

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

THE CAMP-MEETING

Friday, August 17

FRIDAY at 9:30 o'clock Elder G. B. Thompson spoke on "India as a Mission Field." Last November Elder Thompson left this country for India and attended a general meeting of Adventist mission workers held in Calcutta in December. He spent about four months there. He gave a very interesting account of the work being done as follows:—

"In area India is about five-sixths as large as the United States. It has in round numbers a population of about 300,000,000. Of these 160,000,000 are Hindus, over 80,000,000 are Mohammedans, and the remainder of the population is made up of various other heathen religions with about a million professed Christians. There are some seventy different languages spoken in India, no one of which is spoken by less than a million people. The most widely spoken is the Hindi, which is used by 88,000,000. The Bengali tongue is spoken by about 45,000,000, the Tamil by 16,000,000, the Telugu by 23,000,000, the Marathi by 18,000,000, the Gujarathi by 10,000,000, and the Punjab by 15,000,000. Mission workers are needed in all these tongues to carry the gospel of the soon coming Christ to these millions of souls who have been shackled for centuries in the darkness of heathen superstition.

"There are many barriers to mission work in that land. Chief among these are caste and the seclusion of women. To embrace Christianity will break caste, and this is a terrible thing for a Hindu or a Mohammedan to do. Once his caste is broken, he is a victim of social ostracism. His people will have nothing to do with him, will not even assist in burying his dead. So it means much to a Hindu or a Mohammedan to become a Christian. High caste Hindu and Mohammedan women live in utter seclusion. They are not supposed to see the face of any man except their husbands. For this class only ladies can do effective missionary work.

"Another great curse of India is child marriage. Children are married in their cradles, boys who walk the streets are bridegrooms. Young girls go to live with their husbands at twelve years of age and in some cases even younger. This produces a condition of things which in many respects is simply appalling. And in India there are over twenty million widows. To be a Hindu or Mohammedan widow is in some respects worse than death. They are despised and hated by their own people. They are superstitiously thought to be the victim of some evil spirit, which has caused the death of their husbands. They cannot re-marry and are hated and despised. This brings another awful condition, and emphasizes not only the blessings which come to our homes through the gospel of the Son of God but also emphasizes the great responsibility that rests upon us as Christians to carry to this dark land the gospel of Christ.

"We had a very excellent meeting of our workers while I was in the field. Those who had embraced the Sabbath truth were present from the Bengali, Santali, Hindi, Burmese, besides the English. These all told of the blessed hope they had in Christ as their Saviour. One figure of special interest was a Hindu past eighty, who thirty years previous had been healed of the leprosy in answer to prayer. He had been a leper from his childhood, and had prayed to all the Hindu gods for relief. But none had come until he sought in faith the Son of God. Two years ago this aged man read in the Bible that the same Jesus who healed him from the leprosy kept the seventh day for the Sabbath, and he began its observance also. Many other interesting experiences were related at our meeting.

"Following our meeting at Calcutta, with others I went north into the Himalaya Mountains. In this lofty region a mission station was purchased, where our workers can retire to rest from the burning heat of the plains. A beautiful location was secured at a cost of \$8,000. This permanently establishes our work in the great northern country of India. It has been making rapid progress in that locality since the establishment of this station.

"From here I crossed the Bay of Bengal into Burmah, the land where Judson, the great Baptist missionary, spent so many years of faithful service. Our work is making rapid progress here also. I helped organize a Seventh-day Adventist church among the Burmese while here. At this point Elder and Mrs. H. H. Votaw are stationed. Mrs. Votaw is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Harding, of this city. They are rendering splendid service in this needy mission field. They have associated with them several native Burmese workers and a lady physician. Other workers are needed for this field. We hope to secure a rest station for our workers in this field also.

