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

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MISCELLANEOUS.

MY SERVICE.

I ASKED the Lord to let me do
Some mighty work for him;
To fight amidst his battle hosts,
Then sing the victor's hymn,
I longed my ardent love to show,
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home,
Whose life was calm and still,
And gave me little things to do,
My daily rounds to fill.
I could not think it good to be
Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way
That seemed of earth alone;
I, who had longed for conquests bright
To lay before his throne,
Had common things to do and hear;
To watch and strive with daily care.

So then I thought my prayer unheard,
And asked the Lord once more
That he would give me work for him,
And opened wide the door.
Forgetting that my Master knew
Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came:
"My child, I hear thee cry;
Think not that mighty deeds alone
Will bring the victory;
The battle has been planned by me.
Let daily life thy conquest see."

—Selected.

KARMATAR, E. I. R.

ELDER BURKHOLDER, Dear Brother:
I am sorry I did not get a letter written in time for camp-meeting. Time is flying so swiftly, and it is a new thing for me to remember that the workers who cannot be present, write for that meeting. If I had been with Elder Miller he would have reminded me; but I have been in Karmatar some time, helping in our Mission School.

Miss Knight, who had the school work in charge, is now in Simla doing Bible work. Mrs. Little of Washington, has taken her place. An assistant was needed to have general oversight of the homes, and as I am preparing for native work it was thought best for me to fill this position.

I certainly feel very thankful for a part in the work here in Karmatar. It is a good place to become acquainted with the customs of the natives; and the advantage in getting the lan-

guage far exceeds Calcutta, as I associate with the native boys and girls every day. I am also doing a little Bible work, as I have time, through an interpreter.

The work is so different here from at home. Knowing so little of the true God they have altogether a wrong idea of creation. One man told me his Bible said it took three hundred years to create all things.

We need much of the wisdom of God to know how to present the Word in a simple way that the people may be drawn to him. I have only been studying the language four months, and can read and write it quite well. Of course I do not understand what I read; for every word must be translated into English by the mind.

It will take time, and with God's help I want to improve every moment, that I may work for these poor souls who have so little happiness in this life and no hope of the life to come.

Elder Miller, wife, and Miss Mcfntyre have all had the fever and are now in Karmatar with us for a change of air. Calcutta is a bad place this time of the year. There is so much fever. Thus far I have escaped all sickness, for which I am thankful.

God is prospering our work here in Karmatar. The school work looks very hopeful.

Pray that our boys and girls may go forth from this place to enter the great harvest field of India.

Your sister in Christ,
DELLA BURROWAY.

Aug. 10, 1905.

WHAT IS A CHILD WORTH?

ONE night centuries ago, a little child lay in a common manger, in a lowly barn, in a humble village. Instantly the far-removed, but familiar scene is pictured in the mind's eye. What was that child worth? Can you estimate it? Who will dare to try? In that gift Heaven poured out its richest treasure. You who have the faintest conception of the infinity of the resources of the universe, must have some idea of the value of Heaven's richest treasure. Your highest estimation is but a drop in the sea to the real worth.

If that mischief-minded little boy of yours had been the only child ever born, would Christ have been given to save him from sin? You know he would. Heaven never pays more for anything than it is worth.

Since Christ is Heaven's richest treasure, and he was given for your boy, what is your boy worth? If God was willing to give such a price for your boy, would he be just as willing to give it for your neighbor's little girl, or for that ignorant little savage in Africa? If God gave so much can you afford to give any less? You say you haven't that much to give. Haven't you got a richest treasure? Have you given it to save your boy? If you haven't given as much as God has to save your boy, can you ask God to save him?

Since the Father is willing to risk such untold wealth on one child, he must have had a plan in mind whereby there was a possibility of that child being saved.

God never does anything unless he sees the end from before the beginning. We walk by faith in his sight. If no one would accept the salvation offered by Christ, would Heaven's treasure have been poured out for nothing? If, after you have spent your richest treasure on your child, he is lost, will you have lost all you gave? Nothing is ever lost that is given in love.

