

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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PLEASANT AND UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES.

YOU no doubt have wondered the last couple of weeks why you have not heard from us, but it has not been our fault by any means. We have had no postman by whom to send mail. Day after day we have looked for a letter from home. . . . But to start with I will tell you that it is hot here. We are wet with perspiration most of the time. In the coolest place we have the thermometer registers 90° to 97° from morning till evening. In the sun it is from 100° to 105°. It is a little trying to us now, but we hope to get used to it.

I made a large fan which I suspended from the ceiling in the bedroom. I have a Chinaman pull it day and night, and that makes it quite comfortable to what it has been in the past. We will have two or three more months of this sort of weather.

We have had plenty of fruit through June and will have for another month. I think the fruit here is really nicer than in the States. It is not stung and grows larger. We had cherries, mulberries, and very fine apricots in abundance. Peaches and plums are now abundant, the plums being the size of an egg, and cost one cent for seventeen, and the peaches about the size of the fist.

I have just returned from Hanchow, where Dr. Selman and I went to buy supplies for the hot weather. This is a trip we always dread, as traveling in this country is so very inconvenient. We brought the goods part of the way on the Chinese railway and the rest of the journey was made on house boat and rafts. This required three weeks travel and became very monotonous. The river is so crooked that while we travelled thirty miles one day, at evening we were not very much nearer home. A little north of Sinyang we transferred our baggage to rafts on the river Hwai, which is very shallow, being only four inches deep in some places.

The rafts are made by tying together a large number of bamboo, which are hollow cylinders with the air spaces

partitioned off at the distance of about a foot. They are from four to five inches in diameter with a shell about one-fourth inch thick, and make an ideal float. The bamboo shrub or tree is used here for making almost everything,—baskets, beds, chairs, tables, etc.

The goods are loaded on the rafts which are drawn by a man who wades in the water, pulling them like a horse. These rafts will float in about four inches of water. In some places the sand was piled up by the current and we had to take a wooden paddle we had with us, and push the raft to one side, making a road. As we were going down stream, we soon got into deep water. At night we slept on the rafts. The Chinese sleep one with his head to the feet of the other.

We have a long way to go by water route, the crookedness of the river making it doubly long. They have very little fall in this great plain, and when it rains the country is usually flooded on account of the distance from the outlet. It took us two days to go from Sinyang to Ulitien, a distance of ten miles.

About noon the second day the men pulling the raft became hungry, so they tied the three rafts end for end, thus making a bridge across the river, and floating upon the water. The water was shallow and as one man on each bank pulled the rafts, the remainder stood on them yelling and beating sticks to scare the fish. They went down the river for a half mile in this manner, catching a large market basket full of fish, which, in trying to jump over the obstruction instead of passing underneath, would fall upon the raft.

Troubles by the Way.

After another day's journey, I took one of our Chinamen and started in the evening on a twenty-mile walk to Lo Shan. The river runs within six miles of this city. At present Brother Pilquist has a station here. Do not address our letters any longer in his care as it will delay our mail. We were very tired when we arrived. We slept for about two hours, and in the morning started on a wheelbarrow for Si Hsien, where I was to purchase charcoal and have it on the river bank

to load on the rafts. Dr. Selman remained on the rafts so he could push them along and thus make time. As I had no bedding along I found the wheelbarrow rather tiresome the last five miles. We made twenty miles in half a day, one man pulling the barrow and the other pushing. That night I slept in an inn. I took one of the doors down, and having no pillow or bedding, made a pillow of my arm and slept quite comfortable. We get along quite well, as we get so tired on one of these trips we can sleep in any position. A Chinaman will sleep with flies in his mouth, as they always sleep with their mouth open. In the morning while waiting for the rafts, a boy came and told me that a band of robbers had attacked the rafts during the night, and that several of the men were hurt. I left the goods in charge of the boy I brought with me, and started up the bank to meet the rafts. After walking six miles I met them. Dr. Selman had his arm in a sling, and he told me that a band of seventeen men made the attack at 12 P. M. Two had guns, some had swords and others had long bamboo poles with spears on the ends.

