

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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MISSIONARY

REMEMBER

A HELPING hand we all may give,
If but a pleasant word to say;
And something find each day we live
To help another on the way.

A helping hand may sow the seed
From which the fruits of goodness grow,
And to the right may gently lead
The erring from the path of woe.

A helping hand to all mankind—
Among the rich, the poor, and low,
In every state of life can find
An act of kindness to bestow.

A helping hand we all may need—
When darkest sorrows leave their trace,
Some one to comfort and to lead,
To give us strength and needed grace.

A helping hand where'er we go,
A ray of sunshine may impart;
And by a deed of kindness show
A noble and a generous heart.

A helping hand is ever near.
In passing through life's troubled tide;
When all the world seems cold and drear,
It's a never failing guide.

Lagrange, Ohio.

L. D. WRIGHT.

KARMATAR, INDIA

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: It is some time since you have heard from our Karmatar Training-school in far away India. The work is progressing nicely, and all are of good courage. God is answering our prayers for our students, and some who have been farthest from God are yielding to his gentle Spirit.

The book of Daniel is being studied by the older students, and it would do your hearts good to hear the Bible readings given in class recitations. They are becoming acquainted with the truths for this time, and not only becoming acquainted, but they are giving out what they learn to others. We are now holding readings with a Mohammedan family who are not prejudiced against our Bible. The husband and father works in our Karmatar printing office, and in this way he has learned something of God's word. As we were studying with his wife on Sabbath, although not permitted to remain in the room because of their custom, he heard the reading and called out to his wife, "Yes, what they say is true. I learned it in the press."

As we left the house that day, he thanked us for instructing his wife. She can read, and will read any thing we give her, so we purchased a Bible in their language, and they are reading it through. When he goes home at noon and in the evening they read it together. Pray for them that they may believe that our Saviour is divine. God alone can convince them of the divinity of Christ.

We have many interesting experiences among this darkened people, and praise God that the burden of this work is falling on a few of our students who gladly go forth to do what they can. Although the work moves slowly we have the sure promise that some of every tongue will be saved.

You will be interested in the report of how a little child came to join our Mission family. Her father brought her, it was gift of one year. He did not want the babe and asked the small sum of \$1.70 for her. He said that if we did not take her he would sell her to some one else. We were afraid she might fall into unkind hands so we took her, and the father signed away his child by the thumb impression. I would not have you think all Indian parents are so hardhearted. Some love their children dearly, even their little girls. We have a widow, an old wrinkled woman, in our home, who cares for the little one during the day, while a student has charge of her at night. Pray for us, that our Karmatar family may shine as "a city set on a hill that cannot be hid."

DELLA BURROWAY.

Oct. 14, 1906.

Williamsdale East, Nova Scotia

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: This beautiful day finds my wife and me in good health and of good courage in the Lord. The weather has been beautiful all the fall and we have no reason to murmur or complain, for the Lord has been good to us in every way. The Sabbath-school lesson taught us Sabbath, Oct. 20, 1906, that the Lord loves his children with an everlasting love, and his watchcare is over his people night and day, and he keeps them as the apple of his eye.

What a kind and loving Father we have.

We came to Williamsdale East, Nova Scotia, on September 12 to attend the Maritime Conference. At this meeting it was decided that Elder Tracy and I should hold a series of meetings as soon as possible after the close of the Conference. So our meetings began on the next Sunday night with a large attendance. On that night I preached on "the word of God, its importance, and our duty toward it." The Lord blessed, and all seemed to give their best attention. Elder Tracy had not come, and so I had to hold the meeting alone. Afterwards I heard that he was not coming at all, because of good reasons, so I have been alone nearly every night, but not alone, for the Lord has been my helper and best friend. The attendance has been good so far, and seems to be getting better, for which we give the Lord all the praise. Elder Guthrie, the president of the Maritime Conference, will now be with me the remainder of the time. The people are very friendly to us, and invite us to their homes to visit with them, which is a good way to get acquainted, and also find out how interested they are in what has been presented. Several seem very much interested, and we are praying earnestly that God may help them to take their stand firmly for the truth. We believe there will be some, for the Lord has said his word will not return unto him void. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise." The meeting will probably close in two weeks from to-night. We need your prayers that this good work may bring forth much fruit.

The scenery is beautiful around here, and the climate healthful. The people are just about the same as in the States,—some receive the truth while many reject it.

