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

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MISSIONARY.

THE HIDDEN LESSON.

The works of God are fair for naught
Unless we, in the seeing,
See hidden in the thing the thought
That animates its being.

The outward form is not the whole,
But clearly has been moulded
To image forth the inward soul,
Which dimly is unfolded.

The shadow pictured in the lake
By every tree that trembles,
Is cast for more than just the sake
Of that which it resembles.

The dew falls lightly, not alone
Because the meadows need it;
It has an errand of its own,
To human souls that heed it.

The stars are lighted in the skies,
Not merely for their shining;
But, like the light of loving eyes,
Have meaning worth divining.

Whoever, at the coarsest sound,
Still listens for the finest,
Shall hear the noisy world go round
To music the divinest.

Whoever yearns to see aright,
Because his heart is tender,
Will catch a glimpse of heavenly light
In every earthly splendor.

So, since the universe began,
And will be till it's ended,
May souls of nature, souls of man,
And soul of God be blended.

—Selected.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

FOR weeks, yes months, the people of Calcutta were making preparations for the visit of the Prince of Wales, which took place recently. Five hundred men were employed decorating the city and road along which he drove from the ghat to the Government House.

The day of his arrival thousands of spectators sat or stood in India's sun two or three hours to catch a glimpse of the royal procession.

The grandest display of all was the night of the illumination, when all the principal streets and buildings were decorated with myriads of lights of various colors and arranged in various designs: for at 9:30 the Prince and Princess, with their escort, were to drive through the city.

As it was impossible for me to attend any of the other exhibitions and I was urged not to miss this one, I

decided to board the tram, which passes our door, and ride around early in the evening to see the "sights". Accordingly, with my baby in my arms, and accompanied by one of our sisters and her little daughter, I hailed a car and we were on our way by six o'clock.

Ordinarily we should have made the entire trip in less than an hour, but the roads were jammed with gharris filled to their utmost; goats and foot passengers, so that it was nearly seven o'clock when Dalhousie Square burst upon our view.

There was the old Scottish Kirk ablaze with native lamps from the foundation to the summit of the tall steeple, the post-office with its huge pillars entwined with rows of twinkling lights, and a great glimmering crown capping its turret. There was the treasury building and other business blocks all aglow, while in the center of the square, lay a tank of water surrounded by chains of native lamps and Japanese lanterns.

Mounted police as well as some armed with clubs cleared the way, for the streets were crowded. We had passed three sides of the square, one more and we would be on our way home; but just before we turned the corner, the post-office clock pointed to seven, the bell in the old Scotch church tolled seven, and well, all traffic must close at seven.—so was the decree, our car came to a standstill two miles from home.

The seething mass of people of every nationality, and arrayed in every conceivable costume filled the streets. To press our way through them with a baby and little child was out of the question, so we decided to remain in the car until it was allowed to go on.

We had plenty of time to behold the splendor of the decorations, and to meditate beside; for as we had to wait till the Prince and his retinue passed at ten o'clock, and then till the innumerable carriages which followed him were out of our way, it was twelve o'clock before we started home.

Long before the appointed time, the crowd was alert and watching. At the sound of the tramp of mounted police as they rode along to keep the

road clear, the people stretched their necks to the utmost, while some climbed on fences or their gharris, but when they saw only police they settled down again and some men went to sleep.

How vividly was brought to my mind the fact that the Prince of Peace is so soon to visit this earth, but how few are preparing to meet him, how few are ready and waiting to greet him. Of the thousands who stood that night to watch for the coming of an earthly prince, how few knew anything about the King, who is soon to come in His glory, and what it will mean to them.

But perhaps the most striking lesson was that which I drew from the lights. All shone brightly for a while, then the great majority grew dim, and many went out altogether before the prince passed. One beautiful design of a shield had entirely disappeared. I thought how like us! Many run well for awhile then something hinders.

I was glad to notice however that some of the lights only seemed to shine the brighter, as the others grew dim. These were those which, were in connection with the main currents, and their supply could not be exhausted, so they burned on though the time was long.