"We have a splendid corps of laborers in India, over fifty in all. Ohio has furnished some splendid workers. The assistant superintendent of our work in India, Elder W. W. Miller, is from Ohio; also Miss Della Burroway. At the close of our meeting in Burmah, I sailed for Egypt by way of Ceylon. I spent one day on that beautiful island properly called the 'pearl of the ocean.' We have a work started here also which must be re-enforced with other workers. Seventeen days' sail brought me to Egypt, where I spent ten days in helping to plan and organize our mission work in the land of the pharaohs. Of this field I cannot speak this morning, but perhaps may be able to do so before our camp-meeting shall close."

Friday Afternoon

At three o'clock Elder W. D. Curtis again spoke, beginning his discourse by showing how Christ gave up all to come to this world as a foreign missionary, and not only gave all he possessed, but also his own life at last. In closing his ministry, when asked by his disciples in regard to his return, he said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

The speaker showed that the Saviour looked down through the history of the gospel age and saw all the experiences of the church, and there came before his vision the final work now known as the advent message which is to go to all the world. This

will require means and will demand of this people sacrifices. He then dwelt upon God's plan for the support of the gospel ministry, showing from 1 Cor. 9:7-14 that God had an ordained system of maintaining the ministry. This system was that of tithing, which was made very clear by the use of many texts, some of which were found in Leviticus 27, others in Numbers 18, and also in Malachi 3. It was shown that God has reserved one-tenth of all and says it is holy to himself.

After an earnest appeal to the congregation to be loyal to God, the speaker closed by asking those who would henceforth return to the Lord his own to stand. In response to this request almost the entire congregation arose, thus testifying their willingness to assist in carrying the gospel to the regions beyond.

Friday Evening

In the evening at 7:30 Elder Thompson again spoke. His subject was, "The Proper Observance of the Sabbath." He read for a text the fourth commandment of the decalogue, found in Ex. 20:8-11. The following is a brief summary of the discourse:—

The observance of the Sabbath is an important thing. No human law can make a man a Sabbath keeper. Sabbath keeping is a spiritual service rendered to the God who made the Sabbath. True Sabbath keeping can only be rendered by those who are spiritual, because the law of God is spiritual. I wish to talk this evening concerning what true Sabbath keeping consists in.

One thing that is essential in the proper observance of the Sabbath is that we observe the right day. There is only one Bible Sabbath. God blessed only one day. This day is not Sunday, the first day of the week, but the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. This is the only day that the Lord has ever blessed, and in order to be a Sabbath keeper it is absolutely necessary that we keep the seventh day for the Sabbath. Keeping Sunday is not Sabbath keeping. Many have lived and died who thought they were keeping the Sabbath, but they had never been Sabbath keepers, had never really observed the Sabbath in all their lives. That God may have accepted their Sunday keeping because they broke his Sabbath ignorantly may be true; but the fact remains nevertheless that they never kept the Sabbath, and never received a real Sabbath blessing. We can only find a thing where it is, and to find a Sabbath blessing we must look for it in the seventh day.

The day before the Sabbath is called the preparation day. Luke 23:55, 56.

In the wilderness when the Lord rained the manna, the people were to prepare on the sixth day that which they were to eat on the Sabbath. Ex. 16:4. This is God's plan. The sixth day, or Friday, is his preparation day, in which his people are to prepare their homes and arrange their business so that when the Sabbath day comes they can keep it. It is a sorrowful spectacle to see to-day the whole Christian world using the Sabbath of the Lord as a day of pleasure and business and in making preparations to keep Sunday, a day which the Lord has not blessed, and which history calls "the wild solar holiday of pagan times."

The Saviour when on earth kept the Sabbath. Luke 16:4. He went to the synagogue every Sabbath and taught the people. Here is a lesson for his people also. In Isa. 58:12-14, we read that Sabbath keeping means that we turn away from our own pleasure, our own words, and our own thoughts, that we meditate upon heavenly things, and talk, not about business, but about spiritual matters on the Sabbath. I believe that we as a people are not as particular in this respect as God's word says we should be.

