

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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GOD CHOOSES.

HE chose this path for thee;
No feeble chance, or hard, relentless fate,
But love, his love, hath placed thy footsteps
here.

He knew the way was desolate,
Knew how thy heart would often sink with
fear;

Yet tenderly he whispered, "Child, I see
This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee;
What needst thou more? This sweeter truth to
know

That all along these strange, bewildering
ways.

O'er rocky steeps and where dark rivers flow,
His loving arms will bear thee "all the days."

A few steps more, and thou thyself shalt
see

This path is best for thee.

Selected.

HOW THE CHINESE SLEEP.

PROBABLY nothing in Chinese manners is more amusing to foreigners than the way the Chinese sleep. They seem to have the ability to sleep any where, any way, and at any time. It is a very common sight to see a group of Chinese stretched out along the side of the street or in the country on the threshing floor, which is mother earth, in the heat of the day, with the sun beating down upon them hot enough to boil eggs. Others will be sitting up against a tree.

At night, those that have money enough to afford it, have a wooden bed on the top of which is layed rows of cane stalks. This bed is about three and one half feet wide, and will accomodate four or five persons. The manner of sleeping varies somewhat from that of ours, as both ends of the bed is the head end. The head of one is at one end, and the man next to him has his head at the other end and his feet in proximity with the other man's head, every other one sleeping with his head at the opposite end of the bed. If you should ask them why they sleep thus, they would reply that more can be packed on a bed, and less covering would be required, and more and closer they are together the warmer it is. The explanation is very reasonable indeed, and as bedding is quite expensive and the people poor, they

make themselves comfortable during the winter months in this way. The still poorer class do not undress at night. They make a bed upon straw and pack themselves as close together as possible, closing the door and every air hole in the house.

In the northern part of China they have a "kang,"—a bed made of brick in which a fire is built, and when it is warm they make their bed on top of it. If it becomes too cold during the night one of the number must get up and replenish the fire, or if it gets too hot, pull out the fire.

The Chinaman is indifferent to noise of any kind and intensity when asleep. The people know about the only way to arouse a man from slumber is to take hold of him. They are almost all of them mouth breathers, and the noise made by eight or nine in a room is no slight disturbance to a foreigner.

The Chinese defy the statements of our most learned physiologist in reference to ventilation. At least these statements do not hold true for the Chinaman. I am inclined to except them for myself. Last summer, when traveling on a house-boat, it began raining so the men could not sleep on top of the boat, and I saw three men crawl into a hole barely large enough for them to lie in, and with about two feet air space between them and the lid, which they closed, thus making it practically air tight. According to the calculations of physiologist these men would certainly be dead long before morning. We arose early the next morning to see these men get up. In a little while up came the lid, the three men jumped out, rubbed their eyes, ate a hearty breakfast, after which they put on their harness and drew the boat all day.

The houses are built with few and small windows, and these are pasted over with paper. For a pillow they fill a small bag with sand, or make a small wooden stool on which to rest the head. In the summer months they take down the doors and sleep on them. It is a common experience in the hospital for the physician to find his patient on the floor, as he claimed the bed was too soft. Wheel-borrow men carry a small stool along with them

which they use as a pillow.

We find a large number of consumptives among the patients that come to us, but I am inclined to doubt if the percentage is as high as in civilized countries. They are a hardy race. With the exception of the winter nights and the opium users, they can be said to live practically in the open air. Even teachers do not confine themselves to homes as do professional men in the States.

It is almost impossible to persuade a Chinaman that he should not cover his head when sleeping. They all invariably sleep with the head completely covered; with their heads shaven they feel the cold probably more than foreigners, and the only cure is to remove the cause, which is a hopeless task.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

GOD'S HAND IN BURMA.

DEAR VISITOR: Very recently God has been working for us in a marked manner. Believing you are all interested in the progress of the Message in this field, we will briefly relate these new evidences of God's love and care.

