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## OUR MISSIONARIES.

### LIVING.

"How to make lives worth living?"  
The question haunts us every day;  
It colors the first blush of sunrise,  
It deepens the twilight's last ray.

There is nothing that brings us drearier pain  
Than the thought "We have lived, we are liv-  
ing in vain."

We need each and all to be needed,  
To feel we have something to give  
Towards soothing the moan of earth's  
hunger;

And we know that then only we live  
When we feed one another as we have been  
fed.  
From the hand that gives body and spirit their  
bread.

Our lives, they are well worth the living  
When we loose our small selves on the  
whole,

And feel the strong surges of being  
Throb through us, one heart and one soul.  
Eternity bears up each honest endeavor;  
The life lost for love is safe forever.—*Selected.*

### FROM THE DIARY OF OUR MISSIONARIES TO CHINA.

#### Across Country.

WE left Sin Iang Cheo for our trip across country provided with three wheelbarrows and four chairs to ride in. The ladies rode in the chairs, each being suspended between two poles with a man at each end of the poles. Our luggage rode in the wheelbarrows, while the four men of our party and the Chinamen walked. Our freight was sent on the river. Two men handled each of the wheelbarrows, one pushed and the other pulled, so they made quite good time, but the squeak became very monotonous.

We passed directly through the farming districts in making this journey. Rice, wheat, sweet potatoes, cotton, peas, radishes, and other vegetables are raised here. The land is yellow clay, and the country is rolling. The farm houses are built in groups of five or six together. They are constructed of mud, and the same kind provided for the donkey as for his master.

The threshing floor is a plot of ground about one hundred feet square, packed down solid, and the grain is threshed out with a flail, after which it is cleaned by the women. A supe-

rior kind of peanuts having less fat and more starch, grow here in abundance. The rice ground is plowed while very wet. This condition is made possible by a small pond made on a hillside and connected with the rice field below. The rice itself must have wet soil in which to grow.

The fields as a rule are small, and are prepared well before they are seeded. The farmers use oxen, water buffaloes, horses, and donkeys to draw their plows and wagons. We often see one buffalo driven without lines, hitched to a plow with only one handle. The harrow used here is very similar to those in America, and what this fails to do, is done by hand, so that the land is prepared like a garden. Wheat is being sowed at this time of the year. The farms have no fences, but each has its own graveyard. An abundance of poultry of all kinds is raised. Women may often be seen spinning yarn in the dooryards. Every farmer has his own flour mill, consisting of two stones with flat surfaces, the one on top being turned upon the other by a pole, thus grinding the grain between them. The flour this year is poor, thus the bread is poor. Each residence is protected by a few shade trees, and these are about all the trees to be seen in this section of China. The soil, by the use of fertilizers, is made to produce two crops each year. Some of the vegetables are quite palatable, but everything tastes different from what it does in America.

We arrived at our first stopping place, Ole-Tea-Hsien, at sundown, having traveled about sixteen miles since 12:30 P. M. Brother Pilquist has a few converts here who served us with some hot water for refreshments. We took our bedding off the wheelbarrows and made our beds for the night, sleeping in his chapel. He held a Chinese meeting while here, and it proved a rare treat to hear them sing, as each one sings according to his own notion and time. But they enjoy singing very much. We left this station at four o'clock in the morning for a trip of sixteen miles to the next station, reaching there about 1:00 P. M. We paid our men six dollars for bringing us this far.

Brother Pilquist has quite a company of believers at this place also, and as we arrived here early, we had quite a little time to spend with them. They had everything neat and clean about them, which showed the difference that Christianity makes in men. We had a good dinner which we appreciated very much, as we were very tired and hungry.

We find many sick people in China, and had the opportunity of treating a few at this place. But think of it, we are the only physicians in this great province of twenty-two millions of people. A large number of women having learned of our arrival, came to visit with the ladies of our party. They told Brother Pilquist that they hoped we would soon learn the language so we could tell them of Jesus. We now have one of the boys that lived here who will act as our teacher in language, and we will educate him. He also does our buying. He wants to become a doctor, but will require a great deal of training.

From this point we had two donkey carts for the men to ride in, but the roads were so rough, we sometimes found it a pleasure to walk. Starting at 12:30 A. M. we reached our next stopping place for the night at 4:00 P. M., having traveled thirty-five miles that day. We were received by such large crowds that we had to frighten them with clubs in order to get through the city, and when we stopped at the inn for the night, they crowded around us so that we could scarcely eat our supper, and they remained till late at night. Here we ate our first meal for the day, which consisted of Chinese fried cakes and fruit, but it tasted good. The inn was about ten by fifteen feet in size, having some boards for beds on one side, while the other half served as a storehouse for Chinese coffins, and yet we had to bar the door to keep the Chinamen out of this small space.

