

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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WALKING WITH GOD.

Walking with God, oh! wonderful life,
Calm and serene in the midst of earth's strife;
Walking with him, I am free from all dread,
Filled with his spirit, oh! softly I tread.

Walking with God, oh! fellowship sweet,
Thus to know God, and in him be complete;
Walking with him whom the world cannot
know,

Oh! it is sweet though life thus to go.

Walking with God in sorrow's dark hour,
Soothed and sustained by his infinite power;
Oh! it is sweet to my soul thus to live,
Filled with a peace which the world cannot
give.

Walking with God, oh! may my life be
Such that my Lord can walk always with me;
Walking with him, I shall know day by day
That he is my Father, and leads all the way.

—Selected.

OUR EFFORT FOR THE LAND OF SINIM.

No. II.

"We have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in *well organized plans*." It is easy for us to plan. God may give wisdom that we may know how to plan aright, but of what use are plans if they are not put into use. Some are willing to form *well organized plans*, but there their burden seems to take its flight. Plans for the old are not fitting for our youth. They are as bunglesome as was the heavy armor of Saul when placed upon the youthful shoulders of the shepherd boy David.

David could not battle in another's armor; neither can the youth operate the plans of the older ones. Thus do we account for the many statements made in the Spirit of Prophecy relating to the forming of plans for our youth.

Our youth are pleased to know of the plans being laid for a vigorous effort during the coming year. They are already taking hold of the work with zest. I want you to hear how others are regarding the work Ohio's Young people are doing, therefore I quote the following from a letter received from Elder W. A. Spicer, Sec-

retary of the Foreign Mission Board. "Many thanks for yours of January twelfth, and for the good news that you send. This is the best lift we have had yet on Brother Allum's account. I will give you information as to his movements as soon as we hear. While I was in the West a cable message came from him, intimating that he had received some word which showed that the China workers felt that they could by some division of funds maintain him if he could get there. But in the meantime these little interests in different parts of the country had sprung up, looking toward backing Brother Allum's enterprise, and our Board has already written him to go to the field, assuring him that somehow we would stand by him. So I suppose the next thing we will hear will be the news that Brother Allum is married and on his way to the field.

This certainly is a good move, for both of these young people have a good education and have had experience in the Cooranbong printing office. They will be good help for Brother Miller, on whom the burden of the Honan printing press must rest pretty heavily along with his other work. And now by the help the Ohio young people, and some other smaller societies of our young people are proposing to render, we shall be able to stand by Brother and Sister Allum."

Thus you see the joy that it brings to the hearts of God's true workers, who are perplexed to know how to answer the urgent calls that come to them, to know there is a faithful band of young people who are ready to form *well organized plans* for the advancement of the work.

Just a few days ago as I was visiting one of our large societies this statement was made.—"Brother Shultz, we are glad you have come. Our society has a surplus amount of money which we were undecided as to how to use. Now we will devote it to Brother Allum's cause and thus assist Dr. Harry Miller, in whose work we are interested." I, too, was glad I had come. Doubtless this will be read by others who are interested in the work in Honan, who want to help Brother

Miller and will be glad to put their surplus money into this enterprise.

Our interest in his cause will be shown by our gifts to this enterprise. To-day a man of the world said to me, "Our degree of spiritual interest will be shown by the amount of money we give to missions." I agree with him, Don't you?

While you are planning for the work that has been outlined, look for the further words of encouragement that will appear in next week's issue. Your gifts for Brother Allum's fund will be received at any time by C. V. Hamer, Treasurer of the Ohio Conference. Always state that it is for the Y. P. S. work.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

INDIA.

(Concluded.)

AFTER dinner we spoke in the market place, and then in the house where we were stopping until twelve o'clock that night. Early in the morning we were astir and visiting the families who were interested in the new truth as they called it. While visiting these families, word came that a number of people were assembled in the magistrates office and wished to hear us speak. As we passed by the courthouse, Brother Mookerjee said, "The men who are assembled there are those employed by the government, so you want to be ready for they may ply you with some strange questions." We went to our rooms and after a season of prayer took the prophetic chart and entered the court room which was soon filled.

