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

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## MISSIONARY.

### WHEN I READ THE BIBLE THROUGH.

I SUPPOSED I knew my Bible  
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,  
Now a bit of John, or Matthew,  
Now a snatch of Genesis.  
Certain chapters of Isaiah,  
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third),  
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs,—  
Yes, I thought I knew the Word!  
But I found that thorough reading  
Was a different thing to do,  
And the way was unfamiliar  
When I read the Bible through.

Oh, the massive, mighty volume!  
Oh, the treasures manifold!  
Oh, the beauty and the wisdom  
And the grace it proved to hold!  
As the story of the Hebrews  
Swept in majesty along,  
As it leaped in waves prophetic,  
As it burst to sacred song,  
As it gleamed with Christly omens,  
The Old Testament was new,  
Strong with cumulative power,  
When I read the Bible through.

Ah, imperial Jeremiah,  
With his keen, coruscant mind  
And the blunt old Nehemiah,  
And Ezekiel refined!  
Newly came the minor prophets,  
Each with his distinctive robe;  
Newly came the song idyllic,  
And the tragedy of Job;  
Deuteronomy, the regal,  
To a towering mountain grew,  
With its comrade peaks around it,—  
When I read the Bible through.

With a radiant succession,  
As the pages rise and fall,  
James the sturdy, John the tender,—  
Oh, the myriad-minded Paul!  
Vast apocalyptic glories  
Wheel and thunder, flash and flame,  
While the church triumphant raises  
One incomparable name.  
Ah, the story of the Saviour  
Never grows supremely true  
Till you read it whole and swiftly,  
Till you read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible,  
Dip and dabble, here and there,  
Just before you kneel, a weary,  
And yawn through a hurried prayer,  
You who treat the Crown of Writings  
As you treat no other book,—  
Just a paragraph disjointed,  
Just a crude, impatient look,—  
Try a worthier procedure,  
Try a broad and steady view;  
You will kneel in very rapture,  
When you read the Bible through!

—Amos R. Wells in Sunday-school Times.

"The closest walk with God is the sweetest heaven that can be enjoyed on earth."

## CHINA.

### A HEATHEN WOMAN'S TESTIMONY.

"It is now just a year since the death of Mrs. Maude Miller, in China. She lived long enough to find at least one who could carry the message to her sisters. Once illiterate and ignorant, this Chinese woman can now preach a good sermon. Her husband is Dr. Miller's evangelist. When Mrs. Miller died, she wrote to Dr. Miller,—

"At the last day you shall meet your wife. Do not suffer too great over her loss. Jesus will comfort you, and he will protect and preserve you. We mourn her loss, and hope to meet her again."

"This is free translation. But our sisters especially will be interested in the letter which his wife wrote to Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Miller's mother, who lives in College View, Neb. It is as follows:—

"Mrs. Thompson, my heart has felt for your heart when Pastor told me Mrs. Miller could not get well. I have helped Mrs. Miller eleven months to teach the gospel to the other women, and Mrs. Miller has wasted much time in teaching me the gospel. But I love God, for she lived so different from other people. I learned there was mercy for a Chinese woman. No one misses Mrs. Miller more than me. I soon found she loved me. My husband believed in God before I did, and I am ashamed to say I nearly tore up his Bible, because he loved God. But he soon began to treat me different from formerly. Mrs. Miller has been patient with me, and she had a warm heart.

"You must not be distressed and grieved, for God must certainly have called Mrs. Miller. My little girl loved Mrs. Miller, and learned to pray and love God. So I know Mrs. Miller's reward will be very great. Of course you love your oldest daughter till it pains, and so did I. I also feel sorry for *Muh si* (Pastor Miller).

"His life has also been a lesson to me as well as to many Chinese men. They cannot understand why *Muh si* loves Mrs. Miller so much. He was up day and night. No Chinese man would do that. He cooked for her, and spent much money to make things

nice, and would take her out in a hand-cart (wheel-chair). And every one says they loved one another. How can I help from believe in God, when I see how they have left their nice homes to help us. I can see that *Muh si* heart is in great difficulty, and his feelings bitter. I hope he may have some one come from his land to comfort him. We try to do all we can for him, and pray for him. He shows he loves us by staying here, and daily teaches us more about God. He is teaching us the book of Genesis. I want to help other women know God, but they are all so ignorant, like myself. God will save Mrs. Miller, and I want to see her and you again.

