which have come to them through my hands, with God's blessing, which I know not of, for I remember reading an article in the *Review and Herald* by Prof. J. L. Shaw, of India, when he remarked that, if some of the canvassers who sold books and papers in India could now see the results of their work that they would be greatly rejoiced.

Come, brethren, let us take hold of this great work. There is no more important work that you can engage in. Souls are perishing without light and what are you doing?

"Heir of the kingdom, O why dost thou slumber?"

Why art thou sleeping so near thy blest home? Wake thee, arouse thee, and gird on thine armor,

Speed, for the moments are hurrying on."

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Enclosed please find twenty-five cents in postage stamps to renew my subscription to the VISITOR for the coming year.

I love to read of the progress of the Lord's work in all its branches. My prayers and sympathies are with the missionaries who have gone to foreign lands to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, and I rejoice to read their reports of success in the work. We praise the Lord that the Ohio Conference has taken the forward movement in the missionary work, and is sending so many consecrated workers to that field.

When I read Brother I. D. Richardson's letter in the VISITOR of February 1, calling for "at least one hundred men and women" to go out as canvassers and work for the salvation of souls, here in our own land, I thought of the years in the past, when there were so many more engaged in the canvassing work than now, and I wonder that it is so. I received the Third Angel's Message in 1880. Soon after I began canvassing for "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." Although in poor health, I worked at times until I could go no farther, and still I could not give up the work. I longed to have other honest souls enlightened and prepared

for the coming of the Lord. Oh, I wish I could tell all the blessed experiences I have had in the canvassing work! I am sure some of your readers would not longer remain at home, but would answer the earnest call for canvassers and say, "Here am I, send me."

I am old and weak, but if I were younger and had the health and strength that many of our dear brothers and sisters have, I should love to carry the knowledge of present truth to perishing souls. My earnest prayer is that hundreds of consecrated canvassers may arise, and "go from house to house selling the books which will save these souls and give them hope."

My earnest prayer is that there may be a great revival of the canvassing work. God will surely bless every consecrated canvasser.

RETTA WEATHERBY.

Springfield.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: On January 14 and 15 we were favored with a visit from our Field Secretary, Brother Richardson. He gave us an excellent talk on canvassing and missionary work. On Monday he called on us, and we had a very enjoyable time, as we reviewed the past as canvassers, and the blessings received at the Canvassers' Institute. We felt as if we would like in some way to rejuvenate the work and start it afresh. The experiences of past work are worth not a little to us, and when we have any one belittle the canvassing work we rise up in holy indignation. But for a faithful canvasser, we would not be in the truth to-day. We know that a live canvasser preaches a sermon in every home he enters, and God always accompanies them. We earnestly pray that this work may have a speedy revival, and so hasten the coming of our blessed Lord. Yours in this hope,

MRS. NETTIE E. GRAVES.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

IT was my privilege to spend a few days with the Elgin church. I found there a company of earnest believers interested in the study of the Message, anxious for its advancement, and willing for service.

At Mendon attention has been given to repairing the church building. This move has given others a chance to co-operate with our people. The interest and liberality manifested has been a source of encouragement. Through many discouragements the little company has continued faithful, and they are now anxious for a series of meetings that the truth may be more firmly established.

Upon arriving at Walnut Grove I found every thing prepared for the District Meeting, and the church anticipating a good meeting.

The churches at Elgin and Mendon were well represented, and the outside attendance was very good at every meeting. We were all much disappointed that on account of sickness we were deprived of the services of Elder Burkholder and Elder Van Horn. Brother James Shultz was with us and rendered valuable assistance. The time on Sabbath was devoted to the Young People's work. The importance of this work was impressed upon every mind by many encouraging reports of the assistance rendered the laborers in other lands as well as the home work.

On Sunday the time was given to the consideration of our position before the world as a people; what the Sabbath is and its demands upon us that we may, not in the sight of men, but in the sight of heaven be declared to be the people "That keep the commandments of God;" and the duties we owe one to another, that we may be the church without blemish. The church having made selection of officers for the year, they were set apart to their respective duties at the close of the afternoon meeting. A little later we gathered at the water, and all hearts were filled with joy as we witnessed the son of a former brother and fellow laborer in the cause go forward in the ordinance of baptism. The evenings were devoted to services intended to interest and benefit not only our people but many others that showed by their attention their interest in our work. The weather being all that could be desired enabled us to have a good attendance at every meeting.