Before we left Calcutta, Brother Shaw advised us to seek to find better quarters for our services as soon after we arrived as possible. We gave the matter careful thought, but no place within our means seemed available. At length we heard that the English Baptists were soon to leave the hall they had been occupying, having nearly completed a new building of their own. Brother Hansen and I went to see the owner of this hall, but were unable to obtain an audience with him. A day or two later we saw his clerk, and were informed that no notice had been received of the Baptists' leaving. We then asked to see the owner, and left our card. We heard nothing from the man and almost abandoned hope.

One day while in Rangoon on business, Brother Hansen and I met upon a street corner and decided to find whether or not we could get the place. We went into an office near by and called for this man by telephone. We told him we wished to secure this room, but neglected to say that we had been

to see him before. He answered that some one who represented a tract society had first applied. After a moment's thought were recalled that Brother Hansen's card bore, "International Tract Society." Consequently Brother Hansen went to see him personally, and while there God's interest was shown. Mr. Cowasjee said, "I am glad you came. I lost your card and had no way of finding you, but you were here first, and I have refused five different parties while waiting for you." Among those who sought the place was the manager of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was in India at the time, and telegraphed to a man here to secure the hall by all means.

This gives an idea of how the place is looked upon. We are near the rail road station; a tram line passes the door, and the room is at the corner of two nice, wide streets. Further, it has been used for religious services; and some may be attracted on this account. We will have room for service and a little book depository, and at one side our native brother, Maung Maung, will live. The good part of it is that we will be able to meet expenses without drawing from Mission Board funds. Pray for us often, that we may have strength and wisdom of God.

H. H. VOTAW.

A TALK IN CHAPEL.

PROF. FIELD, one of our workers who has been in Japan for over three and a half years, gave the church members and the students of the College a very interesting talk Thursday evening on the field of Japan. He first told us in few words the history of Japan, and the form of government. Then he took up the language, and told us of the difficulties one had to meet in learning it when they went to Japan. They have different forms of address for the different classes of people. It is difficult for one to learn the language, because they have so many ways of saying the same thing, just according to the one to whom they are speaking; but if the language is a little hard, we are glad to know the way is open for more workers.

After an hour's talk we were given a chance to ask questions about Japan, its people, and their customs. When we were through asking questions, he showed us the curios he had brought from Japan and Korea. All of the things were indeed strange to us, and most of all the form of dress the people wear. They look odd, but it is more comfortable than the American dress.

H. STANLEY BROWN.

EDUCATIONAL.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

Report of Student's Sabbath-school.

THE Students Sabbath-school, which was held every Sabbath morning at half past eight, has been well attended all through the school year, in spite of some very cold and stormy weather; and a deep interest has been manifested by all who have been present. We cannot well conceive how any one could be otherwise than interested, for the lessons have been of such a nature as to gain and hold the attention of the most inattentive.

Some of the important points in the belief of Adventists, such as "The Sabbath Question;" "Nature of Man;" "State of the Dead;" "The Resurrection;" and "Destiny of the Wicked," have been outlined and studied. Each Sabbath before taking up the lesson for the day a review of the previous Sabbath's lesson is given, either by one individual or by the members of a class.

Last Sabbath, as Prof. Field, one of our missionaries who has been laboring in Japan for the last three years, was with us, the regular review was omitted, and the time usually taken for it was given to him to tell about the Sabbath-school work there. He says that the school there is very small, and that they have to labor under difficulties; but they are of good courage and are pressing on in the good work.

Surely we have some very faithful and efficient workers in the cause, and we should pray most earnestly that the Lord will impress many more to follow their example and spread the Third Angel's Message as rapidly as possible, thus closing this work and hastening the coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

HARRIET FROST.

An Entertainment

AT the beginning of the school year, the students were informed that a number of entertainments would be conducted during the school year for the benefit of the school and the community. Accordingly a number have been held, one of which I will describe in brief. This was called a nurses' entertainment, so we expected practical demonstrations along lines peculiar to that profession.

