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

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## MISSIONARY.

### A CERTAINTY.

O, PASSING strange it seems to me,  
That in a world so bright,  
So many souls cry, wearily.  
"O Father, show us light."

Strange that so many questions rise  
To which no answer's given,  
And strange that doubts can ever come  
Between a soul and heaven.

But there is one sure thing I know,—  
I feel it more and more,—  
That human sympathy is sweet  
To hearts all shadowed o'er

The friendly clasping of a hand,  
The patient, listening ear,  
The kindly glance of eye to eye,  
The answering smile or tear.—

That these are gifts beyond all price  
Must stand forever true,  
And he who gives them to a soul  
A noble work doth do.

Then if no gold is thine to give,  
Though low thy lot may be,  
There is a treasure all may give,—  
The gift of sympathy.

MARY H. ROWLAND.

### CHINA.

SHANG TSAI HSIEN, HONAN, CHINA.  
*Via Hankow, China, March 2, 1905.*  
MRS. N. E. GRAVES,  
*Springfield, Ohio.*

DEAR SISTER: Since receiving your letter some few weeks have passed, which is a matter of regret, but our work has been very heavy and Mrs. Miller has not yet fully recuperated from the heat of last summer which was trying on all of us, but she seemed most susceptible to climatic changes. There are no health retreats in central China, but we find that the principles of healthful living can be conformed to even in central China.

Your letter was an inspiration to us and we trust that in the future we may be able to communicate with you more frequently.

This is March 2, and a beautiful day. The birds sing here just as they do in America, so that while we are separated from our Christian friends, we are in contact with God and nature. And we can look upon the same sun, moon and stars. But the people are as the people of another world as far as being like Americans in customs.

Last week we had a council of all our workers here in China. Brother J. N. Anderson, from Canton, China, was with us. Dr. A. C. Selman and wife, Elder E. Pilquist and Misses Erickson and Simpson came from their station. It was our first conference and a very valuable meeting to all of us. We decided to begin the publication of literature in Chinese, the printing press will be located at Shang Tsai. Brother Anderson will represent our stations at the coming conference. We have eight workers in Honan and expect at least two more companies of workers to join us in 1905. We have a large field, and must get workers on the ground as it takes time to get the language. All our workers expressed themselves as encouraged with the past year's work and that they loved the Chinese. We never think of them as they are thought of in the States. We find they are men of like passions as we, and have wisdom, and can readily be taught the gospel, although we think it is more difficult for them to take a stand for the truth, and fully believe it. They have been fooled so many times by their priests that they can not believe the reality of things.

We expect to open a school for Chinese boys and girls. We have several applicants and have a good school room, and trust we may shortly be able to place the possibility of an education before these youth. We are not able to finance this enterprise as yet, although five or six dollars a month would support a school of ten boys. We constantly see so many needs in a field like this, that we have to consider which is most important. Just now a fact, which all the Chinese speak of, is that there are more illiterate Chinese now than at any previous age in the history whole of China.

China is a nation in a state of decay,—no incentive to move forward,—and it will take an enormous amount Western "push" to awaken her. We haven't the high aspiration of other missionaries to convert China as a nation, but hope to reach some individuals in the nation by the power of the gospel. The other denominations are lowering the standard of requirement for church membership as much

as possible, allowing their members to smoke and believe in the immortality of their ancestors, etc., so that it is a very small step from Buddhism to Christianity. We can not point to a broad way, but to the narrow, straight path, and sacrifice.

I can not write you the peculiarities of the Chinese now as I could a year ago for they do not seem peculiar to us any more. We think of them as we did of our neighbors at home. We can not criticize their dress as we wear it and find it most comfortable. We can secure quite good flour here. They raise a variety of potatoes which we can use. Buckwheat flour, sweet potatoes, eggs, rice, pears, onions, celery, peanuts and cabbage help to fill up our bill of fare from the native products at this time of the year. Although we have winters here, so that it freezes ice, still vegetables are on the market the year around. The principle article of diet here is wheat. The people are not able to buy rice. Flour is one cent per pound.

