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

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WHERE THE NEED IS SOREST.

FROM the desert dunes behind thee,
With thy feet all sandal-sore;
And where still the sand-plumes blind thee,
While in front the breakers roar:
In the place where the need is sorest
God maketh an open door.

Where the ramparts frown above thee
And thy path is hedged about—
Though in this the Lord would prove thee
And dispel thy deadening doubt—
In the place where the need is sorest
There his angels will guide thee out.

When the night is dark around thee
And the dun clouds mass o'er head;
When the poisoned arrows wound thee,
From the bows of the alien sped:
In the place where the need is sorest
Are his light and healing shed.

When the heart is crushed within thee
By the greed and grind of Wrong—
Nor joy nor delight can win thee
To trust and be glad and strong:
In the place where the need is sorest
He filleth thy soul with song.

It is well! It is well, forever!
His plans and his ways are best;
He falleth his people never,
Though he putteth them all to the test:
In the place where the need is sorest
He comes with eternal rest.

Selected.

CALCUTTA, INDIA.

DEAR VISITOR: We arrived in Calcutta Christmas day full of courage and hope. We were met by kind friends who took us to their home and made us comfortable after our long journey. We were glad to greet Elder Votaw and wife; aside from him all were strangers to me, but I soon became acquainted, as we are all brethren wherever we meet.

We were glad to find Elder Shaw better than we expected. He continued to improve and gained several pounds before leaving to attend the General Conference. Our prayers followed him that he, and his wife, and Sister Della Coats might have a safe journey, and that he might have strength and wisdom to present India's needs, for they are many.

I want to ask pardon for not writing sooner, but as Sister Burroway, Elder Votaw, and his wife have kept you quite well supplied with news from India, I felt that you would forgive

me for a time at least.

I am glad to tell you that we are happily disappointed in India. There is much beauty here in the way of trees, plants, and flowers which are so fragrant and bloom almost all the year around. Of course the customs of the people are very different to what we were accustomed in the States, and, as they are not changed very much by Europeans who come here, we have just settled down to be content with whatsoever state we are in. The weather has been quite cool ever since we came, so at this writing we are not able to say much about either heat or rain. However we already know how hard it can rain and thunder. I never heard such thunder in all my life, but we do not fear for our trust is in him who has all these things in his control. In this letter I will not attempt to say much about India, but will do so later as I become better acquainted with the country.

I have received many personal letters from Ohio, and have answered all of them. In these letters I have told of some of the things I have seen as I have gone from place to place. My heart was made glad when I received a letter from Sister Nettie Cutter of Cincinnati, saying that the children had raised over six dollars for India. One week later a letter came from Massachusetts telling how the children there had sent over ten dollars to this field. Two more donations came from Illinois, and besides these a preaching tent, free of charge, was sent from the Healdsburg College to Elder H. Armstrong of Ceylon. At our general meeting over five hundred rupees were raised for the tent, and this will be applied towards the fitting up of the tent, so we shall be able to start our work free from incumbrance. For all this we feel very grateful to the Lord, and to those who have manifested such an interest in the work here. Elder Armstrong will be assisted in the tent effort by Elder G. K. Owen and Brother H. B. Meyers. They are all on the ground and the work of getting the tent ready has begun. We can hardly wait to hear of their first meeting, as this is a new experience in this field. I am confident that the Lord will use this effort to his glory and the good of the people.

The Lord is waking up the people in this country in regard to the true Sabbath. Two men came as delegates to see me about going to East Bengal to plant the standard of truth in thirty-five villages, which have a population of over eight thousand. They are Bengalli, and teach in Mission Schools; and have recently heard of the Sabbath. The church to which they belong is going over toward Rome, having already introduced many Catholic rites; among which are prayers for the dead, the confessional box, and prayers for the Virgin Mary. They were so much in earnest that they asked me to call a meeting of the Board and see what could be done. Many in these villages have refused to accept the new doctrines, and now is the time to work for them. These men told me they were sure if they came out and took their stand for the Sabbath, many would follow their example. They also said that they knew some of them would be beaten for so doing, but comforted themselves that they would win in the end, and so they will.

