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

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THE great world is sick, and wherever the children of men dwell, sin and suffering abound. Notwithstanding the advancement of medical and surgical science,—notwithstanding the great army of trained nurses who go forth with great skill to battle against disease and death, yet in all civilized lands sickness and disease are rapidly increasing. All sickness and pain, all suffering and sorrow, are the results of law transgressed. The wonderful human machinery has been tampered with, and its delicate mechanism has been made to run counter to the law of its life and consistency; disease and death are the result.

What is the remedy? First of all, knowledge.

In the work of healing, the medical missionary is to be a co-worker with Christ. The Saviour ministered to both the soul and the body. The gospel which he taught was a message of spiritual life and physical restoration. Christ is the true head of the medical profession. That which physicians can only aid in doing, Christ accomplishes. They endeavor to assist nature's work of healing; Christ himself is the healer. The physician seeks to preserve life; Christ imparts life.

The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence. There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. Less time should be given to sermonizing, and more time spent in personal ministry. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted. We are to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work can not be without fruit.

We should ever remember that the

*Paper read by Miss Bertha Circle at the camp-meeting at Troy, O.

object of medical missionary work is to point sin-sick men and women to the Man of Calvary, who taketh away the sin of the world. We are to encourage the sick and suffering to look to Jesus and live. We as workers should keep Christ, the great Physician, constantly before those to whom disease of body and soul has brought discouragement. Point them to the one who can heal both physical and spiritual disease. Tell them of the one who is touched by the feeling of their infirmities. Encourage them to place themselves in the care of him who gave his life to make it possible for them to have life eternal. Talk of his love and tell of his power to save. This is the high duty and precious privilege of the medical missionary.

God often reaches hearts through our efforts to relieve physical suffering. Medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel. In the ministry of the Word and in the medical missionary work, the gospel is to be preached and practiced. In almost every community there are large numbers who do not listen to the preaching of God's word or attend religious service. If they are reached by the gospel, it must be carried to their homes. Often the relief of their physical needs is the avenue by which they can be approached. Missionary nurses who care for the sick and relieve the distress of the poor will find many opportunities for good work. Many people have lost confidence in man and have no faith in God. But they appreciate acts of sympathy and helpfulness. As they see one with no inducement of earthly praise or compensation come into their homes ministering to the sick and comforting the sad, their hearts are touched. Gratitude springs up and faith is kindled. They see that God cares for them and they are prepared to listen as his word is opened.

Whether in foreign missions or in the home field, all missionaries, both men and women, will gain much more ready access to the people, and will find their usefulness greatly increased, if they are able to minister to the sick. All gospel workers should know how to give the simple treatments that do so much to relieve pain and remove

disease. Thousands need and would gladly receive instruction concerning the simple methods of treating the sick, methods that are taking the place of the use of poisonous drugs. There is also a great need of instruction in regard to dietetic reform. Wrong habits of eating and the use of unhealthful food are in no small degree responsible for the intemperance and crime and wretchedness that curse the world.

Educated workers, who are consecrated to God, can do service in a greater variety of ways and can accomplish more extensive work than can those who are uneducated. Their discipline of mind places them on vantage ground. But those who have neither great talents nor extensive education may minister acceptably to others. God will raise men and women who are willing to be used. It is not the most brilliant or the most talented persons whose work produces the greatest and most lasting results. The most effective workers are those who respond to the invitation, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me."

Men deficient in school education, lowly in social position, have through the grace of Christ, sometimes been wonderfully successful in winning souls to him. The secret of their success was their confidence in God. Such workers are to be encouraged. Their work shows what many others might do, if they would. Nothing will so arouse a self-sacrificing zeal and broaden and strengthen the character as to engage in work for others. To every one who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results.

Our work in Cleveland is mostly among the rich and those comfortably situated. These are sometimes harder to reach than the poorer classes. Their sympathies are with the Lord's people, but the ties that bind them to the world hold them firmly. It requires moral courage for these people to take their position with the lowly ones. Special effort should be made for these souls who are in so great danger because of their responsibilities and associations.

Riches and worldly honor can not satisfy the soul. Many among the rich are longing for some spiritual hope. Many long for something that will bring to an end the monotony of their aimless lives. It is our duty as workers with this class of people to call their attention to the principles of temperance—not in a narrow or arbitrary way, but in the light of God's great purpose for humanity. We endeavor to show them the result of harmful indulgences in lessening physical, mental and moral power, and help them to realize their responsibilities as stewards of God's gifts, and show them the good they could do with the money they now spend for that which does them only harm. God bids us "charge them that are rich in this world, that they trust not in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute; willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come; that they may lay hold on eternal life."