At 12:30 A. M. we again set out on our journey, this time with the hope of reaching our destination before the setting sun. Our experiences this day showed us that the Chinese have plenty of time, and that it is no trouble for a foreigner to obtain an audience here. Only a few moments notice will

bring a company of even a thousand to hear you speak, and they will remain for hours if you give them the privilege. China is an open field for the gospel and gospel workers.

We reached Sin-Tsai-Hsien at sundown. We were very glad to see this place after our four days' travel, which was very trying on us. We are now "At home in China."

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

### THE BETTER WAY.

IN no better way can we manifest our interest in the progress of this world-wide Message than by supporting it, and this can be done more effectually by the weekly offering than by waiting to make one large gift at the end of the year. As a rule, those who give weekly find themselves able to give more than they dared to think of doing when all was given at one time. The interest rises with the gifts, and the prayers always accompany the intelligent interest. Try it. The year 1904 should close with the best record for mission work in this denomination. We are nearing the end, and our work must be done quickly. More workers must be sent out. Old fields must be strengthened and enlarged, and unentered ones must not be neglected longer. What do we say? Now is the time to begin to give, if 1904 is to be the banner year for missions in your experience. He who is able to supply all your need will open ways for you to earn money for his cause which you least expected. And you will have the blessed privilege of sharing in the reward with the workers at the front when the Master comes. The joy of giving the gospel to the benighted souls of heathen lands is alone worth all the sacrifice our giving may cost.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

THE sad news from Africa of the death of our dear Brother J. H. Watson is another signal to advance. It is one more tie to draw us into service for the Master in the Dark Continent. Only eternity will reveal what his few brief months of labor have accomplished for Africa's sons; and even now while he rests, his works continue. That one has fallen means that others must gather up the standard and press farther into the thick of the battle. We cannot afford to sound the word of retreat, but must hasten until all in that land of heathen darkness have heard the warning Message. The ministry of intercession is one in which we all can engage, and in these trying hours our missionaries need to be remembered personally before the Father.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### THOUGHTS FROM A CANVASSER'S DIARY.

THE canvasser we know full well,  
Who goeth forth our books to sell,  
Needs most the prayers of those who pray  
That God will guide him every day,  
And keep him in the narrow way.

The pioneer, to clear the ground,  
And plant the seed, if may be found  
Some honest heart in all the land  
Who would not build on shifting sand,  
But will abide by God's command.

He works not just for worldly gain,  
For such rewards are counted vain,  
Weighed against the final treasure,  
God will give in fullest measure  
Unto all who do his pleasure.

And now while days and months fly past,  
The faithful still are holding fast:  
Some others, though, have weary grown:  
Preferring rather ease and home,  
They from their Master's work have flown.

We meet with trials by the way:  
Our beds have oft been only hay;  
To barns and sheds we oft do hie,  
And one, we know, all night did lie  
Between two friendly shocks of rye.

But, brethren dear, the time has come  
When God's great work must quick be done:  
So let us work now day by day,  
And as we work, O let us pray  
That from the truth we may not stray.

When you, dear friends, lie down at night  
On nice, soft beds, in homes so bright,  
Pray for the agents far away  
In search of some good place to stay,  
Until shall dawn another day.

—A. J. Waters, in the Southern Watchman.

### Coshocton and Killbuck.

WE are glad to bear a good report in behalf of these two churches, for whom we have been laboring. At the quarterly meetings held at each of these places at the beginning of the year, we had almost a full attendance of the church members. A good spirit prevailed and we enjoyed much of the Lord's rich blessing at both places. The Coshocton church has been especially faithful in the tithe, for which we thank the Lord, and trust that this good spirit will continue to fill the hearts of God's dear little flock at this place.

Several have been added to the church since its organization over a year ago, and our earnest prayer is that they may grow in grace and many more be gathered in by their faithful labors.