"I don't know what to write you.

"Your ignorant servant,

"Mrs. CHIN."

## NEITHER.

"WELL, I can not understand why a man who has tried to lead a good, life should not stand a better chance of heaven than a wicked one," said a lady, a few days ago, in a conversation with others about the matter of salvation.

"Simply for this cause," answered one: "Suppose you and I want to go into a place of amusement where the admission was a dollar; you have half a dollar, and I have nothing. Which would stand the better chance of admission?"

"Neither."

"Just so; and, therefore, the moral man stands no better chance than the outbreaking sinner. But now suppose a kind and rich person who saw our perplexity presented a ticket of admission to each of us at his own expense; what then?"

"Well, then we could both go in alike; that is clear."

Thus, when the Saviour saw our perplexity, he came, he died, and thus obtained eternal redemption for us, and now he offers you and me a free ticket. Only take good care that your half a dollar does not make you proud enough to refuse the free ticket, and so be refused admittance at last.—*Ex.*

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### KEEP A GOIN'.

"If you strike a thorn or rose,  
Keep a goin';  
If it rains or if it snows,  
Keep a goin';  
'Taint no use to set and whine  
When the fish aint on your line,  
Bait your hook and keep a tryin'.  
Keep a goin'.

When the weather kills your crop,  
Keep a goin';  
When you tumble from the top,  
Keep a goin';  
S'pose you're out o' every dime,  
Gettin' broke ain't any crime;  
Tell the world you're feelin' prime;  
Keep a goin'.

When it looks like all was up,  
Keep a goin';  
Drain the sweetness from the cup,  
Keep a goin';  
See the wild birds on the wing,  
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,  
When you feel like singin' sink,  
Keep a goin'."

### REPORTING.

I HAVE been glad to see the marked improvement our canvassers have made in the matter of reporting, but I believe we can improve still more.

Sometimes, after one has had rather a hard experience during the week, and not many orders have been taken, he is inclined to think it would be better that he send in no report for the VISITOR, for such a low record would only discourage others who are thinking of entering the work. But this is a wrong view to take. Some other brother out in the field may be going through the same hard experiences that you are having, and if he sees, by your report, that you are remaining faithfully by the work in the midst of these seeming difficulties, it will inspire him to remain in the field and brave it through.

Then some, although regular with their reports, are rather brief. For example,—"Report for week ending March 16. Value of orders, \$35.50." This is alright as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. Every item called for on the blanks should be given, as this information is needed so please make a full report. The work can be carried on much more harmoniously if all will co-operate with us in this matter.

"Angels work harmoniously. Perfect order characterizes all their movements. The more closely we imitate the harmony and order of the angelic host, the more successful will be the efforts of these heavenly agents in our behalf." Gospel Worker, page 156.

Brethren, let us try to imitate this heavenly plan as best we can.

CARL E. WEAKS.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SABBATH, February 24, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Chagrin Falls church. Although the roads were almost impassible, a goodly number were present and seemed to enjoy the meetings.

My next visit was with the brethren of the Kirtland church. As the majority of the members of this church have moved away, there were no public services, but I visited the brethren in their homes. They were encouraged by my visit.

At Geneva, Ashtabula Co., I met with and enjoyed the hospitality of our dear brother and co-worker, Elder C. P. Haskell. I am glad to report that he, and his wife also, is well and happy in the truth. Friday, March 2, he took me to see the isolated brethren in that vicinity. Sabbath we gathered at his home and had a very pleasant, and profitable meeting. So seldom do our ministers visit this church, located as it is in the extreme northeast, that they were well pleased to see me.

From Geneva I went to Jefferson, then to Austintown, and was made welcome at both places. I trust that these visits were timely.

My next effort was to search out the isolated brethren near Newton Falls, Trumbull Co., and I was made to rejoice in finding them firm in the truth, although it has been three or four years since they have seen one of our ministers.