Their intent was to kill the party and take the spoil, but the boatmen fought for their lives as well as Dr. Selman, and after a half hour's fighting they succeeded in getting away from the robbers, although with several wounds. Dr. Selman had several severe blows disabling him so he could not work. Four of the boatmen had severe wounds. I dressed the wounds and cared for them that day. Just as we got the charcoal loaded on the rafts, a messenger came from Brother Pilquist at Lo Shan asking me to come at once as his wife was very sick. The messenger had brought a small horse for me to ride on. I rode five miles on the horse, and then exchanged for the donkey the messenger rode. At dark we had fifteen miles further to go, and a river to cross on the ferry. I got my donkey on the ferry and he lay down. On reaching the opposite bank we could not get him up so we had to roll him off. I had a soldier go ahead of us to find the road as I did not know the way, for the roads are just foot paths between rice fields, sometimes

steep and other times slopping. The night was dark and it began to rain, so I rode ten miles in the rain. We lost the road several times, greatly delaying us. The donkey slipped off the bank twice, and fell in the ditch once. We arrived at 2 A. M.

I found the city gate closed and we were not able to arouse the gatekeeper, although we yelled at the top of our voices half an hour. I caught hold of the lock and as it came loose at once, we opened the gate and went in. We found Sister Pilquist quite sick, but not as serious as anticipated. We were indeed glad to know the money for the donkeys has been given, and I assure you that we appreciate it.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

WELCOME VISITOR: To the various Seventh-day Adventist missionary societies in Ohio, the society at Newark sends love and Christian greeting. Each year at our camp-meeting the committee on entertainment has considerable difficulty in securing the bedding and other necessary furnishings for the ministers, and medical missionary tents.

Realizing the convenience of having a permanent supply of such equipment, the missionary society at Newark has volunteered to donate to the Conference enough blankets, sheets, quilts, pillows, etc., together with wash bowl and pitcher to supply one tent. The Society takes this opportunity for bringing the matter before the other societies of the State with the hope that they will co-operate with us in this work. The Conference needs material enough to furnish four or five beds, and it will be an easy matter for our missionary societies to supply the need if we set our minds to do it. If any one society does not feel able to supply an entire outfit, perhaps two or more societies could work together, and if you will kindly write to the secretary of the Newark society, Miss Grace Guy, 210 Buckingham St., she will be glad to give suggestions as to the distribution of the work. Write to us anyway. Our society here would be pleased to have helpful suggestions from other societies in regard to any practical line of missionary work. May the Lord bless us all in our work for him. KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.

THE man who prays, "Thy kingdom come," and does not give some just portion of his income to promote the kingdom is a conscious or unconscious hypocrite.—*Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

SELECT PURE RECREATIONS.

AN occasional deviation
From one's daily avocation
To a world of meditation
In God's woodland, mead, or dell
Means the best of recreation,
The nucleus of consolation,
And a thorough innovation
Of this house in which we dwell.

But to spend a short vacation
From one's daily avocation
To a world of contemplation
In the tempter's sophistry
Means the inceptive inclination
To the vilest degradation
And an open condemnation
Of the "straight and narrow way."

Therefore in life's short vacations
Let us choose from all creation
Scenes and thoughts that make a nation
Pure and holy, just and free,
For we long for transformation
From this clayey habitation
To the world of mutual station
In the grand eternity.

WILLIAM V. VANDERVOORT.

THE SABBATH TRUTH IN PRISONS.

CENTURIES ago the Lord showed the prophet Jeremiah that he would "send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Whether that includes the almost forsaken men in dark prison cells, I do not know, but it is certain that the Lord is demonstrating that he has as much power to-day to transform those who are bound with chains, as he had when he walked among men on the Gadarene hills. He has not only softened the heart of almost every prison official in the land, and made them favorable to our work, which will mean something for us in the future when persecutions begin to rage that we scarcely conceive of now, but he has made such humble and devoted Christians of some who were almost beasts of prey, that it has caused all who came into contact with them to acknowledge the mighty power of God. Furthermore, he has made them hungry for more truth and light. One prisoner has the full set of "Testimonies," and is earnestly studying them. Others are sending in donations. Some who first became interested by reading the *Life Boat* are now regularly reading the *Signs*.

We are hearing from various prisons of those who are becoming interested in the present truth. We quote the following from a letter just received from a Western prison: "I send a small donation for use in the Master's work. I wish to say God has blessed me in many ways during my

prison life. I receive the *Life Boat* regularly. It always brings a blessing and is never laid aside until read entirely through with much interest and many tears. I daily pray that God will bless the *Life Boat* and each worker connected with it. It is hardly necessary for me to state that I pass it on to other prisoners. I have recently received another great blessing and much instruction. A prisoner here loaned me a "Bible Text-book," by Elder O. A. Johnson. This only emphasizes what I have already believed for some time,—that the seventh day is the Sabbath of our Lord. While in my present condition I may not be able to keep it in all its respects literally, I can and will keep it in spirit. I want to keep all of God's commandments. The man who gave me the book has nineteen years more to serve, but he is doing the prisoners much good in a spiritual way."