In closing, I wish to call attention to the fact that the Sabbath will be kept in the new earth, when sin has been forever put out of existence. Isa. 66:22, 23. Here we are told that "all flesh" will keep the Sabbath. Every one in the new earth will be a Sabbath keeper. Sunday keeping will be unknown there. But the Sabbath of Jehovah, the great memorial of creation, will be kept there through all the eternal ages. We are glad for the privilege of keeping it here, that we may learn to love it and finally keep it in the earth made new.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS AT CAMP-MEETING

PERHAPS the times have been very few when we had as large an attendance of our young people at the meetings held for them at camp-meeting as it was our privilege this year. While the morning services were omitted during the first of the meeting, that our youth might have the privilege of listening to Elder Irwin's talks on the Spirit of Prophecy; yet, when the meetings for the morning were announced, the attendance was as large as in the afternoons, which has rarely been the case heretofore.

At first, practical and doctrinal talks were given, and their good effects were seen when the day for baptism arrived, and it was our privilege to see more than twenty young men and women go forward in that sacred ordinance.

As Elder Thompson, who has had charge of the Young People's work during the past three years, was present, the young people were favored with a feast rarely enjoyed. With his aid, we were able to lay before them many of the plans devised at the recent Young People's Convention held at Mount Vernon. All seemed delighted with the prospects before our youth, and nearly all pledged themselves for more earnest service in the future.

While on the grounds, a communication was read from Sister White, written for the occasion, warning our youth against the danger of reading light literature. This Testimony not only condemned the reading of cheap novels and detective stories, but also condemned the reading of standard works of fiction, and called upon our youth everywhere, who desired to be of service to the Master to burn all such books as the Bereans burned their books of magic. Many confessed to having formed the habit of light reading, but pledged, by God's help, to abandon it. I am sure that their parents will be held accountable for the literature which they place before them hereafter, and they should be found often in prayer, seeking God for wisdom that he may direct them in the selection of proper books with which to supply their libraries.

As the meeting is now a thing of the past, and we can reflect upon its results, I am sure that all who attended it can say with confidence that it was the best ever attended.

God is making ready a people for translation, and he is bestowing his blessing for service upon those ready to receive it. Many will go forth into the harvest to garner souls for Jesus. These he will clothe with power, and will witness to their efforts. My earnest prayer for the young people of Ohio is that God may find among them those who are worthy to bear his name to those who sit in darkness and in the valley of the shadow of death.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

PARTING WORDS

DEAR EDITOR: Although I am now far from your friendly little sanctum, and am supposed to no longer be entitled to the use of the fair columns of your friendly little paper, I am going to be bold in my request, and ask that I may at least speak a few words to your readers, whom I still hold to be dear friends of mine, and to whom I feel myself greatly indebted for the privilege of bearing a precious message to those in the "regions beyond."

Permit me to thank all for their helpfulness in the years of labor that are past. I have greatly appreciated the brotherly consideration of our faithful people in the local churches with whom it has been my privilege to labor during the past three years. As I write, I recall many by name and face, and can imagine I see them as in former days faithfully performing the tasks allotted them in their local churches.

Especially do I wish to thank the Conference Committee with whom I have had so many pleasant experiences during the last five years. If it should be my privilege to select a Committee under which I should be pleased to labor in the future, I am sure that from past experiences I should be wont to choose that of Ohio. Certainly God has blessed in their deliberations, and time proved the wisdom of their decisions. I bespeak for the Ohio Conference a period of unparalleled prosperity so long as her members are loyal in the support of those whom God has chosen to direct the work.

We are now located in Seattle for a few days awaiting the departure of our boat for Japan. We shall sail on the largest steamship on the Pacific, Minnesota by name, and shall have very good accommodations.

We had a delightful trip through the mountains, and saw many things of interest, among which may be mentioned an active beaver village which was built in the center of a dam they had constructed across a river. We passed through one tunnel which required eight minutes for the train to make the trip. After emerging on the other side, there was a bend in the road which permitted us to get a full view of the noble mountain under which we had glided. In its effort to descend the mountain chain which it had been steadily climbing for several hours prior to its passing through the tunnel, the train repassed that identical tunnel, but at a different grade, three times. This gives you some idea of the engineering skill required in the construction of mountain railroads.

