

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE HAPPIEST PLACE.

The happiest place on earth for me
Is where my Lord would have me be.

The happiest thing that I can do
Is work my Lord has called me to.

The happiest song that I can sing
Is that of praise to Christ my king.

The happiest path my feet can make
Is that I tread for Jesus' sake.

The happiest sight my eyes can see,
Is sight of Christlike purity.

The happiest sound my ears can hear
Is that my Saviour draweth near.

—Selected.

A VISIT TO OUR INDIA MISSIONS.

DURING the past week it was my privilege to visit our two mission stations, one located at Simlatala, the other at Karmatar. Brother Barlow is doing a good work among the Santals at Simlatala. He is living with his family in a large mud bungalow. The three large living rooms are very comfortable although the walls are papered, and the floor carpeted with mud. Instead of scrubbing the floors as we do at home, they cleanse them with a fresh coat of mud. On either side of the bungalow is a large veranda. A short distance from the house is a long mud building where the native students live. Near this is a mud hut in which the school is held. In compound surrounding the buildings are fruit trees and flowers. Altogether it is a homelike place.

There are twenty boys in the school ranging in age from eight to twenty years. Two languages, Hindi and Santali, are taught. The boys are very anxious to study English, but it is not possible to give it at present. In addition to the language, they study Bible, arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling. Two native teachers are employed to assist. A foreigner is not at all favorably impressed as he enters the native school. Upon the floor, with books in their hands, sit the students studying out loud; and strange to say they do not disturb one another. Most of these boys are earnest Christians, paying tithes on the few pices they earn.

I was very anxious to visit the native village, so Brother Barlow dismissed the school for one day in order for the boys to take us about the villages and on to a new mission station that is just being opened about ten miles from Simlatala. The cart owned by the mission was undergoing repairs, and there was no other means of conveyance through the jungles. After considering a number of ways, Brother Barlow decided that two of our party could ride horseback, and the third member could be carried on a dula, a rude couch, on the shoulders of four of the students. We started early in the morning in order to cover as much of the ground as possible before the terrible heat of the day. The small Santal villages are dotted here and there in the jungles. As we entered the villages the natives crowded about us, bringing their sick to be helped. If we would ride past them, they would catch hold of the horses' bridles and hold us until we would do something for their sick. A man dying with hunger and disease was brought to us. He was a living skeleton. His wife knelt by the side of our horses, grasping our feet and said, "See my poor husband, can't you help him." We went to the place where they lived. It could not be called home. A wall of brush and straw on two sides: no covering over their heads. Here we found three small hungry children. Brother Barlow thought the best medicine he could give them would be food, so he sent one of the boys for some rice. As he gave it to them he called their attention to their heavenly Father who supplied this need. The women gathered about Miss Haegert and me begging for help. They will not tell their troubles to a man. Some came sick with fever wanting us to feel their pulse. One poor woman drew aside the rag that covered her and showed me her leg, double its natural size, covered with open sores. We did what we could for them, but how helpless we felt. How we longed for the power of Christ and the early disciples to rebuke disease. Brother Barlow gave the people a simple lesson from the Bible. He first called their attention to the heavens, the earth, the trees, fields of grain, the

garments they wore, showing them that all they had came from the true God who dwells in the heavens.

By the time we reached the new mission the sun was high in the heavens and we were glad for a shelter from it. Brother Barlow called the villagers into the small mud hut and gave them a lesson from a picture of the ten virgins, which hung on the wall. He uses pictures very often in his work as they understand the lesson much better. They are very much like children, and must be taught as children. When we returned Brother Barlow left one of the native teachers in charge of the school at this place.

The Santals worship devils and very often they become possessed with them. Brother Barlow has a servant who became ill; and in spite of all they could do he went home. As he passed a heathen temple his jaws locked, and his body became rigid. The people gathered about him saying he was possessed of a devil. The chief of the village was called. He told the boy the devil would leave him if he would give two goats and a piece of red cloth used in heathen festivals. By a look the boy acknowledged he would and immediately the devil left him. As we go among these people, we can see something of the conditions existing when Christ was on earth.