The Lord looks down from the height of his sanctuary to hear the groaning of the prisoner. Ps. 102:20. May God help us all to hear the same groans that he hears, and pray for even the most discouraging cases, that, if possible, they may be made monuments of God's saving power.

DAVID PAULSON.

Dresden.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: The Lord has manifested his guiding hand in helping Brother C. A. Pedicord and the writer to find a tent location in Dresden. We have our tent pitched and we begin our meetings Sunday, September 4.

We were very grateful to have the brethren from the Pleasant Hill church help us in erecting our tent. We need the earnest prayers of our brethren and sisters that we may have souls for our hire. Yours in Christ,
B. L. HOUSE.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Since camp-meeting I have been busy working in the interest of the church schools. August 25 I went to visit the church at Coshocton, having been invited to do so by the elder of that church. I found the brethren there ready to acknowledge every good thing. In company with Brother House, I visited nearly all the members of the church in their homes, and they all expressed a desire to see all branches of the work advance.

Monday evening, August 29, meeting was held, at which time the church voted to have a church school. Pledges were made for its support and all arrangements perfected for the school to begin about the middle of September. I could not help but rejoice as I saw

the spirit of self-sacrifice which was manifested in the meeting.

Leaving Coshocton August 30, I visited the Pleasant Hill church and found the little company there rejoicing in the blessed hope. The brethren there are doing all they can to have a school this coming year.

I am now planning to locate in Academia and any one wishing to write to me can address me at that place.

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec.*

WORK IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

It may be of interest to the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR to know something of the way the missionary effort in St. Louis is being conducted during the time of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Our plan is not only to bring the truth to the various nationalities from abroad who visit our city this year, but to "sow beside all waters" and thus reach the masses of this large commercial center as well as their visiting friends.

In order that all may have an opportunity to hear the Third Angel's Message, we have districted the city, giving each worker a portion to be thoroughly canvassed with the *Family Bible Teacher*, and with other literature. House-to-house calls are made from week to week offering reading matter, free of charge, to the inmates, some of whom are glad to give donations for the support of the work, which are thankfully received. Where more than one family occupy the same house, or where there are several servants in a home, we see that all are supplied as far as possible; hotels are also visited where tracts are left on the counter by permission of the proprietor or the clerk in charge. In some hotels we have the privilege of handing the leaflets to the elevator boy who distributes them in the rooms of the building, in this way many of its patrons have the privilege of receiving the truth.

We have seven workers who daily distribute about 3,000 copies of the *Family Bible Teacher* besides giving Bible readings, etc. The church members are also doing good work with the *Signs* and the *Family Bible Teacher*, and the children are using the *Life Boat* to good advantage in their work. We have not yet visited one fourth of the families in the city so there remains much to be done before it is thoroughly warned. We shall begin Sunday night meetings (the Lord willing) on September 4, and continue them as long as it seems best. Many are interested, and we already see indications of a harvest of precious souls for his garner. All are of good

courage and we look to him who is our wisdom and strength. At present the following workers are in our home: Brother and Sister M. E. George; Sisters Sophia Blaser; Mary L. Zener, of St. Louis; Lida B. Moore, of Colorado; Brethern M. O. Douglass, of Kansas; Simeon J. Quantock, of Kansas City; Albert Anderson, of Nebraska; and A. D. Gilbert, late of England.

Our home is open to receive visitors attending the Exposition who wish a quiet place to rest at night. Our terms are as follows: lodging, 50 cts. each person per night; breakfast, 25 cts. each; lunch, 15 cts. and upward.

How to reach the home: In front of Union Station take the Laclede Avenue car going west; at Sarah Street change to the Maplewood, or Meramec Highland car going south. Get off the car at Belleview Avenue and walk north to the first house on the left hand side of the road. There are several tents pitched in the yard. Those wishing to stop with us should first communicate with A. D. Gilbert, Cor. Blanche and Belleview Avenues, Ellendale Station, St. Louis, so that arrangements may be made by those in charge. Yours faithfully,

R. C. PORTER,

DR. MORAN,

A. D. GILBERT,

Committee.

A CONDITION.

How solemn is the thought that the way in which we labor in this world, and in which we improve the moments at our disposal, will determine our lot in the eternal world! It does not suffice to say that we are satisfied if only we can have a place in heaven, however small it may be. God demands the best efforts of which we are capable. Each one must put all his energies into his service. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Furthermore the desire to gain heaven should not be the only motive of our actions. That which led to the condemnation of the man who received the one talent, was his selfishness! He would not make efforts to do good to others. Like all selfish people, he was blind to his own interests and brought loss to himself. He comprehended not that in laboring for another, it turned for good to himself. He could not look forward to the end of his labors, when his Lord would come.