We have four Chinese enquirers that have expressed their desire to be baptized, but we are learning to go slow with them as they often are premature in their convictions. They must know this gospel and it takes time to present it fully, but we hope to lead these men, all of whom are teachers, to a knowledge of the true God. Pray for them. We hope to hear from you soon, I mean by soon, three months, as it takes that long for my letter to reach you and get a reply. Also wish to thank you for your interest in this needy field. Your brother in the Master's service.

H. W. MILLER.

### CANVASSING IN INDIA.

Just before entering a town we always ask God to help us find a place in which to stop while there. The canvasser is much more dependent on the people here than at home. There are no boarding houses or hotels here. In some of the towns there is the Dak Bungalow, a public building, but you are mostly at the mercy of strangers for a home. We entered a town one Sunday afternoon, and started out to find a room. We

went from house to house, "No room," "No room," was the cry until we became almost discouraged. At last just before dark we found two vacant rooms which we were told we could have for a few days. Although there was not one piece of furniture in them we knelt and thanked God for the covering over our heads. As we made our beds on the hard floor that night our hearts were heavy. We were lonesome and our Heavenly Father knew it. He again came to our rescue. When we rented the rooms we happened to mention we were vegetarians and did our own cooking. Somehow this came to the ears of the woman who lived upstairs. Just when we needed a friend, she came down to us and told us her husband was a vegetarian, and hearing we were, she felt there was a bond between us, and came to make our acquaintance. She at once ordered a bed, table and chairs, knowing we were so uncomfortable below her. During our stay there she sent us many a nice vegetarian dish. They took exceptions to our belief, but when we left them, this good woman bid us goodbye with tears in her eyes.

At this place we canvassed a woman who is reading herself into the truth. She has taken the *Oriental Watchman* four years and has read "Coming King" and "Object Lessons." She told us the Lord would soon come as the signs are fast fulfilling. The same day we canvassed a native physician. He has been taking the *Good Health* for some time. He has given up the practice of medicine because he cannot use drugs. He says the *Good Health* exactly meets his views, and he wishes it could be placed in every home in India. He would have me sit down and tell him something of our manner of treating the sick. We get many of the natives to subscribe for our papers and buy our books. Of course they do not believe in our God and he alone knows the result of placing the literature in their homes. The educated classes like to read, and those who read English are pleased to have us call upon them, and if they have the money subscribe for our papers and buy our book.

One morning we stopped in a small railway station of perhaps a dozen houses, expecting to go on by the next train. I canvassed seven houses, and took subscriptions for our papers in all but one. Of course we do not always meet with like success; but canvassing in India as a whole is much more pleasant than at home. How I should like to be able to speak the language that I might gather the native children about me and tell them of a Saviour's love! If my companion

stops to ask a question of a native many of them gather about us to hear what is being said. We never enter a native village but what I am reminded of bees in a hive. So many live in one little hut and the huts are one against the other. We have opportunity occasionally to hold a Bible reading as we canvass, and often have the privilege of calling the attention of some one to some phase of the Message. God is good to us, and we are thankful for a part in the work here in India.

DELLA BURROWAY.

#### BE NOT WEARY IN WELL-DOING.

OUR churches are often appealed to for gifts and offerings to aid missionary enterprises in the home field, and to sustain foreign missionary work. Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us for the up-building of the cause. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. Recent developments in Washington show that the removal of the General Conference offices to that city was a right move, and a move made none too soon.

As soon as the sum asked for the work in Washington is made up, other important cities must receive consideration. Our churches have shown much liberality, but they have not done all that they are able to do. Some have carried very heavy burdens, but there are others who are not willing to deny self. I appeal to every family of believers in our land to consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving, pledging themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means within their power. Let the older ones repress the desires to gratify self, and let the children be taught to save their pennies for the Lord. Let parents take up the cross of self-sacrifice, which lies so plainly in the pathway to holiness. Let the young men and young women who are tempted to expend means to gratify self say, "No! I will not rob the cause of God by spending money for that which is useless."