Now what are we to do? There was not a soul to go back with these men and instruct them in the truth. All we could do was to give them some of our books and tracts, and let them go with the promise that we would do all we could for them in the future. You can readily see that the calls are coming from every quarter, but where are the laborers to send? One almost feels like hiding and not listening to these urgent calls, for it is so embarrassing to confess that we are unable to answer them.

For several days these men visited me every day. I knew from the beginning we were unable to do much for them, as calls of a similar nature come every few days, and we are unable to supply them. Before they left I knew they would ask the vital question which would call for a definite answer. It came in these words, "We must return to our village, and what shall we tell those who sent us down here? What will you do for us, and how soon can you send us help?" Would you like to have been in my position, a man claiming to have the last warning that is to go to the world, a warning to be given in this generation to every na-

tion, and have to answer, "I will see later what I can do?" What else could I say? They left asking us to pray for them. This is a sample of what we have to meet in these fields.

May God raise up faithful workers both here and at home to fill these places, for the calls will increase as the end draws near. Praying that these few lines may move some to think seriously over these things and decide sooner or later to respond, I remain your brother in hope.

W. W. MILLER.

May 11, 1905.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Cincinnati.

LAST Sabbath was another good day for the church in this place. Elder Kennedy was with us, and the blessing of the Lord was manifest. After the services Elder Kennedy and myself baptized six precious souls in the Ohio River. This makes an addition of ten to the church during the last month. Four of this number are men, five women, and one child. We praise the Lord and take courage, hoping that many more scenes of this kind will be witnessed by the church.

Elder Kirkendall came down last week, and we pitched our tent in the suburb of College Hill. We have held three meetings, and although hindered by rains, we have had fair attendance. Last night, (Sunday) although the people of this city, even church members, do not attend church, we had an attendance of about one hundred. We trust that an interest may be secured here.

C. A. PEDICORD.

Medina and Rows.

DEAR VISITOR: I will now write you a few lines telling you what I have been doing since the good State meeting, which was one of the best I ever attended. I left Cleveland April 26, stopping at La Grange several days, and holding meetings each night. The brethren are of good courage; nearly all attended each evening, and seem willing to do their part. Elder E. H. Gates gave us a fine talk on his work in the Pacific islands. There was a good outside interest.

May 1 we went to Medina to call on the few of our people there. I was glad to make their acquaintance, and learn that they have a live, interesting Sabbath-school in operation. Here I met Brother Fretter and his family, who have been holding up the light of truth for this time, for years. He, with the

others, put in a plea for meetings. A nice little company assembled at Sister Zalabah's house that evening, and I spoke to them on the "Judgment."

The next day I went to Shrene, where our brethren have recently organized a Sabbath-school. I stayed with Brother Hague until May 3. Here I found all of good courage. From there I went to Funk, where our tent was stored; and found everything in good shape, and was warmly greeted by several who attended our meetings last fall.

We spent May 4-6 with members of the Rows church. They are getting along nicely although they miss Ira Gault and his wife very much; each is taking part of the work that Brother Ira laid down, and God is blessing them.

May 10-15 was spent with the Corsica church, and although the weather was very bad there was a good attendance from without, all but the first two nights.

I then went to Green Spring, and held three meetings with the church, which for several reasons were poorly attended. The elder, however, reported good meetings and Sabbath-school on Sabbath. I had the privilege of enjoying the good counsel and hospitality of Elder Lindsay and wife while at this place.

May 19 found me once more at Locust Point, where for six nights I spoke to well filled houses. Every night found nearly all of our people in their places, and all, both old and new members, seemed anxious to gain in experience and the blessing of God. When our people manifest such a desire to hear the gospel, it encourages the servants of God in their work. The fields are indeed white in District No. 4. I would say to the brethren of this district, be of good courage: the work is onward not only here, but all over the world honest souls are fast yielding to the power of Christ. If I have not visited you this winter, it has not been because I did not desire to, but because there were more pressing calls than I could meet.