We ought to learn a lesson from his selfishness, as well as from the faithfulness of the other servants. We should labor disinterestedly and with love for God and for our fellow

men if we have the love of God in our hearts we shall have a great desire to see our fellow men saved, and our labors will tend in that direction without slackening our efforts. Our duty here below is to work constantly. At the end of our labors, the reward will be given, not as pay for our services, but as a gift in which we shall be prepared to rejoice.—*Selected.*

HUMILITY.

HUMILITY I hold to be the chief and foremost grace in the life of a Christian; it must precede even faith; it is the initial step into the kingdom. The head must be bowed to pass through the portal of the living way; for the circumscribed height of the gate of life is but the measure of the stature of "a little child."

And humility is not only all-essential as a preliminary grace, but it follows on into the kingdom as the twin sister of every successive virtue worn by the follower of Christ. It travels hand in hand with the second of the graces, faith; for a right faith is a humbling faith. To take our stand where God places us, to believe that our self-wrought righteousnesses are "but as filthy rags," that we must be stripped bare in order to be clothed upon with the righteousness of another,—this is a faith permeated with humility.

And love, the crowning consummation of all the other graces, is also bound with humility. A passion which is the outcome of gratitude to a personal and almighty Saviour, of reverence to a just Father, of adoration towards a holy God, is a passion which owes its very nature and essence to humility. Therefore is humility the germ, the blossoming, and the fruition of Christian character, but perfected and transcendent only in the person of the Lamb himself, who would fain draw all men with loving invitation, "Come unto me; for I am meek."—*Selected.*

THE GOSPEL OF SMILES.

DID you ever try the gospel of smiles? A smile is a sunbeam of the soul. It lights up the eye and transfigures the countenance. A frown is easier, but it gives no light. Open the soul windows and let in the light, and keep those windows open; then let out that light in smiles. A smile can scatter gloom and silver-line a cloud. It costs little, but it counts for much. Tears and smiles lie near together. Dry your tears, and scatter your smiles!—*Zion's Herald.*

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BORN to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Henderson, August 24, a ten pound son.

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

THE opening of the church school will be delayed a week or ten days on account of necessary repairs.

THE VISITOR will not be issued next week because the opening of the Academy makes so much additional work.

BROTHER JAMES E. SHULTZ, the Educational Secretary of the Ohio Conference, expects soon to locate in Academia.

WE are glad to see the familiar faces of so many of the old students. Everything indicates another successful year for the Mount Vernon Academy.

BROTHER ISAAC HAGUE spent several days in Academia repairing and papering his house. Any one desiring to rent this property will please address the WELCOME VISITOR, Academia, O.

BROTHER KENNETH R. HAUGHEY will leave this week for Graysville, Tenn., his new field of labor. We pray that the blessing of God will attend his efforts in behalf of those entrusted to his care.

FOUND at camp-meeting in my tent a Bagster Bible containing no name but having index, helps, notes, concordance, etc. The person who lost this Bible can have it by describing fully, and sending postage money.

C. E. WEAKEs.

Mount Vernon, O.

WE hope to have reports from some of the workers by next week. Brethren, remember that there are many who are praying for you, and while they are not expecting a personal communication, desire and expect to hear from you through the WELCOME VISITOR.

TRY IT THIS WEEK.

LET no day pass without personal secret communication with God.

Begin each day by taking counsel from the Word of God, if but one verse while you are dressing.

Put away all bitter feelings and broodings over slights or wrongs, no matter from whom received.

Have on your heart some person or some cause for which you are pleading God's blessings each day.

Let no opportunity pass to say a kind word, do some kind deed, or at least smile upon those you meet. Do this, not affectedly, but sincerely, "as unto the Lord."

Guard well the door of your lips, that no unchaste word, jest, or story, no slander or cutting remark, or irreverent or untruthful statement shall pass out.

Remember each day that Christ will surely come, suddenly come, quickly come; and it may be, this day will determine how his coming will find us, as it must to thousands.—*Selected.*

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

WHATEVER your hands find to do, do it with your might. Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret or scold. Let your daily prayer be, "Lord, help me do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."

Look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is part of God's service. Do not allow anything to make you forgetful of God. Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. You will do your best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, your hearts filled with his joy.—*Unpublished Testimony.*

TITHE RECEIPTS.

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Academy Debt.....	375.00
Miss McIntyre Fund.....	73.67
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