Some months ago a native Christian erected a hut in the vicinity of Brother Barlow's home. Brother Barlow visited him giving him readings. He has accepted present truth and is rejoicing in the light. He is well educated, having been a teacher, is able to read English well, and is reading all our books. He says Mrs. White's writings help him spiritually. There is just one fault to be found with him. Instead of telling the good news to others he thinks he must purify self first. He takes the life of John the Baptist to substantiate his views. He sits in his rude hut the entire day reading the Bible and our good books.

It is about fifty miles from Simlatala to Karmatar. We spent Sabbath and Sunday with the workers at Karmatar. Here the work is more advanced. The buildings and grounds are more on the European plan. Our

printing press was moved recently from Calcutta to Karmatar. One reason for this was to give the students work. We have about twenty native boys and girls in the home. A number come from the village for recitations each day. Brother Little has charge of the printing office. Miss Knight, of the school, and Miss Whites do medical missionary work in the villages. The office is receiving calls to print tracts in the different languages, but is hindered because of means. Our brethren in the missions are of good courage, and are laboring earnestly to fit the young people committed to their care to give the Message to their own people.

DELLA BURROWAY.

Canton.

WELCOME VISITOR: As you have not heard from us for some time, we are glad to report the small company of Sabbath keepers at Canton, O., are of good courage in the Lord. Our last quarterly meeting was in charge of Elder B. J. Ferciot and was indeed a season of refreshing to all present. The dear Lord gave richly of his Holy Spirit; hearts were touched and tendered. Especially the testimony the youth bore of their love to God caused us to give all the praise to his dear name. The work in Canton is progressing slowly, yet some of us have had some interesting experiences in presenting the Third Angel's Message. A goodly number of *Family Bible Teacher*, *Southern Watchman*, tracts and other periodicals have been distributed and readings held. Some are much interested and believe the truth, but as yet have not taken their stand. We believe that God will bless our feeble efforts, and in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Pray for the work at this place. Then when our work is completed, and our journey ended, may we all be gathered in an unbroken band in Christ's kingdom, is the prayer of your unworthy servant,

MRS. LAURA COTTON.

Camden, Norwalk.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Returning from State Meeting I visited first the Camden church on April 26, 27. On Wednesday night, the 28th, we had a good prayer meeting, and the presence of the Lord was with us.

I read for a Scripture lesson 1 John 3, and commented some upon it. Afterward we had a good testimony meeting, and all took an active part and seemed to be of good courage. "Blessed is that servant, whom his

lord when he cometh shall find so doing." "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." The following night I spoke to a good congregation of people on the nearness of "Christ's Second Coming" and "Our Duty as Christians." A good impression was made upon the minds of the people.

Here is where I first attended church, and lived the first few years of my life. Neighbors, friends, and school mates were present. At the close I had a good handshake with all, and bid them good night and departed.

The following day I left for Norwalk. Here I had a few good visits and met with the church on Sabbath. We had a good Sabbath-school and all seemed to enjoy the study of the Sabbath-school lesson. We then had a good spiritual time together.

We opened our meeting with song, then a few prayers were offered up to God asking him to bless and touch the hearts of all who were present. I then spoke a few words of encouragement for the benefit of all who were present. Some had backsliden, some were of good courage and have been holding on to the rock which is Christ Jesus.

Before closing the service we had a testimony meeting in which all but two or three took part. Some desired to live a better life in the future; and one who had backsliden returned unto the Lord and asked us to remember him in our prayers, for which we thank God. This is a meeting that will long be remembered by all present. Hearts were touched and all went away rejoicing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Your brother,

F. E. GIBSON.

TO THE VISITOR: I started for Locust Point April 10 stopping over one day with our people at Ransom school house, and found them of good courage. Some who had attended the meetings last winter are studying and asking questions.