When converted to Christ, many will become agencies in the hands of God to work for others of their own class. Time and money will be consecrated to God, talent and influence will be devoted to the work of winning souls to Christ. Only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished by this kind of ministry.

All power, all wisdom are at our command. We have only to ask. As we ask the Lord to help us, we must honor our Saviour by believing that we receive the blessing. With the power and light that God imparts, we can comprehend more and accomplish more than we ever before deemed possible. He whose trust is in God will with Paul be able to say, "I can do all things through him that strengtheneth me." Whatever their mistakes or failures of the past, we may, with the help of God, rise above them. With the apostle we may say, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

BERTHA CIRCLE.

ARE YOU AVOIDING SINNERS

THE hearts of the scribes and Pharisees were grieved as they saw the meek and lowly Nazarene sitting down to eat with publicans and sinners, and when they saw him look with tender,

pitying compassion upon the sinful woman, forgetting that their self-righteous phariseism was far more offensive in the sight of a just God than the poor woman's sins.

Judas was a rogue, but Christ kept him as a member of his Board, and in a responsible position for three and one-half years, and treated him so well that when finally he said, "one of you shall betray me," there was not one of the eleven who could say "I know who he means." That same Master is treating Judas the same to-day, no matter how differently men do it, and so will you if you propose to live with that Master throughout eternity. Some will then hear the Master say, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:23), even though they may have cast out devils and done many wonderful works. There is nothing going into the kingdom of God but what has the character of Christ, no matter how high it may rank here on this earth.

Do you know some one who has the reputation of being a great sinner. Will you pray for him and endeavor to treat him in such a way as to convince him that you are praying for him, and be willing everybody shall know it? If some one is going to lose his soul, will you determine that he shall lose it with your hand on his shoulder, trying to save him? And remember even if God condemns a man that does not give you license to throw stones at him.

The Bible tells us to "hide the outcasts; betray not him that wandereth." (Isa. 16:3.) It was only when Paul felt that he himself was the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15) that he could do anything for the other chief sinners. He felt that he was near kin to them. It is no time for any of us to be studying the sins of our neighbors and brethren, for whatever we see there we might see in our own hearts and lives, and unless they are purged we never can go into the kingdom.

What Christian workers now need is an outpouring of God's Spirit. Those who are brooding over the sins of their brethren will never come under its beneficent influence until that disposition is taken out of them root and branch.

For your own soul's good do not partake of that self-righteous spirit which seems so prevalent, of treating sinners as if they were lepers. The Bible teaches us to avoid *sin* but not the *sinner*. This is the sitting time and many are being shaken out; you must plant your feet on the simple principles of the Gospel and not permit anything to shake you from them till the heavens fall.—*The Life Boat*.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Cleveland

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I notice that you are not getting many reports, so think that there will be room in your columns for a few lines from the German work in this city. I did not report because I had no good word to say, but was very busy and did not take the time. I can truly say that the angel of the Lord is going before us in the work here.

The Lord undoubtedly gives us plans to work the large cities now. I have been working on the same plan as Brother Granger in Columbus. The many people must be warned, and this is a good way to do it. We have secured a hall above the Lincoln Savings Bank, at the corner of Pearl and Wade Streets, for the German work. There are also two large rooms. According to rent here, it is worth twenty-five dollars a month, but the Lord has given us favor with the owners, who are German Jews, and we get it for twelve dollars and a half. These brothers are so pleased to know a people who do not eat pork or break the Sabbath, that they are now reading our papers and tracts, and have promised to attend our meetings. The hall is 22x56 feet, newly papered and painted, with sixty chairs, rostrum, pulpit, and everything in readiness. We hold meetings on Sabbath, Sunday and Wednesday.

We are now going from house to house, selling papers and giving the *Family Bible Teacher* to those who promise to read. Thus we get acquainted with the people and invite them to the Bible studies. Brother Brown is printing 1,000 cards which we will give out. I could make good use of German help.

When we needed a stove the Lord again helped, and we secured a good one from a family who were moving to California, for four dollars, as they made a donation of one dollar. We had no trouble in soliciting monthly payments on the hall rent. The people seemed glad to give.

At one time I was about to give up my hunt for a place to hold meetings when the Lord gave me a dream, in which we were busy getting a hall ready for meetings, and I heard a voice saying, "Victory." The next day I found this place. One day while praying for the German work, the Lord said, "I will go before thee, and will not leave thee alone." It was when Moses prayed and Aaron held up his hands that Joshua gained the victory. So I humbly ask your prayers for this work. "The prayer of

the righteous man availeth much," and when we pray more we will see more victories over the enemies of the Lord.

My experiences are bringing me nearer to the Lord every day, and my courage was never better. The Lord is very good to his children, and we have much to praise him for. Let us be faithful and it will not be long before we will hear the "well done" if we have done well.