The night of May 25 was very stormy. I was at Camden, and although the weather was too stormy for meetings, yet I was able to see several members of this live little church. Their Sabbath and Sunday night services, as well as prayer-meetings, are well attended: their offerings are good; and they are, as a church, doing well in paying tithes; though some may be losing both temporal and spiritual blessings that God has for them. Please read Prov. 11:24, 25. If all would be faithful in tithes and offerings, many of these urgent calls could be filled.

From May 27-30, I spent with the Rows church. We had a good quarterly meeting. May 29 Brother Osburne drove me over to Funk, where he and Mr. Tyler helped me load our outfit to be shipped to Medina, at which place Brother G. P. Gaede and myself are expecting to pitch our tent to-morrow. We would be pleased to hear from any one in District No. 4, or any of our friends.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Defiance.

DEAR VISITOR: We desire to send a few words of courage and good cheer to all your readers.

We have been much revived by seeing how the Lord gave us favor with those that spitefully use us, and also by the efforts which have been put forth. All along we had been refused the privilege of holding a series of meetings. However the Lord turned the thing in our favor. All at once those parties came and asked us the privilege of holding meeting on our evenings, which was a pretty hard thing for them to do. Now we decided to heap coals of fire upon their heads. The outcome was that we have the privilege of using the house all nights when desired for special meetings.

It just so happened that Elder E. J. Van Horn could be with us, and so we enjoyed a week's refreshing with the Lord. All these things speak for the truth, and are an encouragement for the believers here. While we plan to leave for the summer tent work, we trust in the words of the Saviour when he said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Frazeysburg.

WE are all at home now and happy. We have secured a place for our tent at Frazeysburg, O. Yours in the work,
B. L. HOUSE.

THE WIDOW'S TWO MITES.

"AND Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Mark 12:41-44.

A mite was the twentieth part of a

Roman penny, which was fifteen cents. This poor widow woman had in her possession but two pieces of money of the very lowest denomination. All her possessions on earth amounted to but one and one-half cents. The rich cast in of their abundance. Note that the rich made large offerings. "Many that were rich cast in much." This poor widow held in her hands two small coins, each worth three fourths of a cent. Both of these she cast into the treasury, and her gift was more than all the generous gifts of the many that were rich.

The Lord measures our liberality to-day as then. In the books of heaven the credit record shows, not the amount which we give, but the willing heart that gives all. In the ledgers of heaven how small will appear the thousands given by the wealthy in comparison with the small offerings of those who make a real sacrifice to give.

How many Seventh-day Adventists have ever given the *two mites*? Many times, when donations are sent to the treasury, the giver says, "I send you the widow's mite." But note this: The scripture tells us nothing whatever about the widow's mite. It speaks of the widow's *two mites*. She did not, as many would do to-day, divide her small hoard, giving one to the Lord, and keeping one for herself in her dire need. She gave both mites. So, my brother, my sister, if you have given only the widow's mite, the question comes at once to you, what have you done with the other one?

I trust those who read this article will remember, if you have given but one, you have not followed the example of the widow. The widow's gift was both, all, everything, without reserve. If the widow's two mites were given by every Seventh-day Adventist, the Washington building fund would be completed to-day, the mission treasury would be overflowing, the Lord's work would be finished, and all the faithful would be gathered into our wealthy Father's house of many mansions. It is probable that one reason why this scripture is always apparently misquoted is that those who give the widow's mite have kept the other one, and it would not be true to say, "I send you the widow's *two mites*." Remember, not *one*, but *TWO*.

My dear brethren and sisters, how little we realize this spirit of absolute surrender of *all* to God, and of trust in him to supply all our needs. Gifts have several times been accompanied with this phrase, "I send you the widow's *mite*." This manner of spelling the word, though unconsciously perhaps, indicates the real meaning of

the text quoted at the beginning of this article. He gave all for us. Our all, even our two mites, all that we have, was given to us, and is his. Jesus did not regard this poor woman as being unwise and improvident, but has held her before his church in all the ages since he was upon earth as the true example of right giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He who gives all receives all.