If you have no children, or if yours are safe, how much are you doing and giving to save the child of one of your neighbors who does not realize a child's worth as you do? You say "that is pretty risky business" to help some one you do not know. If Heaven was willing to risk its treasure on such a one, are you afraid to do as much? Means used in such a cause will never be wasted or lost to you.

Now, God has revealed a plan whereby the children may be given the best chance to be saved, in these words; "wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed." The church-school does not promise to save the children. It simply leads them to Life's Fountain, and offers every inducement for them to drink.

Whether they do so or not lies with them. Since God gave us this plan, and since our children are worth so much to God, to us, and to the world, can we afford to do any less than support it to the extent of giving *all* our richest treasure, if necessary? It is only by giving all, that our garments will be spared the blood of souls.

R. B. THURBER.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE NEEDS OF CLEVELAND.

THE apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans says: "We being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." The same writer also declares, "that if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." Believers in Christ and the Third Angel's Message have been organized into churches and conferences for their mutual benefit and assistance. They have one and the same object in view,—to promulgate this gospel of the Kingdom in this generation.

In the early days of this Message the hearts and minds of the people of Cleveland, O., were especially open to it. The Spirit of Prophecy has indicated that in the closing work of the gospel there would be a corresponding interest to hear and learn the truth in its last setting. In harmony with this statement, our brethren have been doing all that they could to prepare for the important work.

It was clear to be seen that a suitable house of worship must be built. Our brethren have taken hold of the work with courage and faith. They have done nobly, yet they are still burdened with a debt of about \$4000. Some may think that they have built too costly an edifice. If we compare the house that they have constructed with other places of worship in the great city of Cleveland, we find that they have built a modest church, none too good for the place and the work to be done. Our brethren are struggling to free themselves of this large debt. The interest on the same is sapping the very life from them. This fact has engaged the attention of the Conference Committee for some months in the past. After carefully canvassing the subject in counsel with the Cleveland church, it has been decided to lay the matter before the churches throughout the State, and make an appeal to every member of the Ohio Conference to help lift this debt. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

We may verify this truth by relieving our brethren at Cleveland. This would make a bond that would unite us in love and strengthen us for the great work that is to be done without delay. We believe this appeal is from the Lord. May the Holy Spirit direct us in our liberality to advance the cause of God in this important city, is my prayer.

R. R. KENNEDY.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR.

IT has been a long time since my last report, so I deemed it wise to send a few words of courage along with you on your journey throughout the State. We were asked to take down the tent at Medina early in order to have it in good time for camp-meeting. Brother Bidwell was called in to help load the tents at Academia but I remained nearly another week; and as the doors in private homes were opened every where for meetings, we held them. Sometimes twenty-five were present. Best of all the Lord was with us.

I worked in the hay field three days to gain the needed exercise, but was soon called to Mansfield where we were given all the exercise we wanted, and then some. After camp-meeting I remained to help follow up the interest at Mansfield. Working with papers, tracts, and books, with the business men of the town, especially the German settlement. I sold 120 German papers, special number, besides *Family Bible Teacher*, and some books. Also held Bible readings.

From here I went to Defiance where we had some excellent meetings with the Defiance church. Excellent because of the remarkable presence of the Lord. Nearly all the members were present. The weak hands were strengthened, and the feeble knees confirmed. Every one bore testimony to the one end,—to hold fast the doctrine of sound words. Here I learned better to understand the words of Paul found in Rom. 15: 29-33 "I came in the fullness of the Gospel, that I may with you be refreshed." It was indeed a refreshing for my soul. I called on nearly every member, and on many of the outsiders. Some of the sick shed tears of joy to have the privilege of telling me their joys and griefs. I also had a very pleasant visit with the workers at the Mapelwood Sanitarium at Defiance.