G. P. GAEDE.

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Wellston

DEAR LABORERS: I have once more entered the work among the miners, and am located at Wellston, O.

To my surprise the Lord had every thing in readiness, with a good home waiting for me. I have spent a few hours among the people and find them ready to listen. I wonder why we are so slow to get to work. Now is surely the time for us to reach this people. I earnestly ask the prayers of God's people for the work here.

MARY HUBBELL.

Columbiana

THE Columbiana church met with the Youngstown church and held quarterly meeting. We also had the pleasure of hearing a good sermon by Elder Webster who was present with us. One dear sister was buried with Christ in baptism. The ordinances were all observed and the Lord blessed.

MAUD LINDSEY, Clerk.

SOME EXPERIENCES IN CHINA*

DEAR PARENTS: This finds me at home again, but we are soon to remove to our new home in Sin lang Cheo, where our new printing office is to be located. Brother and Sister Allum had quite an experience in their stay in a Chinese inn, but they got along alright. I had to go on to Lo-San where one of Brother Pilquist's converts was sick, having a lodgment in his throat. After it was removed he recovered.

The roads were very bad so we had to walk as on the previous trip. When I returned to Sin lang Cheo, I made a tour out through the country to buy wood. After a day's tramp of thirty miles in mud and water and wading across three rivers our efforts proved futile. My feet were too tender to go barefoot, and as we had to wade through puddles of water every

few rods, the wet shoes soon wore the skin off the tops of my toes.

As we could buy no wood here, the next day Mr. Chen and myself went to Hankow. My feet were so swollen that I had to wear a very large pair of shoes that looked ungainly on the train. When we reached Hankow, we put up at a Chinese inn, and the next morning took a house boat up the Yangtse River to where they have wood. We went all this day with nothing to eat, but bought sufficient wood to last us quite a while. It was brought down and loaded on the freight train the next day.

Feeling very anxious about Brother and Sister Allum who were left alone in a Chinese inn, I sent Chen back to Sin lang Cheo. As there are so many thieves along the railroad, and we had an open car, I remained right with it. I sent all my money and valuables with Chen, reserving only enough money for the trip and one comfortable for bedding. I went up-town and purchased some groceries for Mrs. Allum and my trip home. These I loaded on the top of the car wrapped up in my bedding and went to the freight office near by to buy my ticket so I could go along with the freight. When I returned the bedding, food and all was gone. However, they only secured about four dollars' worth. This, however, deprived me of both food and bedding. I had only the small valise left. I was anxious for the train to start for home but it took four days to gather up enough freight to make a train. During this time I was without food, and lay on the bare floor with my valise for a pillow, and my queue wrapped around the valise for fear some one would grab it while I was asleep.

When I reached Shi lang Cheo I was a happy man. Found Brother and Sister Allum well. We unloaded our wood, and returned to Shang Tsai Hsien. We found the roads were small rivers, and when within five miles of home came to a river without a raft or bridge. I swam across and walked home, and sent some men with a cart to help the rest get here.

What do you think of this for a physician's life? Sometimes it looks like I was wasting my life; but I do not believe the great reckoning day will find it thus. We are moving forward under great difficulties it is true, and it is doubly hard because funds are so scarce with which to work.

Your son,

H. W. MILLER.

Aug. 17, 1906.

THE COLLECTION NOVEMBER 3

As previously announced the General Conference Committee has appointed November 3 as the time when a general collection is to be taken up for the benefit of the International Publishing Association, of College View, Neb. About this work the Lord has spoken thus through the Spirit of Prophecy:—

"I approve of the efforts that have been made to establish our German and Scandinavian publishing work at College View. I hope that plans will be devised for the encouragement and strengthening of this work.

"The whole burden of the work must not be left with our foreign brethren. Nor should our brethren throughout the field leave too heavy a load on the conferences near College View. The members of these conferences should lead out and do their best, and all should come to their assistance. The truth is to be proclaimed to all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples." —"Spirit of Unity," page 23.

And again:—

"A far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands and to all peoples. Our books are to be translated and published in many different languages. We should multiply publications on our faith in English, German, French, Spanish, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Italian, Portuguese, and many other tongues; and people of all nationalities should be enlightened and educated, that they too may join in the work." —"Testimony," vol. 7, p. 160.

This is very plain language. The duty of our whole denomination is thus plainly set forth. And just at the present time this branch of the great world needs assistance that the institution upon which is placed the burden of the publishing work in these foreign languages may have means to enable it to successfully carry on the good work begun. Hence the brethren have appointed this general collection.