We are all grateful for the blessing of the Lord and trust that through the influence of his Spirit this precious season together may result in much good to all. A. C. SHANNON.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE our last report we have visited Springfield, Morrow, Dayton, Cincinnati and Hamilton. At Springfield we found the brethren to be of good cheer. Elder Wood is still actively engaged in his pastoral duties for the church. Sister Wood is failing some in health, and should be remembered in our prayers. Eternity only will tell the burdens that have been borne by these faithful sisters in the home while their husbands have been abroad preaching the word. This is especially true of our old pioneers in the Message. These dear old people have been spared to us for a benedic-

tion to our work to inspire us with courage and faith that we may rejoice in the hope of the soon coming of our dear Saviour to set his people free from the infirmities of the flesh.

Our next stopping point was at Dayton, where we met Brethren Thurber and Hottis and families, and Brother Zebold. These dear ones were all of good courage. The church school is doing well under the management of Brother Thurber who seems to be putting his whole soul into the work that he may impart that vitalizing energy which is received only through the contact of mind with mind, and soul with soul, which was first learned in the school of Christ. This is the true higher education which lays the foundation for all true science and knowledge.

We next visited Morrow where we met Brother Floyd Gibson. After enjoying a good wholesome dinner prepared by Brother Gibson's own hands, we visited four families, where we found individuals that had begun to keep the Sabbath and were rejoicing in the truth. In the evening we walked out into the country where we stayed all night with an old soldier and his wife, who are now volunteers in the ranks of those who are holding the banner of the Third Angel's Message.

We next visited Cincinnati where we had the privilege of meeting with dear ones in their Sabbath service. The Lord blessed in the service and it was good to be there. We found the workers at this place were well received by the church. They are all working hard to disseminate the truth so that "a seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation." Ps. 22:30.

R. R. KENNEDY.

"YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD."

It will be encouraging to those who have been engaged in the circulation of the petitions against the passage of the Sunday bills now pending in Congress to know that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

Letters are being received almost daily from Congressmen to whom petitions and letters have been sent, expressing their gratitude in having their attention called to these bills, for some were not aware of their existence until we had brought the matter to their attention.

We were told by a prominent Congressman the other day that he thought there was little chance of this matter coming up at this session of Congress, for the "Seventh-day Folks" were opposing it. I might add that at this

point in our interview he did not know that we were "Seventh-day Folks." He farther said that it was generally understood that there was opposition to the measure. He made reference to the opposition to the measure several times during the interview, indicating that a most decided impression had been made upon the minds of Congressmen by the "Seventh-day Folks."

Should these bills fail to pass at this session of Congress we would certainly feel that our labor had not been in vain in the Lord in putting forth the little effort that we have exerted to stem the tide of Sunday legislation now before Congress.

We are pleased to say that it has been demonstrated that good and effective work can still be done in the circulation of petitions, supplying the Congressmen with literature, writing them and in personal interviews.

It is possible that some may not distinguish the one who is engaged as a lobbyist to secure some religious measure enacted into law, and the one who is there to protest and oppose all such legislation, and also bring to their attention the message of truth for these times. The difference between the mission of these two classes is as great as the difference between light and darkness, heaven and earth, or righteousness and sin.

Our labors will not be over for Congressmen and other men who occupy places of great responsibility in the world until every effort has been exhausted to bring them to a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message.

We trust that the idea will not be obtained from this article that there is any certainty that these bills may not be passed before Congress closes, for pressure may be brought to bear upon the law-makers by the promoters of Sunday legislation in the great rush that is always incident just before Congress closes, and it will be especially so this session in view of the approaching inauguration.

K. C. RUSSEL.

REASONS FOR LEAN CHRISTIANS.

THEY own Bibles, but feed on newspapers.

They sing about peace, but do not surrender to get it.

They pray that the kingdom of heaven may come, but block the way by worldly living.

They listen to sermons on unselfishness, but pamper themselves in food and dress.

They wear crosses, but shrink from bearing them.

They praise Christ with their lips, but declare the things he did to be wholly impractical now.—Selected.

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DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 7.

A GENERAL meeting for Districts 1 and 7 will be held at Springfield, O., beginning Friday evening, February 24, and continuing until Sunday evening, February 26. A cordial invitation is extended to all members in these Districts, and a good attendance is desired. The following program has been arranged, and we trust much good will result from the consideration of each subject:—

FRIDAY.