We do not know yet where we will be during this winter, for we are strangers and pilgrims in this world; but are anxiously looking forward to the time when we shall have an inheritance in the earth made new. Your brother in the Master's service.

F. E. GIBSON.

Oct. 21, 1906.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Trinway

TO THE VISITOR: The Lord has abundantly blessed his people in this part of the vineyard since my last report. While God has permitted many fiery trials to come to his dear saints to purify them and make them white, ready to meet the Bridegroom, yet I trust that we are all nearer to God as a result.

The Coshocton church has had some fiery trials lately, but in the midst of it all we had a grand quarterly meeting and I had the privilege of baptizing three dear souls in the Tuscarawas River, two of whom united at Coshocton and one at Pleasant Hill.

The next Sabbath after the quarterly meeting, the Coshocton church had a grand Harvest Ingathering Service. Our place of meeting was beautifully decorated with the products of nature, and the children performed their parts well.

It was also my privilege to conduct quarterly meeting at Pleasant Hill church, three and a half miles from Dresden. The brethren at that place have repaired and neatly painted their church inside, which greatly improves the looks of their place of worship.

A large company of the Trinway and Dresden Sabbath-keepers drove to Pleasant Hill, and these three companies enjoyed the celebration of the sacred ordinances together. The Lord gave us beautiful weather and a rich blessing from his bountiful hand.

On Sunday night, October 21, we had our Harvest Ingathering service at Dresden in our newly bought church. This was a combination of the talent of Pleasant Hill, Dresden and Trinway.

The church was profusely decorated with boughs and twigs of various trees, arranged in arches and artistic style about the pulpit and rostrum. Golden-ears of corn hanging in the fodder, sheaves of wheat and oats, apples, potatoes, garden vegetables and pumpkins helped to add their beauty to the arrangement.

Some of the sisters cheerfully loaned their house plants and ferns and artificial flowers, which helped very much in the decorating. The program as it was given in the *Youth's Instructor*, with a few changes, was carried out nicely by our youth and children.

Our church was filled with interested spectators, who expressed themselves as being highly pleased.

The offering of the children was \$7.43, and of the congregation it was \$6.12, making a total of \$13.55 as our

Harvest Ingathering Offering. We all feel like having another one next year and praise God for his presence and blessing.

B. L. HOUSE.

Y. P. S. BELGRAVE FUND

DURING our recent Ohio camp-meeting, the matter of sending Mr. Charles Belgrave to Mount Vernon College for one year was laid before the young people by Elder George F. Enoch and myself. This young man is a laborer, holding missionary credentials from the Carribean Union Conference. This proposition was regarded with favor, not only by the young people of the State, but by the Conference Committee, which authorized us to make a call for means with which to support him. Our call was answered promptly by the young people on August 25, and cash and pledges to the amount of \$100 were received. Immediately Elder Enoch apprised Brother Belgrave of our action, and urged him to come at once. He is now in school and doing excellent work.

Charles Belgrave is a native of the West Indies, is twenty-two years old and well built to endure the enervating climate of the Islands. He gave his heart to the Lord several years ago, and soon after engaged in school work, at the solicitation of Elder Babcock, in British Guiana, where a school was opened for the Hindoostani and Mohammedan children. He had studied and acquired the language of the Hindoos under an American lady and later learned to read that of the Mohammedans. This enabled him to gather in the children of these benighted people, who left their Oriental homes to seek their fortune in the western hemisphere, and teach them the love of Jesus. Those who know of the character of the Mohammedans know how difficult his work has been, yet he has labored among them successfully for three years, the Lord having added his blessing.

The Conference could ill afford to spare him at this time were it not that he feels he must have a better preparation for his life's work, since he has consecrated himself to the work for these people. This training could not be obtained in his home fields since we have no training-school there, and to come to the States was impossible, since the average laborer can earn not more than forty-eight cents a day. God answered this young man's prayers by laying the burden upon the Ohio Young People's Societies, and I feel sure that if they could see the intense earnestness with which he pursues his studies, they would feel glad that he is with us.

I have met him on several occasions, and find him to be an earnest Christian.