We found the brethren at Locust Point also of good courage. Their Sabbath-school has more than doubled since last fall. Those who have lately started seem to be growing, while others are taking hold. I held eight meetings with them and on Sabbath we held quarterly meeting, which all seemed to enjoy. While there two more families opened their doors to us and I hope for at least a part of them joining us later. Some are asking for baptism, having accepted all points of the faith.

Besides holding eight meetings with the church during this trip of eight days, we made thirty-five family calls, held nine Bible readings, sold and took orders for about twenty dollars worth of books and tracts, also received two dollars in donations. God is blessing the work.

W. E. BIDWELL.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS: It is with pleasure that I have read the letters from your secretaries in which they express the willingness of your schools to co-operate in holding Sabbath-school Conventions throughout the State. I am glad to notice the special interest that our people generally manifest in the success of this important branch of the Lord's work. We all realize that to make this work the most productive of good, we must understand its needs and then work along right plans. The question may arise, how are we to be made acquainted with right methods? Notice the answer which I quote from "Selections from Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work." "Instruction in regard to conducting the Sabbath-school should, to a large extent, be given in the home churches; for the labor can be made more direct and the result will be more permanent if the instruction is given at home. This work does not require the services of the ministers; they should be free to attend to the spiritual interests of the people. They are to teach others what to do." When asked as to the advisability of holding Sabbath-school Conventions, the following reply is given, "That is all right; pages 113 and 114."

Thus you see that the ideal plan is for the people comprising these schools to study together the best plans and methods. Do not depend upon others for help in these conventions, but seek to develop "the gift that is in you." And I am sure that you will be pleased with the results. In this issue is given the suggestive program which you are asked to carefully study. If it is desired to hold the Convention two days, you can do so by re-arranging the program to meet existing conditions.

Let us all enter heartily into the work and ask God to give us wisdom in carrying it forward. We will be glad to hear again from those schools that are planning to hold Conventions and this list will be printed in the VISITOR.

J. E. SHULTZ.

"CULTURE is the nickle finish on the outside of the cylinder, love is the steam within."

PROGRAM FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD JUNE 10, 1905.

10 A. M.

HYMN, Congregation.
Psalm 34, Responsively.
Prayer.

10:15 A. M.

What Are the Duties and Privileges of the Sabbath-school Superintendant and Secretary?

Discussion. Led by ———.
Song, By the Children.

11 A. M.

Relation of the Superintendant to the Teachers and the School.
Discussion.
Quartette.

11:45 A. M.

The Relation the Teachers and Scholars Sustain to the Superintendant and Secretary.

Discussion. Led by ———.
Song, Congregation.

Afternoon Session.

2:15 P. M.

Hymn, Congregation.
Prayer.
The Teacher's Duty to Her Class.
Discussion. Led by ———.
Song, By the Children.

3:15 P. M.

How to Make the Sabbath-school More Effective for the Conversion of Youth and Children.
Discussion.
Quartette.

4 P. M.

The Proper Use of the Sabbath-school Donations.
Discussion. Led by ———.
Collection.
Song.

7:30 P. M.

Song.
Prayer.
General Discussion.
Opening of Question Box.
Song.
Benediction.

THE WAY OF A BOY.

WHEN mother sits beside my bed
At night, and strokes and smooths my head,
And kisses me, I think some way
How naughty I have been all day;
Of how I waded in the brook,
And of the cookies that I took,
And how I smashed a window light
A-rassling—me and Bobby White—
And tore my pants, and told a lie;
It almost makes me want to cry
When mother pats and kisses me;
I'm just as sorry as can be,
But I don't tell her so—no, sir,
She knows it all; you can't fool her.

—Good Housekeeping.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING SOMETHING.

MUCH has been said of the importance of doing something to warn the inhabitants of this world of its coming doom and to point them to a Saviour. It would seem that enough has been said to stir every believer in the Third Angel's Message to action, yet we find but few actively engaged in giving the warning Message. Satan is satisfied when he can keep us silent—satisfied to keep in our own bosom the precious truths which will set the transgressor free from Satan's deceptions.