Let the students in our schools and the children in our Sabbath-schools be diligently trained in liberality. Short, interesting articles should be prepared for their study,— articles that will arouse in them a desire to give to the cause of God. The habit of liberality should grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. They should early be taught to lay by their pennies, so that they will have something to give when God's servants make a call for help.

Let them be taught that they can be the helping hand of the Lord by adding their gifts to the means placed in the treasury. The work to be done in our world should be kept before them, and they should be encouraged and helped to prepare themselves for active service. Let them be dedicated to God's service while the dew of youth is yet upon them.

Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality.

Those whose hearts are knit together with the heart of Christ will be glad to do what they can to help the cause of God. They will say, "I will do my best. Whatever others may do, my duty is clear." They will rejoice in the continual expansion and advancement that means larger and more frequently given offerings.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### OUR ANNUAL OFFERING.

MORE than thirty-three thousand dollars, as a result of the annual offering to missions, have been received at the general office thus far this year. This exceeds the amount ever received during the same period from any previous offering.

We are sure our people who are interested in the work in foreign fields will be glad for this information. The fund is still kept open for a large number who have made pledges, and for those who desire to increase their offering at a later date. All are invited to have a part in this work. May the fund be swelled to fifty thousand dollars, or more, for our needy mission fields. Every gift, whether large or small, is appreciated. Let the prayers of the people go with the offering, that the Lord may greatly bless the work in these fields.

MISSION BOARD.

WRITING from Kingston, Jamaica, in December, Brother J. B. Beckner reported that the Port Antonio church had been dedicated the month before, and that they hoped to dedicate two other churches soon. These would bring the number up to six churches that were completed during the year. Brother Beckner says: "The brethren who have done the work have truly made sacrifices."

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

## REPORTS.

## Springfield.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Here I come again; but I did want to tell you about a very precious letter that came yesterday from China, written by Dr. H. W. Miller. My motive in writing was to request the readers to pray that God will touch his (Brother Miller's) wife so that she may be able to stand the climate. He writes that she has never been able to recover from the heat of last summer. And there are no health resorts in central China.

I know God can do this for her. They are doing a good work there, and I believe he will be pleased to have them in condition to continue it.

They are hoping soon to open a school there. For five or six dollars a month they can maintain ten scholars. They have recently held a conference of all the workers there. There are four persons anxious for baptism.

The meetings conducted by Elder E. J. Van Horn closed Sunday evening, April 2. He gave us many soul stirring sermons that we can never forget. But the chart sermon on the Lord's prayer eclipsed them all. It would pay one to go many a mile to hear that alone. May the dear Lord use this brother to pour the hot shot and shell of his truth upon the unawakened until Jesus says it is enough. The results are seven baptized last Sunday morning and we trust more to follow, and the church blest and revived. Yours in Jesus,

NETTIE E. GRAVES.

## Coshocton.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: Last Sabbath, April 1, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house with the dear brethren and sisters of the Coshocton church. We opened service at 9:30 A. M., and almost all the members were present. Before we celebrated the ordinances, a number of Scripture texts were read exhorting us all to unity and love and to cherish a forgiving spirit. Then the clerk of the church called the roll and as each name was read a response was given in praise and confession and expressions of courage and faith, just as the Lord directed. We had a glorious praise meeting and many hearts were softened and tendered under the influence of the Spirit of God.

After the praise service, we celebrated the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper.

We dismissed at 11:30 A. M. returned at 1:30 P. M. again, and enjoyed

the Sabbath-school lesson very much. After the Sabbath-school the Lord gave me liberty in speaking on "The Nearness of the End." We reviewed briefly all the prophecies which point to the end and after showing how God was calling out the Remnant Church we studied the conflict that is just before us and also the final victory.

The Coshocton church is of good courage and pressing onward toward the prize of the high calling in Christ, for which we praise the Lord. Brethren and sisters, remember us in this part of the vineyard in your prayers.