I stood behind the magistrate's desk and he sat at my left with a Bengali Bible in his hand. His clerk sat a little lower down at my right, a deputy sat on his table, the head schoolmaster, who was quite a historian and the only one there who understood English, sat near by facing me, and a pleader (lawyer) also sat in front of me. I mention these positions because the men were sitting in their usual places in the court.

I presented the second chapter of Daniel, for the minister who opposed us on Sunday had prayed that the Lord would prevent the people from

believing that the old Testament was binding. Brother Mookerje interpreted for me and the people were interested. Side by side sat Hindoos, Mohammedans, and Christians listening to the truths for these last days. I forgot that I was in a court room and that court opened at ten o'clock. I over ran the time, but no one said a word. I told them that I came to their village to bring the good news of salvation through Christ alone, that very soon he would set up his kingdom, and wanted subjects to enjoy it with him. This seemed to appeal to them. A man arose and said, "We extend a vote of thanks to the gentleman for the instruction he has given us to-day, for we never heard such things before." The same man said to me, "I believe these things and will teach them." The magistrate told us that we were stopping in his house and were welcome to it for two years. He said, "I am interested in these things, so come along and tell us more and we will do our part, and help you all we can." So said many more.

It was after ten when we went to take some food. A member of the court brought us some eggs and potatoes.

Truly the Lord is going before us opening the way. As I left, a man came from another village and invited us to come there and preach. We expect to answer this call on our next visit.

When I entered the court room and saw the men sitting there, I thought of Paul's visit to Athens and how the men said, "What will this babbling say?" When the magistrate asked me to speak, I was reminded of the time when the deputy asked Paul to preach for him, and I wondered if there were a Sergus Paulus there to prevent the magistrate from accepting the truth.

I am so glad to see the work opening among the natives, but where are the workers who are willing to endure hardness as a good soldier that these neglected souls may be warned before it is too late? Many of them are very poor, and live from hand to mouth. They go hungry many times for want of the very poorest food.

Now I am very happy that I can look back to the time when we visited the Columbus church on our way to this field, and remember that they made a liberal donation to the work in India. I wish I could take you all to visit some of these villages, and I am sure your hearts would go out in pity for them. While it is true that many are well to do, many are poor and needy. Lepers lie along the

streets, with only a cloth for clothing. Home are without feet or hands, and some have other parts of their body wasted away. Truly it is time to work as never before and finish the work that Jesus may soon come and put an end to all this misery.

I am happy to say that we are all well and of the best of courage in the Lord. Wishing much of the blessing of the Lord to rest upon you and that you may be kept in the love of the truth, I remain, as ever, Your brother in the Master's service,

W. W. MILLER.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Hamilton.

ACCORDING to appointment, we were with the little church at Hamilton during the week of prayer. There were but two families that could attend the meetings on account of sickness in one, and another living too far out in the country. But we visited these and found them full of love for the truth.

We also visited Brother Reed and his family, who are rejoicing in the Third Angel's Message.

In our meetings each evening, the Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked degree, and each heart was touched by the timely messages sent to us in the readings prepared.

There was a renewed consecration of each one in attendance. Especially were our hearts touched by the interest and earnestness of the two children of Brother Keppler, who took part in almost every prayer season. They often expressed a desire to have a part in the giving of the closing message.

The little company at Hamilton is faithful in holding up the light of present truth in that place, and our prayer is that they will see fruits of their labor.

M. HORTENSE HOWELL,
ANNA E. SMITH.

Millersburg.

N. S. MILLER, Dear Brother: I have again started in the canvassing work with "Bible Readings" and "Christ Our Saviour" as a help. You will please find my report for last week enclosed.