I might take much time in describing the great plains of the central part of the United States, which are animated here and there with a cowboy's hut or a straggling Indian camp; also the beautiful mountain regions with their magnificent forests and hospitable people, who have more than an average degree of good sense which permits the "fairer sex" to dress in the substantial garb of the male mountaineer, but all these things have been told before, and I shall reserve what

space your liberality shall allow me for facts not so generally known.

During the next few days, we shall provide ourselves with the necessities for our voyage across the Pacific, and will endeavor to take excellent care of ourselves so as to be immune from that almost universal malady, seasickness, and view a few of the interesting sights of the city.

We shall sail from this port September 10, and provided the voyage is a favorable one, shall expect to land in Japan, September 25.

It will then require several days to reach Korea, but I shall be pleased to write to you when we land, and inform you concerning the incidents of the sea voyage. May we ask to be remembered at the throne of grace that a kind heavenly Father may guide our course across the broad Pacific?

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

TAKING ORDERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THE time of year has come when canvassers every where are looking forward to a harvest. While the past year has been one of the best in the history of the book work throughout our denomination, yet we are looking for greater sales during the next few months.

In times of prosperity such as we are having, people spend their money freely, and thousands of dollars will be spent during the coming holiday season for various articles that will do the people no good. Much of this money may now be turned into the cause of God if our people will take up the sale of our books.

Many of our sisters who have not felt free to engage in the canvassing work during the past year can now do so. There are many of our people so situated that they cannot spend all their time, but could spend a few hours each day in this work. If this plan were faithfully followed until Christmas, they can have a large delivery and thus place the truth in homes which might refuse it at some other time of the year.

The question is sometimes asked, What book shall I sell? Now experience has shown that almost invariably the large books do the most good and pay the best. But there may be some who have not the courage to attempt anything more than the sale of small books. To such we would recommend "Coming King," "Story of Daniel," or "Seer of Patmos," but not more than one of them at a time. If something for children is desired, "Best Stories," board binding, might be used in connection with one of the three mentioned above.

October 1 is a good time to begin for the holidays. Allow from one to two weeks for delivery, depending on the number of orders taken. It is well while taking orders to simply state that they will be delivered sometime in December. Then a little before delivery decide definitely upon the date of delivery, and be sure to send each customer a notification card so that it will reach them two or three days before delivering stating just what day you expect to be there and giving the amount of their purchase. Then be sure to get there at the appointed time.

To our regular canvassers we would say, push the sales of the big books. God has been blessing the work for the past season, and there is no reason why hundreds of books may not be sold in the next few months. We are looking and praying for some deliveries to run from \$300 to \$500.

Be careful about Monday morning. Write all letters on Sunday. Then you can get an early start. The workers in Ohio have done nobly, and eternity alone will tell the good that has been done. Yet as we look over the reports, we can easily see that many more hours might have been put in. Let us raise the average to forty hours per week and see the result.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Sec.*

Camden

SABBATH, August 24, I had the privilege of meeting with the Camden church. It had been about fourteen years since I visited that church, and it was very encouraging to meet them after so long an absence. I was particularly glad to meet some of my fellow students from the Mount Vernon Academy.

As I spoke to the church from James 1:2, 3, 4, 12, and read from the "Testimonies" concerning the trial of our faith, and warned the brethren and sisters of the danger of departing from the word of God and the "Testimonies," my own soul was encouraged and edified.

I was glad to see so many children present, for whom an effort is being made to start a church school. The Lord willing, we shall move near the Camden church and hope to have the privileges of a church school. And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal. 6:9. Yours in the blessed truth,

EDWARD ILES.

"My will, not thine, be done" turned paradise into a desert. "Thy will, not mine, be done" turned the desert into a paradise and made Gethsemane the gate of heaven.—*Selected.*

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MRS. L. A. HOLOBAUGH, of Chilli-cothe, O., visited friends in Mount Vernon last week.