J. S. WASHBURN.

THE GIFT OF THE HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL.

PAUL writes thus in the eighth chapter of Second Corinthians, of the liberality of the churches in Macedonia, "how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." This same spirit is to-day being manifested by our brethren and sisters in the South, in the matter of raising money to complete the Washington building fund before, or during, the time of General Conference, May 11-30. Our brethren and sisters know that our training school in Huntsville, Ala., is in great need of financial help, yet this does not deter them from showing their liberality in building up the great work at the headquarters of our denomination in Washington, D. C.

Note the following letter:—

"Dear Brother: I have noted with deep interest the appeals to our people, urging that every possible effort be put forth to finish up the \$100,000 fund before the General Conference. While we are not in a position to do much in dollars and cents, we wished to show our interest in this work and lift all we could. So our faculty and students were called together in the chapel at 7:15 P. M. This matter was presented, and prayers for the Lord to lead and show us our duty in this line ascended. We felt the Lord's presence. An opportunity was then given for all to say what they would do. We passed little slips of paper; these were gathered, and in ten minutes time we had taken over forty-three dollars. Others were given an opportunity to give between that time and 9:00 the next morning. As a result of this we have a total of eighty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents to send to the General Conference by our delegate. Our prayers go with this that our mite may help to complete this work. We are happy in the work of the Lord.

F. R. Rogers, *Principal*."

We also extract the following from a letter written by O. R. Stains, business manager of the school:—

"In this connection I beg to say that we have just taken up the work at

Washington with all the people on our place, both students, faculty, and employees in any way, and have secured eighty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents. This, I believe, is by far the largest donation ever made by the school. . . . I personally received much blessing in assisting in securing this, and believe that all feel it a privilege to assist in this way."

Surely this generous gift from those who are themselves in such deep financial need will stir the hearts of many of our people in more favorable financial situation to unite in a determined, mighty effort to close this work at once. This spirit of giving what costs a great sacrifice is the spirit of Christ, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

In this immediate connection I would also call the attention of our people to the pathetic and eloquent appeal which comes to us in the fact that our brethren and sisters in Hildebran, N. C., where the sanitarium was recently burned, and who are also in distressing need of financial assistance, have taken up a donation regularly each month, beginning with August, 1904, for the Washington work, and assure us they will continue to do this till the whole sum is raised. If all who are blessed with means will immediately give proportionally as is done by our brethren in Huntsville and Hildebran, no further appeals for means to complete the Washington building fund will be issued, for we shall have more than enough, as in the days of the building of the tabernacle.

J. S. WASHBURN.

STEPPING ON A SHADOW.

ONE dark night a man who was about to leave a steamboat saw what he supposed to be a gangplank, but it was only a shadow. He stepped out upon it, and of course fell into the water below. He thought he was taking the right way, but his thinking so could not make any difference in the result, so long as he really did not take it. Just so in matters of far greater importance. You must be right, not merely suppose you are right, if you are to avoid the evil consequences of wrong doing. This man might have put it to the proof whether it was the gangplank or not before trusting himself upon it. Do not be like him, but test your beliefs, and see if they are all well grounded. Many a man has followed his own notions of what is right, instead of taking God's word as a guide, and has found, when it was too late, that he had stepped on a shadow and fallen.—*Selected*.

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"THE time to break off a bad habit is before you begin."

"TRUTH cannot be expressed where sincerity is suppressed."

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

BORN to Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Ferciot on June 8, a son. Mother and babe are doing well.

DR. B. J. FERCIOT.

Canton, O., June 12, 1905.

We are indeed glad to add *The Montana Bivouac* to our exchangelist again. We wish it abundant success as it once more takes up the work in the Montana Conference, and trust it will have the hearty support of those for whose benefit it is edited.

THE Mount Vernon Sabbath-school Convention last Sabbath, was a very profitable, as well as entertaining, occasion. Those from a distance were Brethren Edward Iles and wife, Paul Stokes and wife, and Brother Levering; all representatives of the Waterford church. We expect a full report of the meeting held Sabbath for our next paper.