How true it is that we must be in touch with the fountain of light, if we are able to keep our hearts and lives a glow till our King comes. It is my earnest prayer that we here India, and the dear friends we have left in the homeland, may all keep the flame of truth burning brightly, and giving light to those who are in darkness till Jesus comes.

RUTH MILLER.

6. Royd St. Calcutta.

It is true that love cannot be forced, that it cannot be made to order, that we cannot love because we ought or even because we want. But we can bring ourselves into the presence of the lovable. We can enter into Friendship through the door of Discipleship. We can learn love through service.—*Hugh Black.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

COSHOCTON DISTRICT MEETING.

THE holding of district meetings in the State has proven a great blessing to many churches; and we rejoice that so many could take advantage of the recent meeting held at Coshocton.

For the spirituality of the meetings and the good spirit that prevailed among all who were present, it was said, by many, to be the best district meeting they ever attended.

The meetings were held in the city hall through the kindness of the mayor of the city. The hall was heated and given to us for the meetings free of charge. Some expenses were necessary, however, for lighting, and seating and for an organ.

The meetings began on Wednesday night, Feb. 14, with Elder Webster in charge. During the meetings Elder Webster gave two timely sermons, presenting the importance of getting ready for the end of all things and of knowing personally our own relation with God.

Elder Francis Fairchild, who has charge of this district, and the writer arrived the next day. The evening hour was occupied by Elder Fairchild. He spoke upon the practical subject of "Righteousness." Several touching and helpful talks were given by Elder Fairchild during the meetings and they were much appreciated by all.

Friday night and Sunday night were occupied by the writer. The two great pillars of our faith, "The Second Coming of Christ, Even at the Door," and "The Sabbath from Eden to Eden" were presented at these meetings. On Friday night over one hundred were present to hear about the Coming King.

On Friday we were pleased with the arrival of the following brethren; J. E. Shultz, H. M. Jump, M. D., C. T. Redfield, F. H. Henderson.

All of these brethren occupied an hour in presenting some timely instruction for the perfecting of the Saints. A new power seems to be taking hold of all the brethren to help them in presenting God's closing message. We especially enjoyed the health lecture of Dr. Jump. The standard of health reform must still be exalted. The clear and decided instruction that was given against the use of flesh food, tea, coffee, patent medicines, tobacco and spirituous liquors is worth the consideration of every one who heard the doctor.

Many expressed themselves as greatly blessed and encouraged, and the writer can truthfully say this for himself. Yours for the Master,

B. L. HOUSE.

DISTRICTS 5 and 6.

THE mid-winter meetings for districts five and six were held at Lima, Elgin, Defiance, and Bowling Green. At each place a deep interest was manifested in the Message for this time.

The Lima church has received but little attention for a long time, and the years have not dealt very gently with her members, and her place among the delegates was almost denied her, as she was no longer officered as in happier days. To urgent appeals for admission, the portals were opened and fourteen members were joyously welcomed into the church by the few surviving ones. With renewed courage officers were selected and ordained to their respective positions of trust in the church. Three dear souls went forward in the ordinance of baptism.

At Elgin the meetings were not only a source of strength and encouragement to the church, but awakened considerable outside interest, which in turn we hope to see develop into good for the church.

From there I went to Defiance where meeting was continued a week. This is a new church, and they take a deep interest in these precious truths, feeling that God has greatly blessed them in sending the Message there. As the town is stirred over the question of Sunday closing, an outside interest is shown. Opportunity was thus afforded us to speak through one of the daily papers upon the principles of "Religious Liberty."

At Bowling Green there were those grown old in the faith, and many others still youthful in the service, and some hesitating between opinions; but all were deeply impressed with the solemnity of the times in which we are living.

Representatives from many of the surrounding churches were present, so that the benefit of these meetings is not limited to the churches where the labor has been bestowed. We are grateful for the labors in these meetings of Elders Burkholder, Fairchild, Patterson, and Brethren Shultz, Weeks, and Gaede, and above all for the presence and blessing of the Master whereby such gatherings are made possible.