B. L. HOUSE.

## Six Points.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: This writing finds us well and enjoying much of the blessing of God. We have just closed our meetings at Six Points. We have had a good experience at this place, and the Lord has worked for us, and has given us souls for our labor. We have had some opposition. The Mormons, or as they call themselves, the Latter-day Saints, have been very kind to us in giving us the use of their place of worship, but they have taken a decided stand against us, and have bitterly opposed us on the Sabbath question. But God gave us freedom in reviewing them, and we are convinced that eternity alone will reveal the amount of good that has been and will be accomplished through the effects of the meetings. On April 1, we organized a Sabbath-school of fifteen members.

Some have decided to keep the commandments of God and we have hopes of others doing so soon. Elder Patterson was with us several days, and was a valuable help to us in giving the Message. Our meeting was well attended and we have gained the respect of the people, and made many friends. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for a part in the giving of the Third Angel's Message to the world.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD,  
J. O. YOUNG.

## Youngstown.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We held our quarterly meeting Sabbath, April 1. The presence of the Lord was felt in a marked manner. The ordinance of humility was celebrated, and then we partook of the emblems of the broken body and spilled blood of our dear Lord and Master. We are all of good courage in the Lord. Three dear souls were added to the church for which we all feel to praise God. Pray for us that we may be ready to meet the soon coming Saviour. Your sister in the truth,

MRS. T. A. KAY, Clerk.

## Defiance.

THE church here again enjoyed the refreshing that comes with the quarterly meeting. Sabbath, April 1, was the day set for communion. The Sherwood brethren met with us which was an inspiration to church members here. All listened attentively to the roll call and in answer to their names gave a good testimony for the keeping power of God; and expressed the desire of having their names written in the Lamb's book of life. What a solemn occasion it will be when the roll is called up yonder! And how happy our hearts will feel when our names are found written there! O, may God grant us that pleasure in the great judgment day! Our visitors also responded with stirring testimonies for God. How sweet the fellowship with one another when the spirit of Christ reigns within! Some were not able to meet with us on account of ill health. Prayer and sympathy went up for them.

The *Family Bible Teacher* which has been circulated has stirred East Defiance, and it was necessary for me to speak on "The State of the Dead." The *Family Bible Teacher* has entered to a good many homes, and as the result several are keeping the Sabbath. One lady got so interested that she bought several copies sending them to her mother, sister and brother. And now she and her sister are firm Sabbath keepers.

I also ordered a club of twenty German papers for three months, distributing them every week. The four special numbers of this paper have also done their work to interest them in the truth. Besides this I obtained six subscribers for the *Hausesfreund*. Some are seriously thinking about the Sabbath question. Our prayer is that God's spirit may strive with these souls till they yield. Your brother in Christ,

JOHN P. GAEBDE.

"HOWEVER good you may be, you have faults; however dull you may be, you can find out what some of them are; and however slight they may be, you had better make some effort to get rid of them."

"GET into the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud, and when you have found it continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden gray in the middle. It will help you over many hard places."

"SELF-DISTRUST is the cause of most of our failures. In the assurance of strength, there is strength, and they are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers."

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## CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 31, 1905.)

Kettie M. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 7½ hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$2.75; total, \$8.75.

Howard W. West,\* Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: 24 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$3.00; total, \$27.00.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Coming King: 31 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$1; total, \$25.

Bradley Rayle, Clark Co.—Coming King; value of orders, \$11.

\*Two weeks.

WE are pleased to report success for the workers who have gone out from our Canvassers' Institute. The workers left Academia on March 29 and 30. For week ending March 31, Brother West reports \$13.50 worth of books for twelve hours' work. Brother Bradley Rayle reports \$11 worth of orders.

Other workers reporting are having equally good success. The Lord is with us, so why should not success attend the God fearing worker as he goes from home to home with the Message God has given him to give to the souls who are honest and want to know the way?