While the tuition for the present year has been subscribed, we would not have you feel that you are debarred from helping in this worthy enterprise. He will need clothes and books. He also had to borrow \$25 to help pay his transportation to the school, and as he is already working some to assist in paying his tuition, no opportunity is afforded to earn this money. May we not as young people, and we would not debar older ones who desire to aid, feel that here is an excellent opportunity to help along the cause of God? This young man understands the customs and habits of the people, he is inured to the climate, and can take up the work with a zest as soon as he returns. Let all who pledged money toward his support at camp-meeting, with those who may at this time desire to help, send all donations to the treasurer of the Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Conference, Mount Vernon, O., specifying for what it is sent.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

THE time for holding our missionary conventions will soon be here. The object of these conventions is to "place definite, continuous work upon every man, woman and child among us." The means for work are many, but we have recently been told that the most available means for the ordinary man or woman to do service for God and humanity is "the circulation of the printed pages bearing the Message for this time. The world is in darkness, and the greatest present need is spiritual food. Our books and papers contain this food in clear, connected form. All who consecrate themselves to God for service will find the circulation of Message-filled literature the most available means for acceptable service for God and humanity.

Should any elder have failed to receive the suggestive program and material for preparation of papers and talks from the Eastern Campaign Committee, we refer you to the *Review* of November 9, last year, for very helpful suggestions.

Should you not be able to hold the Convention on the day named, hold it as soon thereafter as possible. "Let us avoid the serious mistake of thinking that any interesting Convention is the end to be sought, when it is in truth only a very important means of helping to accomplish the real object in view: namely, the active and devoted service of every member of the church."

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

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

WE students of Mount Vernon College realizing the nearness of the coming of the Lord and the conflict before us have been striving for a closer walk with God. And the Friday night prayer-meetings have been a blessing to this effect.

Here at the College we are shut in, as it were, from the world, as nature provides us with groves of trees which surround the village of Academia, thus constantly reminding us of our Creator and inspiring us to praise him.

As teachers and students have congregated in the chapel for the purpose of obtaining a blessing from God, expressions from hearts full of thanksgiving have gone up to the throne for this quiet resting place, after the week of earnest work is ended.

The teachers take turn in leading the meetings, and direct minds to God by reading appropriate lessons which are always filled with gems for thought. As our voices have been raised in singing words of praise and united in prayer and bearing testimonies to the Lord, his presence has been obvious.

We do not ascend our petitions for a selfish purpose but that we may be cleansed from unrighteousness and made fit to give to others blessings which we receive.

However, we know that if Christ had to afflict his soul, that he might stand loyal as he did in the garden of Gethsemane, it is much more necessary for us to wrestle with God for power to stand the conflict that is near us. It will soon be time that we must have on the whole armor of God.

ANNA FRANKLIN.

THE COLLEGE SABBATH-SCHOOL

AMONG the interesting as well as beneficial services held in our school is that of the Student's Sabbath-school, which is quite well attended and in which a considerable interest is manifested. Each Sabbath morning an hour is spent in the study of God's Word.

True to its name, it is a Sabbath-school; for it is here that we learn of the blessings and goodness, justice and mercy, as well as the commandments of our all-wise God.

Here we meet to exchange thoughts as well as receive information, for it

is by giving that we receive. Well has it been proved by the influence exerted upon our fellow beings that no man liveth to himself.

The lessons for this quarter are especially beneficial for those living in these last days, and should be carefully and prayerfully studied. Our school is conducted as other Sabbath-schools. Some of the students are trained to realize the responsibility, as officers, of keeping an interest in the school, while others are called upon to teach and review. Many are thus trained for active service in this Message.

MAYBELLE KLOPFENSTEIN.

CAN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WORK FOR CHRIST?

FOR some time past the students of Mount Vernon College have been banded together in a missionary society, meeting once each week to discuss the different needy fields and our ability to improve and lift ourselves higher than our present standing in this branch of God's work.

What can we do in this line, a school of students working hard at lessons? This can we do: We can, and are, sending out our denominational papers, we can write letters, Mount Vernon is full of people who need help, and above all we can pray most earnestly for the success of our efforts.

The success of our labor we do not fully know, we have sown the seed and left the result with Christ. Our papers are sent to those only whom we know are seeking for knowledge of divine truths; and who knows but what they will accept the truth?

The "Christian Help" branch of our society has, in the past, touched many poverty-stricken souls, and as a result of their labors, in connection with the "Sabbath-school band" have accomplished marked steps of success.

"Lift up your eyes and look, for the fields are white already unto harvest." Do not bring forth telescopes to search in distant fields, some of our young men during the latter portion of the last school session, held meetings in a school house a few miles from our grounds, and a good interest was aroused; we are trying now against the prejudice of the school board of that district to obtain the same building. If you would be a worker of Christ, close up your telescopes and field glasses, put on the armor of Christ and look, for behold, they await you at your door.