Sister White has plainly told us that the time has come for the enlargement and growth of God's people, and that no longer are we to act as a stumbling block to hinder the work of the Lord. If we believe that the Lord is coming in this generation, which we certainly do, let us put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Let us clear the highway of our God by giving the Message to the world. Then we can say in that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Every Seventh-day Adventist should read the article, "No More Delay" in the Review of Dec. 21, 1905. Yours in the blessed service.

C. R. SMITH.

Findlay.

WELCOME VISITOR: I thought I would write you in regard to our week of prayer and the great blessings the dear Lord gave us. We feel to thank him that we have awakened to our duty and all feel determined to work in his vineyard by giving out the printed page.

We ordered fifty-six *Family Bible Teachers* to begin with, and as soon as our fund increases we hope to lay in a supply of tracts to work with.

Sisters Alice Edwards and Laura Young take two clubs of Signs. Brethren Mackin and Stevens are going from house to house with the F. B. T. and have done well for so short a time. Sister Nettie Brien is selling them to the patients in the bath-room. Orville Brien, aged five, took *Reviews*, *Signs*, and *Life Boats*, and put them in the farmers buggies as he had opportunity. We all want a part in scattering the seeds of truth, asking the Lord to give the increase. May he bless us all is my prayer.

MRS. NETTIE BRIEN.

Wilmington.

WELCOME VISITOR: I thought it might be interesting to your readers to know how our Sabbath-school spent the afternoon of Sabbath Dec. 30. (We hold our Sabbath-school in the afternoon.)

Our Children's Missionary Exercises took the place of the usual meeting, and the hour was quite profitably spent. The main object in this service was to show the need of laborers and means in the foreign and Southern fields. The harvest truly is ripe, but the laborers are few.

All hearts were impressed with the thought "It is nothing to us as Christians whether souls are saved or not?" We are engaging in missionary work and are determined, in the name of the Lord, to be faithful workers to the end. We wish to be remembered in the prayers of the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR.

MISS BERTHA FISHER.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

THANK YOU!

TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE: These words "thank you" but faintly express the real gratitude of our hearts for your hearty co-operation and support of the work of this Conference during the past year. It will no doubt be both interesting and gratifying to you to know that the tithe of 1905 exceeds any previous year in the history of the Conference.

The treasurer's books show that there was paid into this fund during the year 1905 the sum of \$26,001.44, and that for 1904, \$21,499.18, a gain over the previous year of \$4,502.26.

Let me assure you that this condition of the Lord's treasury was greatly appreciated by the Auditing Committee at its annual meeting on Jan. 8. This afforded the opportunity of settling all accounts with the laborers of the Conference for the past year, and the payment of \$1,290, the whole amount still due the Association for money borrowed several years ago with which to pay Conference laborers.

It is quite a satisfaction, dear brethren, to announce to you at the beginning of 1906 that the tithe fund is now free from debt, and that hereafter the whole amount of this fund will be used in aggressive work for the Conference either at home or abroad. It is also due the laborers of the Conference to say they have given their hearty support to the administration in the effort to abandon the debt-making policy of the past, and to conduct the business of the Conference on a cash basis and within the financial resources of the same.

Let us continue the effort, brethren and sisters, to pay off the debts that have been accumulating for years, and get free, and stay free, and God will bless and prosper us in this good work, I am positively sure.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

We were glad to give the readers of the VISITOR the privilege of reading the letter written the Columbus church by Elder W. W. Miller. Surley the Lord is going before our missionaries in the foreign lands. Let us still remember that they need our prayers as well as money.

"PARENTS who would train up their children in the way they ought to go, must go in the way in which they would train up their children."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THE MISSIONARY IDEA.

"A BLIND and crippled old man sat at the edge of the icy stone pavement grinding out his few tunes on a wheezy old organ, and holding in one hand a tin cup for pennies.

"The cold wind blew through his rags, and he was indeed a very pitiable object. Yet few of the passers-by seemed to pity him. They were all in a hurry, and it was too cold to stop and hunt for pennies in pockets and purses. A sudden gust of wind blew the old man's cap off. It fell by the side of the pavement, a few feet distant.