Brethren, pray for this perishing world, for the honest in heart in it, and that the Lord of the harvest send forth workers.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

## NOW IS THE TIME.

WE are nearing another General Conference. This will undoubtedly prove to be the most important meeting of the kind ever held by Seventh-day Adventists. There will be representative men in attendance from all parts of the world. And as we are nearing the close of our work and the time of final deliverance, we confidently believe that God will favor this gathering of his servants in a special manner. No lover of the Third Angel's Message can afford to

be without a report of this important meeting. The good old *Review and Herald* has agreed to furnish a full report of this conference *free of extra charge* to all of its regular subscribers. Are you, dear reader, a subscriber? Do you know of some one who ought to be who is not? If you are not a subscriber *now is the time to subscribe*. This will be your only chance to get this valuable information. There will be no other report printed. Remember you can get the *Review and Herald* one year and a full report of the next General Conference all for \$1.50; or six months for, 75 cents. We like this new plan and believe it will prove to be more satisfactory than any previous one.

The first meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M., May 11, 1905. If you are a regular subscriber please notice your wrapper and see when your subscription expires. If it expires before June 30, *be sure to renew in time lest you miss an important number*. Send your order to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O.

H. H. B.

## OBITUARY.

MAYO.—Peter Mayo, the youngest son of Samuel and Jane Mayo, was born in Logan County, May 9, 1856, and departed this life March 18, 1905, being 48 years, 10 months, and 10 days old. Besides the venerable father the deceased leaves (the mother having passed away a number of years ago) one brother, Charles Mayo, of Delaware, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Eslick, of St. Louis, Mo., and six half brothers and one half sister to mourn their loss. This man did not belong to our church; but his people are favorable to our denomination. This gave me an opportunity to become better known, and to come in touch with people that it would have been impossible to meet any other way; also to preach the truth that the righteous dead sleep in Jesus until the resurrection morning. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Ps. 8: 4, 5; Ps. 90: 3, 4.

G. P. GARDE.

## TITHE RECEIPTS.

MARCH, 1905.

Akron.....	\$ 18.68
Alliance.....	4.15
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	15.60
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	11.45
Bowling Green.....	24.00
Brokaw.....	6.00
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	2.31
Canton.....	9.15
Chagrin Falls.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	64.58
Cleveland.....	109.17
Clyde.....	20.37
Columbus.....	78.15
Conneaut.....	7.50
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	86.08
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	20.07
Defiance.....	17.00
Delaware.....	2.00

Dowling.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	5.36
East Liverpool.....	14.06
Elgin.....	24.74
Fairfield.....	.....
Findlay.....	14.14
Geneva.....	22.63
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	.....
Hamilton.....	22.08
Hamler.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....
Home Dept.....	.36
Jackson.....	.....
Kenilworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	22.83
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	4.40
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	50.75
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	51.35
Marshfield.....	2.17
Marysville.....	8.51
Meigs.....	20.37
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	18.30
Mineral.....	.....
Morrow.....	1.60
Mount Vernon.....	155.78
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	45.57
Norwalk.....	.....
Olivet.....	5.13
Pemberville.....	68.50
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	55.48
Reedsville.....	1.52
Rows.....	7.47
Rowsburg.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sherwood.....	18.89
Sidney.....	3.85
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	54.92
Toledo.....	53.37
Troy.....	9.10
Van Wert.....	1.59
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	14.21
Wengerlawn.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.55
Wheelerburg.....	.....
Wilmington.....	15.00
Youngstown.....	22.35
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	63.56

Total.....\$1,366.99  
C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES, MARCH, 1905.

Tithe.....	\$1,366.99
Ohio Tract Society.....	442.45
First Day Offering.....	61.11
Sabbath-school Donations.....	99.20
Annual Offering.....	18.39
India.....	7.00
Washington, D. C., work.....	59.25
Southern Field.....	6.04
Young People's Society.....	14.35
Religious Liberty Fund.....	35.12
China.....	1.60
Total.....	\$2,111.50
C. V. HAMER, <i>Treas.</i>	