At Youngstown I remained one day only, thus making it possible to meet with the Columbian church March 10. This young church is in good condition, and all the members are faithful. Interested persons are attending the meetings, and the prospect of an increase in the membership is good.

I had good visits with the members of the Alliance church in their homes, and after a short stay at Yale; went home for a few days rest. The presence of the Lord was manifest on all these occasions, and I trust that the time was profitably spent. I took eight subscriptions for our periodicals; made forty visits; held three Bible readings, and preached five sermons. May the Lord add his blessing to these efforts.

C. C. WEBSTER.

Liberty Center, Charloe.

WELCOME VISITOR: Sunday, Feb. 11, we began a two weeks series of meetings with the church at Liberty Center, and as a result four dear young people have decided to follow in the footsteps of their Master Jesus Christ.

We also held a few meetings with the church at Defiance. One sister has requested baptism.

The meetings here at Charloe began Sunday, March 4, and the attendance has been good, averaging from forty to fifty. The same people come quite regularly. Our meetings have been in progress two weeks. Last night we presented the institution of the Sabbath. Many seem favorable to the truth, and we hope that the Lord will, at this time, establish his kingdom in their hearts.

At the present time there are only four Sabbath-keepers at this place, but we hope that soon there will be a goodly number to uphold the commandments by their daily lives.

We desire the prayers of God's people,—those who have power with God,—that the truth may find lodgment in the honest at heart.

W. E. BIDWELL.

JOHN P. GAEDF.

Graysville, Tenn.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: It is nearly two weeks since I came to the Southern Training School, and I am praising the Lord for the blessings and privileges he has provided for the students of this school. Teachers and students are rejoicing because of the marked presence of the Holy Spirit.

I hope that the brethren and sisters in Ohio will hear the call for laborers in the great harvest field, and will fill the Mount Vernon College with their young people, who will be prepared not only to hear, but answer the Macedonian call from this needy Southland. To those who wish to "bring a gift to Jesus that he will count most sweet," I will say, come to the South; but if you cannot come yourselves, remember us at the throne of God, both as a school and individually.

Truly your brother in Christ,

WILLIS MEKKER.

"NOT one word is to be spoken unadvisedly. No evil speaking, no frivolous talk, no fretful repining or impure suggestions, will escape the lips of him who is following Christ. The apostle Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, says, 'Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.' A corrupt communication does not mean only words that are vile. It means any expression contrary to holy principles and pure, undefiled religion. It includes impure hints and covert insinuations of evil. Unless instantly resisted, these lead to great sin."—Mrs. E. G. White, in the Signs of the Times.

## MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

### CO-OPERATIVE FUND.

WE are this week sending out the letters, cash return slips, and pledge blanks. We should have sent them a week or two ago, but the printers were so busy that it has been impossible for us to get them ready earlier. When you receive them, we hope you will consider them carefully before casting them aside.

You will notice that on the pledge blanks there is a space for the pledging of the products of various property. We feel sure that if each one will carry this to the Lord in prayer and make a real sacrifice in pledging to the Lord the use of anything which we are inclined to call our own, which we might possibly get along without, that He will bless it to the good of His cause, and bless the remainder of our property so that we will have just as much as we would have had, had we not given to the Lord the products which have been mentioned, and perhaps we will have more.

We cannot indicate all of the things which may be pledged. Those who work might donate so many days labor, business men the products of certain transactions, and farmers the products of certain acres, of cows, sheep, horses, poultry, or anything else which you think will yield a return.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, let us keep in mind that this is the Lord's work, that the debt has been decreased already by two-thirds, and that if we all take hold and do our *very best*, we may see the school free from encumbrance during the coming year. Then we will all sing the song of jubilee, and be glad for the effort which we have made in establishing among us an institution where the youth may be trained for the work of the Master. Many young people are in the work to-day, doing good, efficient service as the result of the training which they have received in the Mount Vernon College. Let us all take hold now and place the institution on a platform where it will be on vantage ground, so that the youth who go from its doors in the future may be better prepared for the work than those who have already gone out.