There are those who have talent to sell our large books who yield to inducements to sell other articles which have not one ray of light for the perishing soul who is seeking for truth. There are others who have talent for this book work, who if they would trust God and go forth would be blessed with abundant success in the sale of our good books and a harvest of souls for the day of his coming. What are we going to do with our talent? continue to do as the unfaithful servant—keep it buried? No, we can not afford to do this, for it will be hazardous both to ourselves, our families, and those to whom the Message is to go.

So much has been said by God's aged servant of the importance of this work, seemingly enough to stir every believer to action, yet God in his mercy sends us another message of entreaty asking us to go work in his vineyard. I quote from a recent testimony which came to my hand less than a month ago: "Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, what can I do to proclaim the Third Angel's Message?" Christ came to this world to give this Message to his servants to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." *How are we to give it?*

The distribution of our literature is one means by which the Message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the Message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.

My brethren and sisters, will you not make an effort to circulate these books, and will you not bring into this effort the enthusiasm that you brought into the effort to sell "Object Lessons"? In selling "Object Lessons," many have learned how to handle the larger books. They have gained an

experience that has prepared them to enter the canvassing field. I am pleased to say that some of our "Object Lesson" canvassers have been convinced now that they should enter the regular work to sell other books by the same author.

Who will continue to say to the Master of the vineyard, "Go thy way until some more convenient day," or, "I have other work to do now"? No, brethren, let us respond quickly, saying, "Here am I; send me," I will go out into the vineyard to gather the precious fruit of the vine.

One of our workers who has become responsible for giving the Message to one county told me only a few days ago that he was never so well satisfied—never felt so much that he was in the place where God would have him. God is blessing him abundantly in the sale of books and in finding interested souls. He says that people are anxious to know the truth on some of these important subjects which are cleared up by the Message for to-day. He is placing from 15,000 to 20,000 pages of present truth before the people each week, and God is supplying his family with every home comfort. His faithful companion rejoices with him that they are just where they are.

Other articles will appear with quotations from this same testimony which comprises a tract of thirty-nine pages; it is full of good things. Watch for it each week.

The harvest is ripe and wasting. Come, brethren, let us go and help the Master gather the waiting harvest.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

OUR FIRST CHURCH IN RARATONGA.

ALL remember the experiences of our Raratongan people a few years ago. A lot had been secured for a church, but for a long time it seemed that there would be no chance to build, because of the opposition of the government. At last, however, conditions have changed, and our first church in Raratonga, Cook Islands, has been dedicated. Brother A. H. Pieper writes:—

"Difficulties have had to be met in getting this enterprise started. But we are thankful to state that towards the completion of the building many who at one time opposed us came in and helped us finish the house. It is often so with God's work in the earth.

"The walls of the church are built of coral rock which our natives procured from the sea, and the roof is of iron. Its measurements are forty feet by twenty-two. The cost of building was ninety-five pounds. Of this

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

BROTHER E. E. COOPER is quite seriously ill. Let us remember our afflicted members at the Source of strength and comfort.

THE May number of *Life and Health* is full of good things and should be read by all who desire not only to be healthy but happy.

THE *Good Health* May number treats entirely of that dread disease tuberculosis and its treatment; and the benefits derived from out-of-doors life. This number is alone worth the price of the magazine.

BROTHER FRED M. FAIRCHILD finds that his health demands a change of climate, and so offers his property for sale. It is situated about a mile from the College, and consists of a nine-room house and ten acres of land. Any one desiring a home near the College will do well to address him at Mount Vernon, O., R. F. D. No. 1.

AT 7:30 Saturday evening, April 29, the Senior Class of Mount Vernon Academy threw the chapel doors open to students and friends for the purpose of rendering the first class day program in the history of the institution. Beginning with the President's address, each member of the class of seven presented their chosen line of thought, excepting the two who gave the History and the Prophecy. These were chosen for the work by the Class. Different points of literary, scientific and missionary interest were thus touched upon. It was plain to see that the missionary work is the prevailing aim of the Class. We were gratified to find the Prophecy especially strong on this feature of our work. It is a fact that of the five young men of the Class, all are planning for foreign work. After the farewell song by the Class, we were dismissed by Prof. Lawrence.