The first act represented the manner with which nurses are met and treated by old-fashioned, superstitious people; their suggestions and explanations being scorned and derided. Another was that of a poor man, suffering with

liver trouble, who came to the Sanitarium to take some kind of treatment. The nurse in charge suggested a bath of some kind, to which the patient assented. This was all enacted behind the curtain, but enough was heard to satisfy the curiosity of the ordinary individual.

Another interesting feature of the program was the heroic efforts of the doctors and nurses to relieve the suffering of a number of persons who had received severe wounds in a railroad accident. The wounded were hurried to the hospital, where about as hurried a treatment was administered. The cool-headedness of the doctors and nurses was remarkably noticeable. The entertainment, as a whole, proved to be highly entertaining as well as of practical importance to all.

ORVIE GIBSON.

Be Courageous.

NOW, as never before, God's people need to have courage: especially the youth, for upon them rests the burden of giving this closing Message, which is to prepare a people to meet the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven.

When Israel was about to enter the promised land, Moses called the people together: and after telling them of his advanced age, and that God had refused to allow him to lead them into their desired haven, said, "The Lord will go before you and deliver the people into your hands, only be strong and of good courage." We are just about to enter the heavenly Canaan, this advice is just as applicable to us as it was to the Children of Israel. Although we have not the "sons of Anak" to overcome, we have giants who are even stronger than they were.

We have been wandering in the wilderness of sin and iniquity for many years, and there are giants which "it takes more than frame or muscle to overcome." As the veterans are laid away, the ranks must be recruited from among the young people. God does not want his army filled with weaklings, therefore he says, "Be strong and very courageous;" and when God asks us to do something, he always supplies the power to do it. "We can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth us."

B. M. ASHTON.

The Love of God.

IN John 3:16 it reads like this, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." I can say this scripture is so beyond a doubt, for God has shone his love to me in many ways, and has called me to do a work for

him and the people in this sinful world.

When I first came to this school, I did not love the Lord, but the spirit that permeates every line of work in this school has shone me my Saviour as he is, a God of love, tenderness, compassion, and everlasting mercy.

If this were not so I am sure I would not be here to-day. Do I rejoice in the love he has bestowed upon me? Yes, I do, and by his help I expect to enter the work he has called me to do. I know I have made many mistakes, and for this reason I have stayed away from meetings and missed many of the blessings God had for me and wanted to give to me; but now that the time has come for me to leave, and I can better see where I have made mistakes, I want, and by God's help I expect, to profit by them. May God bless and keep you all in the love of his truth is my prayer.

HARRY N. HADDIX.

Value of Knowledge.

THIS is an age when everything is being improved, and science is trying to explain a great many things which it cannot. If you have all the knowledge of science and mathematics that the highest college can give, you are far from knowing the deep things of God. But from a diligent study of the scriptures, and a right application of them; you can meet all these errors which are flying here and there over the world. If you have a good knowledge of the Word of God, when any of these questions are put to you the opposition will flash in your mind and you can meet them with the answer.

The sum of our different memories constitutes a great part of our knowledge. By studying a book you store up its contents in your memory to be used when necessary. If you were to be examined on a subject your grade would depend upon the knowledge you have of the subject. You know how Solomon asked for wisdom, instead of riches and the lives of his enemies. And God told him; "I have given thee a wise and understanding heart."

The value of wisdom is brought out in the deeds of many men spoken of in the Bible. So you see the value of knowledge cannot be too highly appreciated.

W. L. COLEMAN.

WORRYING.

"We hope for this and hope for that, and feel we are aggrieved,

Until we find some greater gift we looked not for received.

So what's the use to worry? We'll never git it straight.

The only thing that we can do, is to do our best and wait.

Yes, let us do our best and wait."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

MY FATHER KNOWS.

THE waves, at times, roll mountain high,
And threaten me to strand;
I fear not, for he holds them in
The hollow of his hand.

The fog, at times, obscures my course—
I see the way but dim;
But well I know I cannot drift
Beyond the sight of him.

I know not where the shoals my lie,
Nor where the whirlpool be;
It is enough, dear Lord, to feel
That they are known to thee,

And thus, content, I glide along,
May it be slow or fast,
Well knowing he will bring my boat
Safe into port at last.