May we not see hundreds of dollars worth of cash and pledges roll in during the next week or two? Use the return envelope which is sent you. It will go to the Treasurer of the College first, and the item will come to me for recognition in the VISITOR. Remember that this \$1,664.00 will all

be applied on the debt, and also enable worthy young people to receive \$1,664.00 worth of schooling.

CHAS. E. WELCH.

### THE DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

DOUBTLESS many of the friends of Mount Vernon College would be interested to hear a word from the Domestic Department. As this part of the college life holds an important part in the education of our young people, it is deserving of mention. It is here that students are taught to carry the little responsibilities, and to cultivate habits of promptness, and faithfulness in all duties,—traits that fit them for the great harvest field. Would space permit, much might be said concerning the importance of taking up this part of the work in connection with the school work. (See Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 169.)

Those of the students who have had a part in the work of caring for the home during this school year, are deserving of commendation for the interest and faithfulness manifested, and the general good will which has prevailed. The change in the plan of board from the American to the European has in many ways proven much more satisfactory than was anticipated. This plan gives the student the privilege of choosing from the menu such combinations as best meet his need. The coupon system is used, each book purchased amounting to five dollars in coupons.

The menus are placed on the tables, and each student is expected to write out his order for the following day. The total of each kind of food is then taken, and by this aid the exact amount may be prepared, allowing no waste, and at the same time making a marked decrease in the time of the preparation of foods. We very much approve of the European plan of serving food, because it is more economical, as there needs be no waste in providing an amount large enough for each one of the family to share. Many kinds of food have but few orders, and this prevents unnecessary waste in making this provision for all. It is more hygienic, as much more healthful combinations can be made.

One may change to a light diet at any time, taking fruits and those things which properly combine with them, leaving out the more objectionable. It might be well to mention that there has been much less indigestion among the students than usual; and this may be accounted for by the fact that they are able to make a choice of such foods as best agree with them.

The cost of the dishes range from one to three cents, and the student may use as much economy as he chooses. To the consumer this maxim is good: "One-fourth of the food we eat keeps us, and the other three-fourths we keep at the peril of our lives."

LAURA HUTCHINSON, *Matron.*

### "TO BE OR NOT TO BE, THAT'S THE QUESTION."

EVERY young person should frequently bring himself face to face with this question. To be or not to be a source of real help and comfort to this sad, sin-cursed world, is a matter that we must all decide individually.

The grandest possibilities that could be desired are placed before each one. All have a work that no other can do as well. In the doing of that work lies the highest happiness and success. There is no lack of opportunities, though we may be so blinded as not to see them.

You seem, perhaps, to be hedged in by mountain barriers. If you could only get beyond them you feel that your success would be assured. But these mountains of difficulty are themselves filled with opportunities. Look diligently, but not too far away, and you will find some useful work right where you are.

Grasp with a firm hand the near-by opportunities, though they may seem uninviting. Improve them to the best of your ability, going forward from victory to victory, while others are idly waiting for something, they know not what, to "turn up." Things usually do not turn up until some one turns them. Be active, not passive. Improve your talents, and get ready for the best that life may hold in store for you.

Life is too precious to squander in idly longing to accomplish something great. Wherever you are or whatever your circumstances, go to work with a will. Determine within yourself that you will, if possible, excel all others in the faithfulness and thoroughness with which you perform your daily tasks.

Faithfulness to duty is the first requisite to success. Along with this do not neglect the improvement of your mental faculties. Get all the education you can, but remember that the ability to apply your knowledge in the performance of useful work, is of more value than a vast store of facts without the power to utilize them.

In your efforts to prepare for greater usefulness, do not forget that the Mt. Vernon College stands ready to assist you in every possible way. With thorough courses of instruction, and a consecrated, God-fearing faculty, it is surely a desirable place for young people to be.

B. E. CRAWFORD.

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Sabbath begins Mar. 30 at 6:21 P. M.

WILL the parties from Wellsville, also from Cleveland, who wrote Mrs. Frank Smith in regard to a little boy, write her again? Rochester, N.Y., 107 Fillmore street.—*The New York Indicator*.