We trust our American brethren and sisters will have this work in mind. Pray for it and help it with your means in proportion to its need. Now is the opportunity. Now is the time to assist. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Remember the date, Sabbath, November 3.

C. A. THORP,
Editor Av. Sendebud.

"CONTROL your temper, for if it does not obey you, it will govern you."

*Letter received by Elder J. O. Miller.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHURCH ELDERS

NOVEMBER 10 has been appointed as church missionary convention day. A suggestive program and material for preparation of papers and talks will be mailed to all elders by the Eastern Campaign Committee. We hope you will begin to plan immediately to make this a very successful convention, and carry out the program as fully as possible.

We have received a supply of petition blanks mentioned in last week's *Visitor*. Please inform us immediately how many blanks you can use, and we will send them.

N. S. MILLER, *Miss. Sec.*

BROTHER JOHN PLACE died last Thursday morning at the advanced age of eighty-two. He had been afflicted for some time and longed for the end. He was beloved by all and will be sadly missed. His obituary will appear next week.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Oct. 19, 1906.)

Mary Hubbell, Wellston, O.—Great Controversy: 9 hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$8.50; total, \$21.

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$18; helps, \$4.50; total, \$22.50.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 46 hours; value of orders, \$73.50; helps, \$35.50; total, \$109.

Guy G. Hastings, Van Wert Co.—Bible Readings: 28 hours; value of orders, \$35.25; helps, \$4; total, \$39.25.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$22; deliveries, \$31.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$18; deliveries, \$4.

R. Degarmo, *Summit Co.—Coming King: 11 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$1; total \$3.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 32 hours; value of orders, \$35; helps, \$.50; total, \$35.50; deliveries, \$1.50.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$9.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$10.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$42.25.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$19.40.

Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: 28 hours; value of orders, \$37.50.

*Week ending Oct. 5th.

CANVASSERS' NOTES

BROTHER H. A. WEAVER says: "I am of good courage and want to pray harder and work harder for the Master."

THE old time ring is beginning to sound through our ranks once more, which we are sure means that this work is going to be cut short in righteousness.

THE recent meeting of the book men at Washington, D. C., proved to be a great blessing to all in attendance, and we believe that better days are in the near future for this needy branch of our work.

SOME of our workers have been a little late in sending in their reports. Please make all reports out not later than Sunday, and send them in to the office Monday morning. Always address the Tract Society instead of the Field Secretary.

SISTER M. E. GRUBB, who canvassed in Ohio some years ago, expects to join Sister Mary Hubbell in Wellston about November 1. The Lord has said that he is calling the canvassers back to their work, and we can see them responding to the call.

BROTHER W. G. ANTHONY, of Laura, has entered the canvassing work in Preble County. Brother Anthony has only been in the truth a few months, but he realizes the importance of getting our publications before the people. The Lord is blessing his efforts.

BROTHER LESLIE WATERS, who is canvassing near Orville, writes: "I am very glad and thankful to again take up the gospel work. It inspires me with a hope that I never received from any other source. I am truly thankful for the blessings which God has given me."

BROTHER E. R. NUMBERS has changed books and is now working for "Daniel and the Revelation." The Lord is truly blessing him. His sales last week amounted to one hundred and nine dollars. This means that many good Seventh-day Adventist sermons have been placed in the homes to do their work of warning until the Lord shall come.

THE fall season is now here, and we hope to see many more of our people in Ohio spending the months of November and December in the canvassing field. Yours in the finishing of the work.

CARL E. WEAKS.

SOMETHING GOOD COMING

THOSE who have had experience in teaching children know that they learn by doing things much more than by simply listening. They very soon tire of sitting still and listening to a lesson, but if that lesson gives them something to do, it has indescribable charms for them.

Many mothers long to teach their children, but do not know how to make the Bible interesting to them. For the help of these mothers, and also for teachers who have not had experience in such work, a series of lessons will be published in the *Worker*, beginning with the January number, and continuing through the entire year. These lessons will not be an experiment. The writer has had a wide experience in working with children, and has been using this method of teaching Bible lessons for several years, with very satisfactory results. Each lesson not only gives the Bible story, but provides work for the children to do in connection with it. So that, while the eyes and hands are being trained, the Bible truths are being indelibly fixed upon the mind, and so associated with the things seen in every-day life that they can never be forgotten.

We have seen children spend many happy hours every week working out these lessons, and at the same time storing the mind with the beautiful truths of God's Word. Is not this better than to spend that time playing in the streets and giving Satan a chance to sow seeds of evil in those little hearts? A wise farmer is careful to pre-occupy the soil so the weeds can have no chance to grow. Shall we use less thought and skill in the care of our children?

The *Worker* should be placed in every home before the series begins that all who have any part in the teaching of children may have the benefit of the very first lesson.