From here I went to Delaware to see some of our brethren there. Then I went to Academia; where I now reside, and have joined with the students of the College, to study with our might, "to show ourselves approved unto

God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Teachers and students are working in harmony to the one end; namely, to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom in the earth; to quickly give the Message of the Coming King to the world. Our Friday night prayer-meetings for teachers and students are being richly blessed and visited by the heavenly Guest. The Lord is more than willing to fill us with his fullness, if we will but open the doors of our hearts. "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any one will open I will come in and sup with him, and he with me."

G. P. GAEDE.

Locust Point, Medina.

DEAR VISITOR: After camp meeting I returned to my home for a few days and enjoyed the quiet very much after the rush and hurry at Mansfield. The evening of Aug. 25, found me at Locust Point. Sister Gyde and her mother had a good warm supper waiting for us, which we appreciated.

Brother Gyde informed me of an appointment for me to speak that night, so we hastened to the church where about twenty-five of my friends were waiting for me. While there I preached six sermons, baptized two persons in old Lake Erie, and took two more into the church on profession of faith, making four added to the church. Three of these are young people of good talent which God can use to strengthen the church. There are others whom I hope for in the future.

I visited all that I could while there, but not all that I desired too. Two more homes were opened to me while there. The work is onward.

Although in the midst of pickle and peach gathering, the first service had the lightest attendance; a hundred were present the last two evenings.

I left there Aug. 30, going to Oak Harbor, where I spent a short time with friends.

Sept. 1, I came to Medina where I found the brethren faithful.

While waiting for our tents to come to Seville Brother Walter Moffett (who joined me Sept. 4.) and myself stayed with the Medina brethren. While there I spoke three times, and gave three Bible readings, took one subscription for the *Review*.

Our tents reached us Sept. 6, and we began meetings on the eighth with eleven in attendance. People seem friendly and we hope for a good hearing and souls saved. Yours in the Master's Work,

W. E. BIDWELL.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR:

OUR hearts have been made glad, and we have shed tears of joy as we read the letters from our brothers and sisters in their far-away homes across the sea. It may be that they will write us oftener if we tell them how much we enjoy their letters. We are encouraged as we read of the difficulties overcome, and the victories gained by our missionaries in China, Japan, Korea, India, and Burmah. Please tell us again, and again, about your needs, and those of your fellow creatures in whose land you now dwell.

Remember that there are hundreds of your brethren who read your articles; and their sons and daughters read them too. In Rev. 13, we find the prophesy which says the United States will become a persecuting power. At the present time we have freedom to send letters across the ocean or around the globe for a few pennies. The great ships are for our service, and the army of mail-men may be employed by us. So let us improve our privileges.

Some of the missionaries from Ohio, write quite often to their relatives; but they have many more relatives now than in the past. I am sure they can rejoice in Mark 10: 29, 30. "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's; but shall receive an hundred-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Also Is. 49: 20, 21. "The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shalt say again in thine ears, the place is too straight for me: give place to me that I may dwell. Thou shalt say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold I was left alone; these, where had they been?"

WILLIS MEEKER.

Miss.

THINKING it might not be out of place to report a little missionary work, I send the following report.

In June I loaned and gave away 1352 pages of *Signs, Life Boats, and Reviews*. In July, 2055. On the road to camp-meeting 1094 pages and sold one "Steps to Christ." Nine friendly Bible talks, ranging from five to thirty minutes; one Bible reading on Daniel 2. The people seem anxious

to hear and know more of this Message. I hope to be able to do more for the Master in the future.

Your brother in the good work,
IRA SPAULDING.

Haskins.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: WE opened our meetings at this point Friday evening Sept. 1. The attendance has been good each service. We beg an interest in the prayers of all God's people, for the success of the Lord's work at this place.

J. P. GARDE.
FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

Yale.

OUR tent is pitched in a very small country town on a beautiful grassy spot. Although we are experiencing very wet weather, yet we are having good attendance ranging from thirty to one hundred.

Close attention is given to the word spoken and we expect to reap a harvest of souls as a result of the effort put forth.

We would be glad to hear from our brethren in the work.

C. C. WEBSTER.
JOHN SHULTZ.
Address, Deerfield, O. R. F. D. 15

COLLEGE NOTES.