We trust that the meetings that are being held throughout the State may be fully appreciated, and result in much good to the cause of truth in which we are all interested.

A. C. SHANNON.

Cleveland.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: In the canvassing work, perhaps, more than any other department of the field labor of the Third Angel's Message, workmen have engaged and with high hopes have pushed forward. Many have also left these duties, which at one time seemed so important, to engage in what seemed necessary to the earning of bread. Of all our vows, promises, disappointments, and labor God is keeping a faithful record. Some day we will look back to compare the vicissitudes and "hardships" and say "heaven is cheap enough."

Some have been encouraged to enter the canvassing field who have not understood as clearly as they have afterward, what they would inevitably meet. They have found after a very short time that Gospel canvassers must be valiant soldiers. Picket duty must be performed. And with this part of the work, the most careful vigilance is necessary. To "watch for souls as they who must give account," one must be a good skirmisher: a minute-man, as wise as a serpent yet as harmless as a dove; and above all, discretion must preserve him as he spies out the battlements and intrigues of the enemy of souls.

Some men, like some of the nation's soldiers desert their fellows; but most of the men who temporarily leave the work are like wounded soldiers, off duty for repairs. They are in a sort of a hospital. I have been in that hospital and I know that I often used the time planning what I would do on entering the work again. Well, the way is just as easy as it has always been: but there are some pleasant sides to the question too. You know you will never enjoy the song of victory until some victory is gained. The other day I had done very little from a financial standpoint, but I had an experience which made me forget conditions for a time. I called on a man who had bought one of our books thinking that the agent had obtained his knowledge of the Bible from it. He bought it without much examination as he was just leaving the train. When he reached home his first thought of the book. On looking at the title page he found it was a Seventh-day Adventist book. Short work was made of it. This experience made him very careful. My book had a press mark with which he was not acquainted, but he first examined it. He did so and bought the book some ten days later.

Last week I took supper at a home and it chances that the reason was because I met a minister at the home

when I called to give them a canvass. Our conversation at the table was very pleasant, for the minister did not know I was a canvasser of S. D. A. literature. Our host began telling an experience he had just had with a young girl who had been a member of the Adventist church for only three weeks. He was amazed at the way she could quote scripture and history.

The minister, who had found out that I was a Gospel worker, turned to me and said, "Brother Morgan, why can't we find some way to get our people to work that way? How will we meet those Adventists?" I said, "It is better not to try to meet them."

Supper was ended and I fell to work showing my book. The Methodist minister and our host both bought one. I then explained that I was an Adventist, and that of course was why I did not try to meet their arguments.

Well, there are many trials and the usual amount of prejudice here, but I am looking forward to the close of the Message in victory, and the crowning event which will bring joy to the saints. May God inspire his people with hope unto the end.

L. K. MORGAN.

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM COLUMBUS.

WELCOME VISITOR READERS: Some time ago the members of the Columbus church decided to renew their efforts along missionary lines, and to render a report of the same through the VISITOR each month. Although our plans are not yet in full operation, yet we have not been altogether idle. The following is only a partial report of work done since the beginning of the new year.

Number of Bible readings given, 46; number of visits made, 240; number of books sold, 120—value \$234.25; number pages of literature distributed, 9,113, besides nearly six hundred of the *India* number of the *Bible Training School* sold; this work properly belongs, however, to the last quarter of 1905. A large order has already been placed for the *Family Bible Teacher*, and we will soon be visiting over 3,000 families regularly with this messenger of truth. We anticipate many rich blessings in our house-to-house work.

Our Sunday night preaching services are being largely attended. The Lord is revealing his willingness to co-operate with us in our efforts to spread the last message. We sincerely desire the prayers of all our brethren and sisters for the work in this city.

W. H. GRANGER.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

All matter for this department should be sent to D. D. Rees, Mt. Vernon, O.

CO-OPERATIVE FUND.