MISS BESSIE E. ACTON spent several days in Columbus last week, organizing a good school with Miss Vada Welch as teacher.

DR. JUMP writes that the tent meetings are quite well attended, and a fair proportion are interested. Pray for the work at Marion.

THE Lesson Quarterlies for the next quarter are now in the Office, and the Sabbath-school secretaries should at once send for their supplies so they will be on hand when needed.

ELDER G. A. IRWIN gave several interesting talks during the camp-meeting on his recent trip around the world and the condition and needs of the various missions he visited.

IN a recent communication Elder J. O. Miller writes as follows: "We have held quite a successful tent meeting here at St. John. Some nice people are now observing the Sabbath, and we look for many more soon to unite with us. We will close our tent effort to-morrow evening, and take the tent down so as to be ready for the general meeting. Last night I spoke to a full tent, and it was so cold that we needed our overcoats. In fact the people wear overcoats all summer, especially at night. But I enjoy the climate the best of any place I ever lived. I have not yet passed through a winter and this may change my mind. My health is excellent. We have a very rigid Sunday law here: no Sunday papers and no trains permitted to run. One Chinaman was arrested for giving out a shirt on Sunday. So you see we are right in it."

St. John, New Brunswick

DEAR VISITOR: I am now at the home of Elder J. O. Miller, and met Brother F. E. Gibson last night at the first meeting of the Maritime Conference. Our conference convenes in Knowlton, Quebec, just after the close of this. The weather is cool and we have had heavy frost. The oat crop is green yet, the potatoes in bloom and farmers making hay. The outlook is not very promising to farmers. However, we are all hopeful in the Lord.

D. E. LINDSEY.

OUR READING COURSE

WE are very anxious that none of our young people neglect joining our band of readers for the coming year. For fear that some may have overlooked the notice given before, we will again call your attention to the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course. This will begin the first of October, so you will need to send in your names for enrollment at once.

We are told through the Spirit of prophecy that "the mind occupied by commonplace matters only becomes dwarfed and enfeebled. If never taxed to comprehend grand and far-reaching truths, it in time loses the power of growth." Also, "If you should read with the one object in view to improve the mind, and should read only as much as the mind could comprehend and digest, and should pa-

tiently persevere in such a course of reading, good results would be accomplished."

This is what we are striving to do this winter. Only three books will be studied during the next eight months. Helps will be given weekly in the *Youth's Instructor*. At the end of each book examinations will be held. Those who have been thorough students will, at the end of the Course, receive Certificates of Attainment. There will be no tuition, the only cost being the price of the books.

Things Needed for the Course

The *Youth's Instructor*, 75 cents per year.

"Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White; 75 cents.

"Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, cloth, 50 cents, paper, 35 cents

"Outline of Mission Fields," Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board, free.

World Map, showing prevailing religions, 45 cents, mounted, 65 cents.

"Pastor Hsi," by Mrs. Howard Taylor, cloth, \$1, paper, 50 cents.

Order from the Ohio Tract Society.

BESSIE E. ACTON, *Ed. Supt.*

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Sept. 6, 1907.)

Ira J. Gault, Ashland Co.—Great Controversy: value of deliveries, \$95.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 17 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$1; total, \$8.50.

J. F. Gallion, Holmes Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 8½ hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$3.25; total, \$9.25.

Mabel A. Rayle, Deshler.—Heralds of the Morning: 17 hours; value of orders, \$1.75; helps, \$5; total, \$6.75.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 14 hours; value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$5.15; total, \$11.65; deliveries, \$12.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Shreve.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$9.50.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$37; helps, \$.75; total, \$37.75.

Clara Sasm, Collinwood.—Coming King: 26½ hours; value of orders, \$10.50; helps, \$1.50; total, \$12.

Total value of orders.....\$ 69.25
Total value of helps 16.65

Grand total.....\$ 85.90

Total deliveries.....\$116.50