ELDER A. G. Haughey of the West Michigan Conference dropped in to the College chapel just at chapel hour Tuesday, Sept. 19, and addressed the students for a few minutes.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE began its year's work on September 6, with a good attendance. Between ninety and a hundred are already enrolled, and nearly every day brings new arrivals.

A MOST excellent prayer meeting was held the first Friday evening, giving a strong spiritual impulse to the work at the very start, for which both teachers and students thank God and look forward to the year's work with happy anticipation.

THE Faculty of the College gave the school family a formal reception in the Chapel on Saturday night, Sept. 9. It proved to be a very pleasant occasion, bringing all together in a social way early in the year, thus avoiding many a lonely hour for some who have left home for the first time.

BROTHER A. J. KENNEDY made a short call at the College on Tuesday, Sept. 19. He had just left a case of nursing at Utica, with whom his ef-

forts for both soul and body have been specially blessed of God. He reports a live interest in the truth on the part of others there also.

ELDER G. A. IRWIN and wife have been renewing old acquaintances around Mount Vernon recently. They are well and of good courage in the Master's service. Their many old friends have given them a hearty welcome and now follow them with their prayers to their important work in Washington D. C.

MANY readers of the VISITOR will be interested in the marriage of two former students of this school, Mr. Harold Cobban and Miss Grace Thornton. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents at Washington C. H., Ohio, at noon, Sept. 5, 1905. Prof. N. W. Lawrence performed the marriage ceremony in the presence of a few near friends and relatives. The congratulations and best wishes of friends follow these young people to their home and work in Washington, D. C.

MARRIED

AT the home of the bride's parents, Elder and Mrs. R. R. Kennedy, of Wheelersburg, on Thursday evening Sept. 7, 1905, at 8 o'clock Mr. Virgil Luther Fisher and Miss Margnerite Mae Kennedy were united in marriage in the presence of thirty-nine invited guests. After the ceremony was pronounced by the writer, an elegant luncheon was served which all present seemed to enjoy. Following this an old time belling was indulged in by the neighboring boys who did their best, and from all that could be seen and heard they enjoyed their part equally with the rest of us.

The happy couple were made the recipients of many useful presents, by the guests who were present, and many others who could not be present.

These young people will leave in a few days to spend six months in the A. M. M. C. of Chicago, after which they will return to Battle Creek, Mich. to connect for a time with the Sanitarium.

Mr. Fisher will complete his Medical course next June. Mrs. Fisher graduated from the Nurse's course this present month. They have consecrated themselves to the closing work of the Third Angel's Message, and will hold themselves in readiness to answer the call of God to service wherever that may be. May the blessing of God attend them in all their efforts to do his will.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

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

SISTER P. S. STEINBAUGH desires to sell her grocery, together with building, fixtures, and lot 50x150. For further information address her at Academia, O.

ELDER J. O. MILLER and BROTHER FLOYD GIBSON held their first meeting at Powell, O., Sept. 7, and report a good interest with an attendance of fully 100. They request the prayers of the brethren.

If you know of any isolated Sabbath-keepers in the state, please send their names to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, Ohio. We desire to correspond with all who do not have church privileges. N. S. M.

OWING to the break which occurred in the printing press, we are behind in publishing all the items of interest that have been sent to the office. However, this week we hope to "catch up," so our readers will be supplied with news that really is news.

REMEMBER the needs of the work in the South, and begin to plan for a liberal donation on the appointed day, October 7. "Let us surprise the holy angels by the heartiness with which we endeavor just now to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, were we in the same suffering need."

SISTER E. E. MACKIN gave us a pleasant surprise by sending into the office seven new subscriptions to the WELCOME VISITOR, with the announce-

ment "that there were two or three more to call on." We certainly appreciate this effort of Sister Mackin, and trust that many others will follow her good example, and have the VISITOR call at every Seventh-day Adventist home in the State.