LAST week we promised to tell you more in regard to the plan for disposing of the remaining Object Lessons, and tell you all how you can have a part in it. We are sure that you are all waiting anxiously for the paper this week.

We have written a letter, which will be sent to as many as we can reach. This letter explains the plan fully, and so we copy it in full. We hope you will consider it carefully and give it your hearty co-operation.

Before inserting the letter I might state that when the plan was presented to the students last week, it was received very heartily, and twenty-one gave in their names as desirous of having some part in it, and a large class in Object Lessons was organized.

We now present the letter, and hope you will consider it carefully, and be ready to respond heartily when you receive a letter and blanks from me.

DEAR FRIEND: We are writing you at this time in reference to a matter which we are sure is very interesting to every friend of the Mt. Vernon College. Your name has been handed to us by a student or friend, and we are sure that when you understand the plan which we are now placing before you, it will meet with your hearty approval.

On looking over our inventory we find that on Jan. 1, 1906, we had on hand 2,560 Christ's Object Lessons. Now if we can dispose of these books, we will realize \$3,200.00, less the cost of getting them out, which amount would apply on the school debt.

The question which now confronts us is how to dispose of these books. After careful consideration, we have discovered the following plan, which we believe will be a good one, and one in which the patrons of the school, as we fully believe, will see light.

There are many young people who are desirous of gaining an education, but who do not have sufficient means to carry out their desires, and this plan will enable us to assist them to earn their training; we will credit any such person sixty-five cents for every Christ's Object Lessons which, from this time forward, is sold by him or for him, when ordered from the Mt. Vernon College, and for which \$1.25 has been turned over to the School, the person to receive the benefit of the

sixty-five cents in schooling. Multiplying the 65 by 2,560, the number of books on hand, we have \$1,664.00 of the \$3,200.00, which would not apply on the debt, but go toward helping those worthy students.

Now we come to the part that you will be especially interested in, and that is this: we have decided to give our friends the opportunity of making donations enough to cover this \$1,664, so that the full amount may apply on the debt, and at the same time the students have the privilege of helping themselves through school.

Now we wish you to see clearly that by contributing to this \$1,664.00 fund you will be accomplishing three things, viz; assisting a worthy student, aiding in paying off the remaining portion of the school debt, and, if you have not already done so, finish disposing of your quota of Object Lessons by paying the money and permitting another to sell them; and if you have sold your quota, surely the first two points will appeal to your liberality.

Now we feel confident that you have a deep interest in this portion of God's work, and in the young people who are receiving an education, and in those who should receive it, and that you are, therefore, willing to do all you can toward raising this \$1,664.

Of course this will not dispose of all of the remaining debt, but it will go a long way toward it, and will enable us to say that the Christ's Object Lessons are all sold, and that the money has all been applied on the debt. Some can donate \$100.00, some \$50.00, some \$25.00, while others who cannot give so much, can give their \$10's, \$5's and \$1's, and thus the amount soon be raised.

If you cannot make a donation just at present, perhaps you could fill out the enclosed pledge blank, and raise the money in six months. Let us all take hold of this matter energetically, and the Lord will bless us abundantly, and soon we will have all of the books off our hands, and leave but a small margin of debt to be lifted by other means.

May the Lord bless you richly as you contemplate this important branch of his work; and as you give of your means to assist these worthy young people, we know that your own heart will be watered from the Fountain of Life.

All donations to this "Co-operative Fund" will be acknowledged in the WELCOME VISITOR.

Trusting that you will give this matter attention while it is fresh in your mind, we remain, most cordially yours,

CHAS. E. WELCH.

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

ELDER KIRKENDALL visited the Newark church over Sabbath and Sunday, and Elder Francis M. Fairchild gave an excellent sermon to the Mt. Vernon church.

Elder W. D. CURTIS Educational Sec. of the L. U. Conference will be in Ohio March 15. He will attend the district meeting to be held in Springfield March 16—19, and will be with the Mt. Vernon Church Sabbath March 24.