THERE is an old saying to this effect,— "Mistakes occur in the best regulated families." We lay no claim to infallibility, but our efforts are directed toward perfection. However unaccountable, and almost inexcusable, mistakes occurred in our last edition, which has caused considerable chagrin to all connected with our State paper. We beg pardon of our readers, and promise greater watchfulness in the future.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES!

please order your Sabbath-school quarterlies immediately, that they may be received in time for distribution the last Sabbath of this quarter.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

THE *Northern Illinois Recorder* has come to our table, and we extend to it our good wishes for success. If our State papers fulfill their appointed mission, it is because the workers and brethren recognize it as a medium of communication.

DEAR FRIEND: I write you in regard to my WELCOME VISITOR. I have not received it for two weeks, and you might just as well take a piece of furniture out of my house as that paper. I just wish you would look it up and see what is the matter. It may not be your fault. I am sure my subscription has not run out. Your brother in Christ,

BIRT PHILLIPS.

Brother Phillips had moved, and the office was not acquainted with the change, so the VISITOR was sent to the old address.—ED.

THE friends of Brother W. H. Granger will be glad to read the following extract from his letter to Brother Hamer—

"My health is much improved over last month. Wife and children are well. . . . The Lord is blessing in the work here, and we are already seeing good results. Besides the six who united with the church during May, there are seven or eight others observing the Sabbath whom we hope to see unite with us soon.

W. H. GRANGER."

ELDER W. H. WAKEHAM, our missionary in Egypt, spent a few days in Academia on his way to visit his old home. His many friends were indeed glad to see him, and hear him relate his experiences in that historical country. While the work is necessarily slow, something is being accomplished, and a foundation being laid on which a good work can be built. We need to pray that special wisdom be given those who labor in foreign fields, where not only the language is so difficult and different from our own, but where the customs and etiquette of the people are so easily and unconsciously offended. Brethren, pray that the Lord will raise up native workers who will be competent to carry the Message to their people.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending June 2, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—Great Controversy: 26 hours; value of orders, \$29; helps, \$1; total, \$30.

Raleigh French, Madison Co.—Bible Readings: 29 hours; value of orders, \$41.50; helps, \$6.75; total, \$48.25.

Kittie M. Halstead, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 5½ hours; value of orders, \$10.25; helps, \$.75; total, \$11.

A. T. Halstead, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 12 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$1.50; total, \$14.50.

C. E. Weaks, Athens Co.—Daniel and Revelation, Bible Readings, and Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$28.75; helps, \$.50; total, \$29.25.

Robert Frost,* Athens Co.—Bible Readings and Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$65.76; helps, \$.50; total, \$66.25.

William Campbell, Massillon.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$50; deliveries, \$55.

L. R. Williams†, Anglaize Co.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$31; helps, \$3.25; total, \$34.25.

Bradley W. Rayle, Madison Co.—Coming King: 37 hours; value of orders, \$34; helps, \$.25; total, \$34.25.

Frank Potts, Anglaize Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$22; helps, \$1.50; total, \$23.50.

Samuel C. Groff, Athens Co.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$1.25; total, \$16.25.

John I. Hughey, Champaign Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$36.50; helps, \$1; total, \$37.50.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$123.50.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$8.75.

*For two weeks.

†For week ending May 19 and June 2.

OBITUARY.

LOWE.—Died of consumption at the home of her parents in Springfield, O., May 31, 1905. Miss Agnes E. Lowe, aged 24 years, 3 months, and 29 days. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Math. 18:11. "The Son of Man came to save that which was lost." Some time before her death, in answer to earnest prayers, she found Jesus a precious Saviour. Her proud and turbulent spirit was changed to one of prayer and thanksgiving. A new song was put in her mouth, even praises unto our God. "Many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Ps. 40:2. She requested that "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet" be sung at her funeral that others might know how she found the Saviour. Six young ladies, of her choice, all dressed in white, bore her to her last resting place, where we trust she sleeps in Jesus.

J. G. WOOD.