At this writing, January 26, we are engaged in a series of meetings at the Killbuck church which we began January 8, on coming to this place. Six dear souls have kept Jehovah's Sabbath for the first time during these meetings, and others are deeply interested. Our most earnest desire is

to see a harvest of souls at this place who will stand on the Lord's side. God's Spirit is convicting hearts and giving victory over the tobacco habit and swearing. For all of this our hearts are filled with praise, and to the Lord be all the glory. Yours in the Message,  
B. L. HOUSE,  
MAYME W. HOUSE.

### Dayton.

FROM a private letter written from Dayton, O., by Elder J. O. Miller, we note some interesting items. He says the meetings held at the church are not well attended, but adds that if a large audience is to be certain we must go to China. The best meetings are those held through the week at the homes of inquirers for the truth. He says, "It is surprising how many homes are open for Bible readings. Brother Henderson and I cannot answer all the calls. The one thing most against us is that we have no place suitable for public meetings. Our little church is so unfortunately located, that it even becomes an embarrassment to our Bible workers to invite interested readers to attend church there."

After speaking of the excellent families he is visiting from day to day, Brother Miller adds, "The one thing our people need most is to be progressive and aggressive. But it is a fact that, as a body, we are violating the tenth commandment by permitting avarice to become our master. True sacrifice consists in giving till one feels it; not because he dislikes to part with his means, simply, but because he shares his need with others."

### Toledo.

THE Toledo church held its regular services Jan. 16, 1904. At the close of Sabbath-school, Pastor Lindsey decided not to give us a sermon, but a friendly, little talk. He announced that he had been selected by the Ohio Conference to take charge of the church at Cleveland, which was about to dedicate its new house of worship. He assured us of his love for the Toledo church, and of his being loath to leave it. He rejoiced in the fact that harmony prevailed among the members; also, that the rapid increase of the tithe and offerings told its own story of growth in grace and in the knowledge of God, and of their interest in the work that he is calling upon his people to finish. Many expressed regret at parting with Elder Lindsey, but wished him "God speed" in his new field of labor.

ANNA M. NICHOLAS, Clerk.

## HOME AND SCHOOL.

## A MODEL HOME.—NO. 2.

WOMAN is to fill a more sacred and elevated position than the king upon his throne. Her great work is to make her life a living example which she would wish her children to copy. By precept as well as example she is to store their minds with useful knowledge, and lead them to self-sacrificing labor for the good of others.

If a mother's influence is what it should be in the home, neither evil men nor angels can overthrow her work. Every child who is trained aright, and who has that inward adorning, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, will have a fitness for heaven, and will shine in the courts of the Lord. It is a wonderful work to make home pleasant, and all that it ought to be. If the heart is given to God, the humblest talents will make the home life all that God would have it.

In the home a bright light will shine forth as the result of whole-hearted service to God. The mother is to bring her children to Jesus for his blessing. She is to cherish the words of Christ and teach them to her children. From their babyhood she is to discipline them to self-denial, to habits of neatness and order.

In training your children in habits of cleanliness, you teach them spiritual lessons. They see that God would have them clean in heart as well as in body, and will be led to understand pure principles, which God designs should prompt every act of our lives.

Do not pet nor praise your children until they become vain, pert, and saucy. Parents should show no partiality, but should treat all their children with tenderness, remembering that they are the purchase of Christ's blood.

Children should early learn to be polite and courteous to strangers and to the aged; and not only to these but to all classes, and upon all occasions. Courtesy is the one thing that will bring about the spirit of genuine unselfishness. Even a little child may be taught to please others; to wait willingly and gladly until others are served; to be anxious to divide that which it may have with sister, brother, or, if proper, with schoolmate, and find pleasure in it all.

Every family may be a perpetual school. The elder sister can exert a strong influence upon the younger members of the family. The younger witnessing the example of the older, will be led more by the principle of imitation than oft repeated precepts.

God is slow to wrath. He never flies into a passion, never throws aside the dictates of reason, nor takes pleasure in inflicting punishment. Parents must not chastise their children in the heat of passion, nor be arbitrary or unreasonable in discipline, nor punish to gratify feelings of anger. Children must be made to realize that parental discipline is a necessity for their own good.

What is needed most of all is a life the light of which shines in the home. If it does not shine in the home, it will never shine in any place. The religion of Christ takes homes, full of strife, impatience, fretfulness, and every wickedness, and makes them peaceful. When God created man, he placed him in the midst of perfect environments, and implanted within him a love for his surroundings. The Christian home is the nearest approach to this first model of any since the fall. Yet even here perfect peace cannot hold undisputed sway, for an enemy is abroad in the land, scattering death and disappointment everywhere.