BROTHER F. A. STAHL, manager of the Cleveland Sanitarium desires to correspond with consecrated young men who desire to begin the Nurse's course immediately. Address him, at the Prospect Sanitarium, 1161 Prospect St. Cleveland, O.

WE regret that so many errors appeared in last week's VISITOR. Owing to rush of work the type was set, and the printing done at night. This accounts, perhaps, for some of the corrections being overlooked, and the fourth page being hurried through without a proof reading.

THE treatment rooms at Mansfield were unintentionally omitted from our State Directory last week. These rooms are under the management of Brother Marcellus Andre, and are well equipped and render excellent service. We heartily recommend Brother Andre to any needing the benefits derived from massage, baths, etc.

LAST Friday the patrons of the Academia church school were pleasantly entertained. An appropriate program having been arranged by the teacher, R. B. Thurber, was rendered in a most satisfactory manner. The teacher's efforts, we believe,

have been fully rewarded. To say that the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed and the efforts of the school fully appreciated, voices the sentiments of all who were there.

We have learned that the "Children's Day" at the Springfield church was a time of especial blessing. The little girl who had the "Two Beautiful Pennies," received \$2.70 to add to them for foreign missions. The Lord was present during this service, and all, both young and old, felt grateful for the privileges this day afforded. We would appreciate a full report of all such occasions, that all the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR might have a part in them.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Feb. 23, 1906.)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of Ages: value of orders, \$9.25.

Fred B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: 25 hours; value of orders, \$42.25.

C. E. Leek, Mt. Vernon.—Heralds of the Morning: 18 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$2; total, \$11.

E. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$13.50.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$12.50.

F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$24.10.

* Two weeks.

A NEW RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MAGAZINE.

To meet a persistent effort to increase religious legislation, it has been decided to publish a quarterly liberty magazine. It will be about the size of *Life and Health*, with the annual subscription (including extras) placed at the very low price of twenty-five cents. Single copies of regular issues, five cents each. To agents twenty-five or more copies of regular issues to one address, two and one-half cents per copy postpaid, and forty per cent discount on five or more annual new subscriptions to different addresses. To individuals who are not agents the same discount will be made on annual clubs of ten or more copies to one address.

Every reader of the WELCOME VISITOR should at least subscribe for the magazine, and as many as possible should order clubs for a year, and as time and opportunity presents, take large quantities of single issues for general distribution, through sales of single copies.

HELP FOR THE COLORED WORK.

You can help the mission schools for the colored people in the South by selling the Story of Joseph.

It is now being handled as a forty per cent subscription book, canvassers receiving forty percent on all sales. In other words, instead of paying 25ct. for a copy of the book as formerly, and selling it for the same price, the canvasser now pays 15 ct. for this book and sells it for 25 ct., thus making a profit of 10 ct. on each book. This plan will enable a good many people to do something to help the mission school work for the colored people, who would not be able to donate to this cause the time necessarily spent in selling the book.

Of course, those who desire to do so, can still make a donation of their time by giving their commission; but some will wish to earn something in this way to help pay living expenses, and some will doubtless be glad for the opportunity to assist the mission school work, and at the same time earn something to put into other branches of the cause. This they can do by engaging in the sale of the Story of Joseph.

HOW to obtain the book:—

The books can be obtained from the Tract Societies the same as other supplies. Those who are selling other books can include a few copies of the Story of Joseph when they are sending in their orders.

We believe that thousands of these books can be sold, and that they will be sold in the near future. Women and children can engage in the sale of this book near their own homes; old persons, to feeble to travel any great distance, can sell the book to their friends and neighbors. It sells very rapidly, and nearly everyone who sees it wants a copy. This is certain to be the case in families where there are children. Remember that every penny of profit derived from the sale of this book, is used in helping to carry on the mission school work among the colored people in the South.

The Southern Missionary Society ought to receive from this source alone, hundreds of dollars during the present year. Indeed, there is no reason why hundreds of thousands of these book might not be sold within a few months.

Remember that the Story of Joseph should be ordered through your Tract Society, just the same as other subscription books.

C. P. BOLLMAN,
Secretary S. M. S.