"He felt around for it with his bare, red hands, and then with his cane, but he could not find it, and finally he began playing again, bareheaded, with his scanty gray locks tossed about in the wind. People came and went—happy, well-dressed men and women, in silks and velvets and sealskins, in warm overcoats and gloves and mufflers; but none of them paid any attention to the old man.

"By and by a woman came out of an alley—an old woman, in rags and tatters, with a great bundle of sticks and boards on her bent back. Some of the boards were so long that they were dragging on the ground behind her; and it had evidently taken her a long time to tie all the boards together on her back. She came along, bending low under her burden, until she was within a few feet of the old organ-grinder.

"She saw him sitting there bareheaded and his cap lying a little distance away, close by the pavement. She stopped, untied the rope which bound the bundle to her back, and in a moment the boards were lying on the ground.

"Then she picked up the cap, put it on the old man's head, and tied it down with a ragged string of a handkerchief taken from her own neck. 'Cold, hain't it?' she said. He nodded. 'Hain't gitting much to-day?' were her next words. He shook his head again. She fumbled in her ragged skirts for a moment and finally brought forth a copper. She dropped it into his little cup, hoisted the great bundle on her back, and went on her way."

How many such opportunities present themselves all about us! Unfortunately most of us are either so far sighted that we can see opportunities only in some foreign land or some far distant field, or so near sighted that we can see no pleasure in

engaging in any thing not calculated to advance our own personal efforts.

This gospel of giving one's self in ministry wherever there is need to be supplied, is constantly being proclaimed throughout the universe. To everything God has created and made has He given a mission of blessing others. Not a plant grows without a purpose; some one, some thing is better because it has lived. Not a flower "wastes its sweetness on the desert air" for naught. It may indeed have been "by selfish man"; but it bloomed not in vain. It may have furnished some insect its food, some bee its honey. It may have burst the clod, grown, bloomed, ripened, and died, not knowing another life; but its seed may have been carried by wind or bird to grow again, and so be a blessing to many lives.

In the parable the poor man had been so ill treated that he had nearly lost what was to him the most precious thing in the world, for the thieves had robbed him of a good share of his life, "leaving him half dead." He needed some one to minister to him, and by coming near to him the Samaritan became the connecting channel between the man's need and God's supply, and thus he shared in the benefits of his own ministry.

In the story of the good Samaritan Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission. When we were bruised and dying, He had pity on us. He did not pass us by on the other side and leave us helpless and hopeless to perish. He did not remain in His holy, happy home, where He was beloved by all the heavenly host. He beheld our sore need. He undertook our case and identified His interests with those of humanity. He died to save His enemies. He prayed for His murderers.

Praying for His disciples He says, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into all the world." The words, "Go ye into all the world," do not necessarily mean a foreign country. They may not mean further than the next door. The world is right around here as well as on the other side of the globe.

When the Lord gives blessings, we treat them much the same way as did the man in the parable whose farm brought forth plentifully. He did not have room for all his fruits and grains; consequently he should have divided them with his brethren who were in need. He could easily have relieved himself of a portion of his abundance, and many homes would have been freed from want, many hungry fed, many naked clothed, many hearts

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

ELDER J. O. MILLER is now located at Dayton O., where he will serve as pastor of the church. His address is No. 52 Burkhardt Ave.

BROTHER JOHN S. GIBBONS desires us to announce that he has moved to Hildebran, N. Carolina, and that his address is Hickory, N. Carolina, R. F. D. No. 4.

BROTHER F. A. WEBBER of Carey, O., would like to correspond with a Seventh-day Adventist who understands painting and paper-hanging. Address as above.

THE *Missionary*, a monthly magazine published at Cliff Island, Portland, Me., for The Young People's Home Missionary Society, has just reached our table. We wish this bright little magazine success in promulgating the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE District Meeting at Coshocton will begin February 14, and continue until February 18. Elders Burkholder, Webster, House, and Brethren James E. Shultz and Carl Weeks, and the writer, will be present to assist in making these meetings beneficial to all who shall attend. The different lines of work will receive attention.