W. E. BARR.

COLLEGE NOTES

MR. ROSS LINDSAY and Miss Gail Williamson, former students of the College, returned to the school last Friday.

CLAUDE WHITE, who went to the Mount Vernon Sanitarium a week ago last Friday for an operation for appendicitis, is making progress toward a restoration to health. The desire of all is that he may make as rapid recovery as possible.

THE College needs a few copies of its calendars for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899 for completing files. Any one having calendars for these years, would confer a favor upon the school by forwarding them to the school. The calendars should be in good condition and clean.

THE Friday evening meeting last week was an occasion of great blessing to those present. These social meetings are one of the greatest spiritual blessings of the College, and it would do the hearts of parents good if they could hear the testimonies of their sons and daughters on these occasions.

THE evening after the Sabbath an entertainment consisting of music and recitations was given in the chapel. The Misses Perrine, Palmer and Gault rendered pleasing piano selections, Messrs. George Sterling, Samuel Frost and W. E. Barr gave some early College experiences in an inimitable manner; a splendidly read selection by Miss Stella Kennedy; good recitations—well delivered, were given by the Misses Edith Palmer and Judith; Mr. C. A. Peterson rendered some mandolin selections, showing how a popular air can be changed to suit various occasions. Last, but by no means least, Prof. J. B. Clymer gave a good, wholesome talk on "Influence," emphasizing the good that a few words of encouragement, spoken in praise of a new student, will do.

AS voyagers on the stormy deep
Look for some bright and sunny bay
Where winds and waves are hushed in sleep,
And joy lights up the happy day,
So o'er the tossing sea of years,
We glance the eye and stretch the hand
Where, robed in fadeless light, appears
The borders of the shining land.

There angel hosts of glorious ones,
With sinless hearts and stainless hands,
Call us in glad and loving tones,
And bid us welcome to their bands.
Hark! how their harps and voices tell
The glories of that radiant strand,
And bid us breast the waves that swell
Between us and the shining land.

"A GREAT opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it."

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

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MRS N. S. MILLER, who has been quite ill for a few days, is convalescing.

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

MISS CORA MILLER has been called home from her work in Canada, on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Helen Miller.

ELDER D. E. LINDSEY writes from Knowlton, "We arrived safe and have waited patiently until yesterday, when our goods arrived and will now soon be settled in our new home."

BROTHER FRED C. WEBSTER has gone to New York State to take charge of the canvassing work. His address will be Rome, N. Y., No. 317 Bloomfield St. His many Ohio friends wish him abundant success in his new field.

AT the business meeting of the Mount Vernon church Sunday, November 4, the use of the individual cup at communion service was unanimously (except one) adopted. This we believe to be a step in the right direction. The blessing is not in one cup, or four cups, any more than in a hundred; but in what it represents to each individual who partakes according to the Lord's instruction, "This do in remembrance of me."

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Oct. 26, 1906.)

Mary Hubbell, Wellston, O.—Great Controversy: 27½ hours; value of orders \$38.50; helps, \$17.25; total, \$55.75.

E. R. Numbers, Hooking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 41 hours; value of orders, \$50; helps, \$22.50; total, \$72.50.

Guy G. Hastings, Van Wert Co.—Bible Readings: 15 hours; value of orders, \$10.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$43; helps, \$3.50; total, \$46.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 21 hours; value of orders, \$4; deliveries, \$1.

Enos M. Herst*, Wayne Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$20.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$35.50; helps, \$50; total, \$86; deliveries, \$1.

*Three weeks.