STATE MEETING.

[THESE minutes were overlooked by the Secretary, hence the delay.—ED.]

1. *We recommend*: That the nominations for Sabbath-school officers have the approval of the church officers before being presented to the school.

2. That the mercenary spirit manifested in bartering and trading be discarded by the servants of God.

3. That we extend a hearty vote of appreciation to the Cleveland church for the spirit of fellowship and welcome they have manifested toward the workers during the State Meeting.

D. E. LINDSEY, Sec.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Apr. 28, 1905.)

Robert Thomas, Marion Co.—Daniel and the Revelation: 25 hours; value of helps, \$1.75.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: 26 hours; value of orders, \$14; helps, \$.75; total, \$14.75.

Kittie M. Halstead, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 7 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$.80; total, \$15.30.

Bradley W. Rayle, Clark Co.—Coming King: 48 hours; value of orders, \$39.50; helps, \$1; total, \$40.50.

Laura E. Young, Findlay.—Coming King: value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$6.25; total, \$14.75; value of deliveries, \$1.

(For week ending May 5, 1905.)

Robert Thomas, Marion Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 7 hours; value of helps, \$25.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: 30 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$.50; total, \$8.50.

T. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Bible Readings and Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$23.25; helps, \$.75; total, \$24.

Bradley W. Rayle, Clark Co.—Coming King: 49 hours; value of orders, \$33; helps, \$1; total, \$34.

E. R. Numbers,* Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$27; helps, \$1.25; total, \$28.25; deliveries, \$109.

William Campbell, Massillon.—Coming King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$20.50; deliveries, \$11.

D. C. Van Eman,* Van Wert Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$26.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$27.50.

*Two weeks.

THE net gain in Sabbath keepers in the European field during the first nine months of 1904 was 1,050. Most of the increase was in the German Union Conference.

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amount, fifty-five pounds was sent to us from Australia and New Zealand, chiefly from the Sabbath-schools in these fields. The balance was raised by the workers of Raratonga, past and present, and by the native brethren. No money was paid out as wages, for the brethren did all the labor.

"Without a penny of debt, finished and furnished, the church was dedicated to God on the anniversary of the introduction of the gospel into Raratonga, May 23, 1904. To God be all the praise." ESTELLA HOUSER.

FEBRUARY 25 the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Cuba was organized in Havana with thirteen members.

FROM Mexico, Brother G. M. Brown writes: "We have two new families of Sabbath keepers in San Luis Potosi. The men are tinsmiths, and they say they posted a sign with letters five inches high, 'No work done on Saturday.' It is encouraging to see the interest springing up in different places, and to read the letters that are constantly coming in to the office."

"FROM all the countries of the world the Macedonian cry is sounding, 'Come over and help us.' God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. To the call, 'Whom shall I send?' there have been few to respond, 'Here am I; send me.'"

OBITUARY.

DAUGHERTY.—Died at the home of her daughter in Cincinnati, O., April 27, 1905, Mrs. Sarah F. Malcolm Daugherty, aged 65 years and 3 days. Sister Daugherty was ill only a few days. The cause of her death was a stroke of apoplexy. On June 20, 1858, she was united in marriage to J. W. Daugherty. To this union was born two sons and seven daughters. Her husband, one son and one daughter have preceded her to the grave. There remain to mourn their loss three sisters, one son, six daughters, fifteen grandchildren and many other relatives and sympathizing friends. In early life she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church continuing in this belief until about fourteen years ago when she embraced the truths of the threefold message of Revelation, chapter fourteen, being baptized by Elder H. W. Cottrell and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Columbus, O., where she has retained her membership ever since. Her life was one of devotion to her family. The floral offerings, which were varied and lovely, witnessed to the esteem in which she was held by many hearts. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, April 30, at which words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13 to a large and attentive congregation.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.