But we have the promise of a home into which sorrow, death, and destruction can never enter, and where nothing can ever harass or make afraid. Here we have no surety; there we "shall not build and another inhabit," we "shall not plant and another eat." Here we are often in poverty; there our share is riches and honor. Even in this sin-cursed earth there are many beautiful mansions which men have builded, but they perish with time. But in the new earth will be the New Jerusalem, prepared by the Lord himself, whose mansions are everlasting. ANNA E. SMITH.

## A CONTINUAL BLESSING.

THE greatest blessings often become unappreciated, and their real place and purpose lost sight of. Such seems to be a possible fact with this people at this time. That which has already proved to be of untold value, both financially and spiritually, is coming to be lightly regarded in some instances, and spoken of as a thing of the past. But the following thoughts taken from a letter written by Sister White May 18, 1903, may help us better to understand the real purpose and permanent value of the gift, "Christ's Object Lessons":—

"The use which should be made of 'Object Lessons' in the future has been made clear to me, and I must write to my brethren in regard to it. Letters have been received from our canvassing agents, in which they say that they think it would be a good plan for 'Object Lessons' to be han-

dled as a regular subscription book, as soon as the relief-of-the-schools campaign is finished. They believe that this book will have as ready a sale in the hands of the regular canvasser as any other.

"As my son read me one of these letters, the thought came to me: 'Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing to do?' I told my son I thought perhaps it would be best to do as the letter had suggested. Then I sent to heaven the prayer, 'Lord, teach me to speak right words.' Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given me at the first regarding 'Object Lessons' flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words: 'God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange his plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering, made to God; and as his plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory.'

"I immediately told my son that I would make no change in regard to the handling of 'Object Lessons' unless God gave me plain instruction that this should be done. As I told him this, I felt the blessing of God resting upon me.

"The plan for the circulation of 'Object Lessons' is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set his approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of his people. Shall we mar his plan?—No, no! Until the Lord shall come, and our present system of school work shall be ended by our entering the higher school, 'Christ's Object Lessons' is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions."

## NOT TOO LATE.

WHEN announcement was made last November of several series of very important articles which were to appear in the *Youth's Instructor*, we then promised that all new subscribers who sent 75 cents for a year's subscription, should receive the last seven papers of 1903, free. We therefore renew the offer to send free, the last seven *Instructors* for 1903, to new subscribers for 1904, who send 75 cents at once. This offer is only good so long as our supply of papers holds out.

Send 75 cents at once and secure the *Instructor* for 59 weeks and ask for our circular telling how you may secure a Bible free. Address Ohio Tract Society, or *Youth's Instructor*, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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

THE address of Mrs. M. L. Maxson, formerly with Mount Vernon Academy, is now 220 W. Ave. 57, Los Angeles, Cal.

WORD from Elder Burkholder Sunday morning says, "Mother continues to improve, and the rest of the family are well."

THE February number of the *Life Boat* is an anti-tobacco number and deserves a wide circulation. It will be supplied at two cents a copy.

THE Conference Committee held a meeting in Academia last week, and Elder M. C. Kirkendall remained over Sabbath and Sunday with his family.

ELDER W. W. MILLER and wife stopped over one day while enroute from Cleveland. Brother Miller will visit the treatment-rooms in Newark while on his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, his future field of labor.

BROTHER B. L. HOUSE and wife are spending a few days in Academia. Brother House has just closed a series of meetings at Killbuck, where gratifying results are reported. He goes to Coshocton, then to Adams Mills and Pleasant Hill to look after the interests there.

WANTED.—A good Seventh-day Adventist farmer who would like to connect with our school as a missionary farmer. One with small family, or single, and also having a knowledge of the carpenter's trade is preferred. There is an excellent opening here also for two or three good Seventh-day Adventist families to locate in a thriving town of 1,500 inhabitants as home missionaries. The people are a good class and favorable to the truth. Address for further particulars, Supt. Juniata Industrial School, Juniata, Ala.

REMEMBER the collection to be taken up in all our churches Sabbath, February 6. Let us assist our brethren connected with the foreign publishing work all we can.

A CHANGE in the Ohio Conference has just been made by the appointment of Brother I. D. Richardson as Field Secretary in the place of Elder M. C. Kirkendall, who will continue to devote his time to the work of the ministry.