OBITUARY

PLACE.—John Place was born at Foster, Providence County, R. I., April 8, 1834, died at Mount Vernon, O., Oct. 25, 1906, aged 82 years, 6 months and 17 days. Grand-pa Place, as we called him, was one of the old pioneers in the Message of truth, having joined the William Miller movement sometime previous to 1844. He passed through the great disappointment that came upon the children of God at that time, and having oil in his vessel, he stood firm, and was one of the first to accept the light on the Sabbath question, and remained a strict observer of the same, and a firm advocate of the Third Angel's Message until the day of his death. When 9 years of age, he witnessed the sign of the falling stars recorded in Matt. 24: 29, which transpired upon that memorable night, Nov. 13, 1833, and although young in years, yet he ever remembered the impression that was made upon his mind at that time, and he took special delight in relating the story to others that they might become firm believers in the promise of the Saviour, learning the parable of the fig tree, recorded in Matt. 24: 32. On Sept. 2, 1836, his father moved from Rhode Island, going to New York state, it taking thirteen and a half days to complete the journey as they made the trip in an emigrant wagon. In the last named state is where Brother Place accepted the Messages which shaped his life in after years and was the joy and rejoicing of his heart. Oct. 1, 1850, he was joined in marriage to Miss Henrietta Blossom, and to this union was born six children, four sons and two daughters. Two sons, Elder A. E. Place and Dr. O. G. Place, both of Boulder, Colo., and the two daughters, Mrs. Hattie E. Dart of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Mary P. Hubbard, of Mount Vernon, O., only remain to mourn the loss, Mother Place having fallen asleep in Jesus Dec. 15, 1902. We look upon it as being a special movement in the providence of God when Brother Place settled at Mount Vernon beside the school which is giving character to the Lord's work in many climes. Here the young people who attended the school could have the privilege of conversing with one who had passed through the different experiences of the Message from its rise, and with one who had watched closely the different schemes of Satan to overthrow it, and the movements of God to defeat him in the same, and in giving this history he became a great help to many young people, and as they go to different parts of the field to labor, they in turn can give it to others, and so it can be said that he rests from his labors and his works do follow him. The death of Brother Place is more than an ordinary occurrence among us, because for many years we have taught that the generation which saw the falling of the stars would not pass away until Jesus would come; and we had hoped that he would be one of the number who witnessed that event—that would not pass away until the promise is fulfilled, and as that generation is fast passing away, and their number becoming few, and as the world looks upon it from their standpoint, and are expecting the promise to fail may we not take it as an evidence that

that day is drawing very nigh, and just as the promise made to Abraham was not fulfilled until he and his wife were well stricken in years, and to all appearances would fail, and the same in Simeon's case, when God made promise to him that he should not die until he had seen the Lord, and was not fulfilled until his form was bent with age, so may we not expect that God will fulfil his promise to us in these days when circumstances look as though the promise will fail? Matt. 24: 44. Let us take courage, brethren, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

By request of the deceased the writer was present upon the funeral occasion, and made a few remarks, choosing Rev. 14: 13 for the basis, and Rev. 8: 7-13 for a scripture reading. Then we laid him away beside his wife to await the call of the Life-giver.

Blessed are they henceforth that die,
Reclining on the Saviour's breast;
They cease from every care and sigh,
From all their labors they have rest.

No more they meet with cruel foes,
No more with anxious care oppressed;
They warred the conflict till life's close,
Then toil is over, they sweetly rest.

The living saints have yet to meet
And brave the tempter's utmost ire;
The grave will be a blest retreat,
While earth is whelmed in trouble dire.

Thy righteous will be done, O God!
To meet the foe and overcome,
Or lay me down beneath the sod
To rest till thou shalt call me home.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

HUTCHINS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchins, nee Young, died October 24, 1906, at the home of her son, L. D. Hutchins, near Clyde, O., aged 81 years, 7 months, and 20 days. She was the first white child born in Green Creek Township, and was born in a log house which had no floor but mother earth, one door, and one window with a greased paper to admit the light. Early in life she attended a course of lectures given by a pious man who taught the coming of the Lord. These lectures caused her to meditate seriously on the signs of the times and to search for the truth. Near the year of 1844 another sojourner by the name of Emory Loren came urging all to prepare for the coming of the Lord for the day was near at hand. These first missionaries taught nothing concerning the Sabbath. In 1846 the subject of this sketch accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists under the preaching of Elder Joseph Bates. She was one of six who embraced the truth at that time, and lived to see the company grow until a neat church building was erected just across the street from her village home. She was married in 1848 to Matthew Hutchins. Most of her married life was spent in the vicinity near Clyde until twenty years ago the family moved to Washington Street in the village, where the husband died about two years ago. She had been at the home of her son about one month before her death. Three sons survive her. The funeral was held in Mount Lebanon church near Fremont, and her body laid to rest in the nearby cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver in the first resurrection. Her pious life was ever a worthy example to all, and although feeble health prevented her from attending services regularly, yet was I always cheered by her encouraging words when I had the pleasure of visiting at her home. Truly we shall miss her in our church; but although she rests from her labors, her works do follow her. Being in Michigan it was impossible for me to attend the funeral which was therefore conducted by one not of our faith. J. A. SHULTZ.