THE church school at Academia begun Sept. 18, with a good attendance, and Brother R. B. Thurber as teacher. The school room had been painted and new desks and seats added, making a very attractive and pleasant room for the students. We feel to thank the Lord that he has given us a willing mind to do all we can for the children, and now feel that he will bless the results to the good of all who attend.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

AS has been announced, the collection for the work in the South is to be taken up October 7, which is the day appointed for the first Missionary Convention. It has been thought best, therefore, to postpone the Convention one week, or until October 14.

Remember that the best way of preparing for these Conventions is to take the first three steps as outlined in the Campaign program. They are as follows:

1. The subscribing for the *Review and Herald* by every Sabbath-keeping family.
2. The circulation of at least one pound of the "Signs of the Times Leaflets" by every Seventh-day Adventist.
3. Entering upon a campaign in behalf of our periodicals by the whole denomination.

Have you taken, or are you preparing to take these steps? If not, will you not do so at once? You will enjoy the Convention much better if you will.

H. H. HALL, Sec. Gen.
Missionary Com.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Sept. 15, 1905.)

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 35 hours; value of orders, \$14.25; helps, \$8; total, \$22.25.

J. A. Maxam, Cleveland.—Bible Readings: 15 hours; value of orders, \$15.50

C. E. Weeks, Athens.—Bible Readings: value of deliveries, \$70.

Charles Dunham, Columbus.—Coming King and Desire of Ages: 25 hours; value of orders, \$25.

F. B. Numbers, Mausfield.—Coming King and Best Stories: 21 hours; value of orders, \$21.50; helps, \$1, total, \$22.50.

Percy J. Tuttle, Cleveland.—Coming King: 21½ hours; value of orders, \$12.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$.40; total, \$18.40

OBITUARY.

WIGGINS. William Victor Wiggins, son of Newton and Carrie E. Wiggins of Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 12, 1905, aged 6 years, 9 months, 12 days. When returning home from Sabbath-school, in care of an older brother and sister, while watching a passing train so they could cross the railroad track, an unnoticed switching train of six cars backing down, gave him the fatal blow, like a flower cut down early in life. "As for man his days are as grass." Ps. 103: 15. "For all flesh is as grass." 1 Pet. 1: 24. We laid him away with the blessed assurance. "They shall come again from the land of the enemy."

J. G. Wood.

COOK.—Minerva W. Sharpless was born in Columbiana, Co., Oct., 21 1828, died of pneumonia, Sept. 4, 1905, aged 76 yrs., 10 mo., and 13 days. She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Sharpless. Her father was a prominent business man of Fayette Co., Penn. She was united in marriage to J. W. Cook, of Washington Co., Penn., April 28, 1859. To them were born two daughters. Her husband and elder daughter preceded her in death. She was a kind and loving wife, a patient mother, and was highly esteemed by her neighbors. She joined the Baptist church very early in life and continued her church relation with that people until about thirty years ago, at which time she heard Elders St. John and Wagoner, preach the Message at West Unity, Williams Co., Ohio. She became convinced of the truth, and ever after until the day of her death lived a life in harmony with its principles. Funeral services were held in the College chapel at Academia, O. 1 Pet. 1: 24, 25 being chosen as a basis for the words of consolation. Interment in the cemetery at Mt. Vernon, O.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

GIBSON.—Le Grand Gibson was born in Russia, Lorain Co., O., May 11, 1837, died Sept. 3, 1905, aged 68 yrs., 3 mo., and 23 days. In April 1863 he married Sarah A. Twining. From this union twelve children were born, eight daughters and four sons, all of whom with the mother live to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father. The deceased had never united with any church organization, but had lived an upright life, keeping the Sabbath for years, and frequently expressed his faith in the power of the blood of Christ to save him. The family gathering of relatives and friends was unusually large. The service was held at the home near Clarksfield, O., and the interment was made just across the road from the house. The deceased was the father of Sr. Cora Gibson, one of our faithful Bible workers. The occasion was improved in speaking words of hope, comfort, and admonishing the living to be ready for the great change which must come to us all either at death or the appearing of our Lord Jesus. These bereavements are only calculated to show us our frailty, and keep before us our need of divine help.

D. E. LINSEY.