MARRIED.—At the home of the bride at Genoa, O., Jan. 21, 1904, Dr. Walters of Chagrin Falls and Mrs. Mary J. Spencer were united in marriage, Elder D. E. Lindsey officiating. A number of relatives and friends were in attendance. The happy couple left on the afternoon car for the home of our brother, and from there they visited the District Meeting at Cleveland. THE VISITOR joins other friends with best wishes for their future, and successful work for the Master.

## OBITUARY.

MURRAY.—Mrs. Julia Murray died Jan. 7, 1904, at the age of 46 years, 9 months, and 7 days. She was born March 31, 1858, and married Joseph Edwards Sept. 12, 1875. To this union were born two children—one is dead, the other remains. She now leaves a husband and four children, four sisters and two brothers. She was not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, but had recently given her heart to the Lord, and was baptized two weeks before her death. The funeral was held at Hamler, O., and the services conducted by the writer. Words of hope and comfort were spoken from Jas. 4: 14, Isa. 40: 6-8, Ps. 90. G. P. GAEBDE.

KANE.—Amanda H. Kane died of tuberculosis, Jan. 16, 1904, at the home of her parents in Columbus, O., at the age of 14 years, 10 months, and 16 days. At an early age she had become interested in the coming Saviour, and at the age of eleven was baptized and united with the Columbus church. A faithful, conscientious life prepared her for a peaceful death, which she feared no more than an hour of restful sleep. Her last words were exhortations to her dear ones to be faithful to God and the truth, after which she fell asleep to awaken to life and immortality at the call of the Life Giver. She leaves a father, mother, brother, sister and many friends who will miss her kind and gentle associations. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 5: 4. N. W. LAWRENCE.

STIMMEL.—Died Jan. 13, 1904, at her home in Dayton, Ohio, of asthma, Amanda L. Stimmel, aged 72 years and 13 days. She was converted in 1856 and united with the German Reformed church. About eight years ago she became interested in the Third Angel's Message and joined the Seventh-day Adventists under the faithful ministry of Elder W. L. Iles, who now is asleep in Jesus. She possessed a quiet, meek spirit. She was a beloved companion, devoted mother, and a worthy member of the Dayton church. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss, but not without hope. The funeral service was held in a crowded house, January 15, conducted by the writer, using for his text John 11: 11-14. F. H. HENDERSON.

## TITHE RECEIPTS.

JANUARY, 1904.

Akron.....	\$153.88
Beaver.....	27.98
Bellville.....	33.01
Bowling Green.....	143.50
Brokaw.....	5.00
Box 55.....	7.04
Camden.....	7.43
Canton.....	17.40
Chillicothe.....	12.50
Cincinnati.....	69.83
Cleveland.....	133.21
Clyde.....	61.55
Columbus.....	10.35
Conneaut.....	10.17
Coshocton.....	2.55
Cygnets.....	18.96
Dayton.....	34.75
Delaware.....	.50
Dunkirk.....	16.38
East Liverpool.....	42.17
Elgin.....	53.80
Findlay.....	35.44
Geneva.....	6.55
Hamler.....	86.90
Hicksville.....	63.40
Kenton.....	15.00
Kirtland.....	33.37
Killbuck.....	21.00
Lake View.....	34.37
Laura.....	5.31
Leesburg.....	15.00
Lewistown.....	22.00
Liberty Center.....	55.22
Lima.....	14.66
Mansfield.....	255.50
Meigs.....	5.79
Mendon.....	4.50
Middlefield.....	40.19
Mount Vernon.....	121.00
Nashville.....	2.69
New Antioch.....	58.00
Newark.....	85.71
Norwalk.....	44.97
Pemberville.....	23.86
Reedsville.....	1.00
St. Clairsville.....	6.00
Spencer.....	26.21
Toledo.....	70.92
Wadsworth.....	1.00
Walnut Grove.....	46.79
Waterford.....	24.36
Whealersburg.....	139.97
Wilmington.....	10.00
Youngstown.....	24.90
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	22.80

Total.....\$2,291.34  
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES, JANUARY, 1904.

Tithe.....	\$2,291.34
Ohio Tract Society.....	1,341.73
First Day Offering.....	94.79
Sabbath-school Donations.....	117.11
Academy Debt.....	63.51
Annual Offering.....	505.05
Southern Field.....	4.00
Southern Publishing Association.....	10.00
China Transportation Fund.....	55.50
Review & Herald Removal Fund.....	2.00

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THE "Year Book of Seventh-day Adventists" is now being mailed, a copy of which has just reached this office. We are much pleased with its appearance and contents.