WE are sorry to inform you that Elder Burkholder is detained at home owing to quarantine resultant from the contracting of scarlet fever by his son Harold. We hope he may soon be permitted to be out again.

WE desire to call the attention of our people to the first-class goods the Iowa Sanitarium Bakery is prepared to supply. They offer a liberal discount, and will send price list where desired. Address Iowa Sanitarium Bakery, Des Moines, Iowa.

MRS. PEARL S. REED desires to correspond with a middle-aged woman

who could assist her in the house work part of the time, and while she is away nursing, take full charge with double wages. Answer immediately. Address Sister Reed at Gallon, O., R. F. D. NO. 1.

THE instruction given by Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, was timely, and we are sure was appreciated. After visiting the churches at Springfield, Mt. Vernon, and Columbus, he returned to Indianapolis to resume work in the office.

WE have been glad to see the fund subscribed by the Y. P. S. of Ohio, for the support of Brother Allum in China, growing daily. Any others who wish to contribute to this fund may address C. V. Hamer, Academia, O., being sure to state the purpose for which it is donated.

ALL our readers will appreciate the contents of the April number of *Life and Health*. This number of the journal might properly be called "The Mental Cure Number, as it contains several articles upon the power of the mind over the body. The proper dominion of the mind over the body is emphasized. Extreme views and practices are condemned. This number of *Life and Health* ought to have a large circulation because a great majority of people are suffering from mental hallucination rather than from real physical affections.

Twenty-five copies of the April number of *Life and Health* will cost only sixty-five cents when sent to one address. Let all our readers do all they can to increase the circulation of this excellent health journal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MEETING will be held at Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, on Sabbath April 7. I trust that all the brethren in the county will be present at Sabbath-school at 9:30 A. M. There will be preaching at 10:45, and a meeting in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

C. C. WEBSTER.

ANOTHER EFFORT FOR PRISONERS.

PRISON officials all over this land are writing to us for gospel help for the men under their charge so we have decided to issue another Special Prisoners' number of *The Life Boat* in April, and supply it to the entire prison population in the United States.

It will contain a strong article entitled "Reading the Bible through by Course" by Elder G. I. Butler, a most

helpful article entitled "Our Responsibility" by Elder Wm. Covert, a most interesting article by President Roosevelt entitled "Practical Helpfulness," a very encouraging article entitled "Perfection amidst Imperfect Surroundings" by Prof. P. T. Magan, a most instructive article on "Complete Mastication," by the noted scientist Mr. Horace Fletcher, a most timely article on the "Signs of the Second Coming of Christ" by W. S. Sadler, and short articles from many others.

In addition it will contain interesting and encouraging accounts of the miracles of grace God is working upon the hearts of men, everywhere, who are willing to receive the gospel for this time. It will unquestionably be the best number we have ever issued. It will be furnished in any quantities up to one hundred at two and one-half cents apiece, and at two cents apiece for one hundred or more.

Order sufficient to supply your local prisons and jails. Address *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

LIBERTY WILL SELL.

IT has been demonstrated that our new publication, *Liberty*, will sell readily for five cents a copy. In less than three hours' time one of our sisters here in Washington sold fifty-five copies. If this journal can be sold as rapidly as this right here at our nation's capitol, with its manifold opportunities for reading the best of everything without cost at the libraries which are located here, it would seem that the sale of this journal would be guaranteed in other places.

We would recommend that, in canvassing for *Liberty*, each person first try to secure a yearly subscription, of their customer; and, if they fail to secure a yearly subscription, try to sell a single copy. Many people will, without doubt, as quickly give twenty-five cents for a yearly subscription to a journal like this one, with its extras, as they would buy a single copy.

It will be remembered that the Lord instructed us several years ago when short-term subscriptions were being taken for *Signs* that it would be better to secure subscriptions for a longer period of time. The same principle will apply in the sale of *Liberty*. We hope that our people, as far as possible will begin at once a thorough canvass of their respective communities for this journal.

Send all orders to the *Review and Herald*, 222 north Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

Let there be no delay; for "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

K. C. RUSSELL.