7:30 P. M.—Organization.

ELDER J. G. WOOD.

SABBATH.

9:30 A. M.—Sabbath-school

10:45 A. M.—The Setting of the Gospel for this Generation.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER.

2:30 P. M.—Education.

R. B. THURBER.

3:15 P. M.—Special Help for the Youth.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

4:00 P. M.—Our Obligation to the Lord.

C. T. REDFIELD.

SUNDAY.

9:30 A. M.—House to House Work.

ANNA E. SMITH.

10:15 A. M.—The Power for Witnessing.

HORTENSE HOWELL.

11:00 A. M.—The Sealing and the Salvation of His Saints.

F. E. GIBSON.

2:30 P. M.—The Most Rapid Method to Spread the Message.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

3:15 P. M.—The Establishment of the Truth in New Fields.

C. A. PEDICORD.

4:00 P. M.—Pastoral Work.

ELDER E. J. VAN HORN.

SUNDAY EVENING.

7:30 P. M.—The Triumph of the Gospel.

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY.

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A CANVASSER'S INSTITUTE.

AS it is only one more month until our Institute begins, I am desirous of hearing from each one who expects to attend. Please write immediately so I can arrange for your entertainment. Only those who enter the work will be entertained free of cost. Brother J. B. Blosser, Field Secretary of Lake Union Conference, will give instructions in Theory and Practice of Canvassing. Brother C. A. Pedicord who has had years of experience in canvassing work and myself will conduct book study and the relation of the canvasser to the tract society. Elder M. C. Kirkendall, who is Bible teacher at the Academy, will conduct such Bible study as a canvasser finds himself in need of when in the field. Elder Kirkendall also has had years of experience in the canvassing work. The Institute will be held at Academia from March 14 to April 1.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Feb. 3, 1905.)

Kittie M. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 7½ hours; value of orders, \$10.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$13.25.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$54.95.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

JANUARY, 1905.

Akron.....	\$ 88.43
Alliance.....	17.80
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellyville.....	11.50
Bowling Green.....	128.18
Brokaw.....	4.70
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	94.72
Canton.....	10.18
Chagrin Falls.....	35.47
Chillicothe.....	15.56
Cincinnati.....	125.40
Cleveland.....	154.76
Clyde.....	34.68
Columbus.....	120.38
Conneaut.....	.....
Corsica.....	72.86
Coshocton.....	55.99
Cygnets.....	34.91
Dayton.....	42.38
Defiance.....	105.52
Delaware.....	.....

Dowling.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	4.60
East Liverpool.....	.....
Elgin.....	64.50
Fairfield.....	6.50
Findlay.....	28.81
Geneva.....	15.54
Grand River.....	5.00
Green Spring.....	24.85
Hamilton.....	19.85
Hamler.....	106.95
Hicksville.....	44.72
Jackson.....	1.20
Kenilworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	38.78
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	119.39
Lake View.....	8.94
Laura.....	20.49
Leesburg.....	30.01
Lewistown.....	5.00
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	10.25
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	63.67
Marshfield.....	.....
Marysville.....	7.66
Meigs.....	5.00
Mendon.....	16.00
Middletown.....	20.88
Mineral.....	.....
Morrow.....	2.60
Mount Vernon.....	123.21
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	96.93
Norwalk.....	9.00
Olivet.....	3.65
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	2.50
Pleasant Hill.....	32.20
Reedsville.....	.....
Roswell.....	7.42
Rowsburg.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	5.00
Sherwood.....	35.00
Sidney.....	4.56
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	19.00
Springfield.....	78.02
Toledo.....	162.65
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	9.23
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	90.23
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	30.25
Wengerlawn.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	30.22
Wheelersburg.....	128.62
Wilmington.....	20.90
Youngstown.....	53.10
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	114.90

Total.....\$2,967.05

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES,
DECEMBER, 1904.

Tithe.....	\$2,967.05
Ohio Tract Society.....	584.18
First Day Offering.....	103.78
Sabbath-school Donations.....	246.09
Haskell and J. White Homes.....	5.16
Annual Offering.....	465.83
India.....	2.32
Washington, D. C., work.....	58.00
Southern Field.....	10.51
Young People's Society.....	16.58
Africa.....	4.65
Egypt.....	1.25
Total.....	\$4,455.00

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*