A cordial invitation is extended to the brethren and sisters at Coshocton, Trinway, Dresden, Pleasant Hill, and Killbuck to be present and lend their aid in making this effort a success. Come one, come all. The Lord is to finish the work of the Third Angel. Come, let us enjoy a feast of good things at these meetings.

Your Brother in Christ,

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

A TIME FOR ACTION.

AN opportunity now presents itself to place before the good, misguided people of Ohio, the principles of Christian Liberty. Ohio is a hot bed for so-called reform. Our present officers of state and many cities were elected on a platform that gave the people to understand that all the laws of the State would be enforced.

Since the elections these same seekers have done little to fulfill their promises to the people. As a result they are being threatened by religious societies, waited upon by committees of ministers, and harassed by the populous generally.

The peculiar thing about it is, that all the reforms culminate, in the minds of the majority of petitions, in creating and enforcing Sunday laws. It would seem that the State had ceased to regard crime, had set up its own standard of mortality and begun the punishment of sinners.

Many people are perplexed and to us is given the key to the situation. Let us at this time circulate petitions against the Allen Sunday Bill, that is before Congress (See *Review* of Jan. 18.) and endeavor to awaken many minds to a knowledge of the truth.

Let those who can, write suitable articles for the public press, explaining the proposed law and showing plainly the evil of such legislation. Perhaps some can write a short, pointed letter to your representative in Washington.

Brother K. C. Russell, Chairman of the Religious Liberty Bureau, writes as follows,—

"The document spoken of, and petition blanks can be obtained at our conference office."

"YOU will be interested to know that the Religious Liberty Bureau is preparing a special document which will contain thirty-two pages, ordinary magazine size, nicely illustrated, presenting lively, up-to-date topics on the subject of religious liberty. The two central topics will be the Federation Movement and the Sunday bill now before Congress, with other articles that will be especially important in our campaign this winter. We not only desire to utilize this document here, but it will be so gotten up that it can be used anywhere in the States. It will retail for five cents per copy, with the usual discounts in quantity. We believe there will be a ready sale for this document, especially as it will be gotten out in an attractive form. Our plan is to have it sold from house to house, on the streets, or anywhere. Those circulat-

ing the document should carry with them petition blanks for signatures against the proposed Sunday bill. They can also carry a supply of leaflets explaining the Bill, which can be distributed. Our Department will furnish these gratis to our people.

You can readily see that this will afford a most excellent opportunity for us to carry forward an effective campaign in educating the people throughout the country concerning the subject of religious liberty."

C. A. PEDICORD.

THE MISSIONARY IDEA.

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made glad, and a melody of praise would have ascended to heaven. So when the Lord grants us blessings, we are prone to think that they are solely for us, that they are a mark of God's approval of our ways, and an indication that we are better than other people.

In many of our large cities charity work has assumed almost the character of a fad. "To go slumming" is often looked upon as a mere pastime or recreation, a method by which to obtain a new sensation; but to be acceptable to God it must be a heart-to-heart work, free from all selfishness or any other motive less pure than a desire to help one of Christ's little ones; a desire to comfort and bless, based solely on human sympathy and love to God.

To be some body's neighbor for the mere purpose of making a display of good works is not obeying the injunction given by the Master to "do good and lend; hoping for nothing again."

Christ has said that we shall have the poor always with us, and that he has placed them among us to awaken in our hearts the love that he feels toward the suffering and oppressed. When one grasps the thought that the sympathies of Christ are with these people, he sees a new significance in the text, "With good will, doing service as unto the Lord and not to men." He is inspired with a high motive, even the love of the Master, and goes about doing good. The angels of God accompany him on his errands of mercy, and the Saviour bends lovingly over him with smiles of approval, saying to him continually, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren; ye have done it unto me."

HELEN MORSE.

(Read at the student's Missionary meeting, January 31.)