Selected.

London.

DEAR BRETHREN: Thinking that you may be somewhat interested in the Lord's work at this place, we thought it would be in place to drop you a few lines concerning the work here. Before starting out last Monday morning, May 22, we felt our need of the abiding presence of Christ throughout the week, so we all united in prayer that God's attending blessings might be with us.

Feeling confident that our prayers would be answered, we started out in the strength of the Lord. We have proved him to be a prayer-answering God. He has blessed us abundantly during the past week. Our desire is that some day we may see souls in the kingdom of God as the results of our labors.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and mean to press the battle till the victory is won. We desire the prayers of all God's people; for "the prayers of a righteous man availeth much."

RALEIGH FRENCH,
OTHO C. PUNCHES,
BRADLEY W. RAYLE.

Middletown and Cleveland.

SINCE writing last for your interesting columns, it has been my privilege to hold quarterly meeting with the Middletown church, which was a meeting of real interest. I also enjoyed the good State Meeting, which has been fully reported. Our meetings continue week to week in Cleveland with good attendance and interest.

Five dear souls have united with the church there since my last report. It was my privilege to address the Temperance league of Green Spring a few evenings ago. We have voted the saloons out of town. Brother Bidwell

held a three-days meeting at Green Spring, and we were all much edified by his discourse from the Word. It was a pleasure to have him enjoy our hospitality.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Bluefield, W. Va.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I received your letter this morning and note what you say, and in reply would say that I arrived here on Wednesday, May 17, and started to work on Thursday morning. I am very glad to report that up to Friday evening, I have orders to the amount of \$107.50 to be delivered after pay-day, June 25. In addition to this I have sold "Best Stories" and "Gospel Primer" to the amount of nine dollars for cash, making my sales for the past seven days work amount to one hundred and sixteen and one half dollars.

I find this indeed a needy field, and when I present such subjects as the Intermediate State, the Resurrection, and the New Birth, the people can hardly wait for more, but begin to ask the price. I have been able to interest a great many people in the signs on earth and in heaven, and they express a great desire for the information contained in the book, "Bible Reading." I have succeeded in getting orders of all the colored preachers in this place, and two from places near by. I am very glad to say that I have been able to meet every objection this far with a "thus saith the Lord."

I have succeeded in getting the orders of every teacher in the Bluefield Colored Institute, and they have repeatedly invited me to come back and give them Bible readings on different points of our faith, and I never saw a more interested number. I feel confident that these readings will result in bringing two of the lady teachers into the truth, for they seem so deeply interested. I have given the fourth reading and they all attend regularly, and I know that the Lord is blessing me for he has enabled me to give a satisfactory answer to every question they have asked.

I was never in better courage in the Lord, and I have 'nt a single complaint to make. My kindest regards to all, and hoping to hear from you again, I am ever yours in sincere Christian love,

J. M. CAMPBELL.

May 29, 1905.

"A QUIET, sympathetic look or smile many a time unbars a heart that needs help which you can give."

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins June 9 at 7:26 P. M.

DR. PLACE is visiting his father, sister, and friends in Academia.

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

MRS. C. V. HAMER'S sister and cousin of Columbus spent several days with her last week.

BRETHREN W. E. BIDWELL and Floyd Gibson were home a few days preparing for their tent work.

BROTHER F. E. WAGNER wants a car 8 x 16 ft. made of light lumber and built on wagon trucks. Any one instructed can address him at Dennison, Ohio.

THE MESSENGER, Vol. 1, No. 1, published at Washington, D. C. by Elder Lewis C. Sheafe, lies before us. On the title-page is a cut of the church recently purchased by Brother Sheafe's congregation. We are glad of the success that has attended this brother's work and pray that success will crown their efforts.

ELDER J. N. ANDREWS of China gave an interesting talk in the College chapel last Thursday evening on that vast country. In the audience sat three prospective workers for that field, and although the hardships and trials encountered by the missionaries were not omitted, one has since expressed himself as more determined than ever to consecrate himself for work in that field.

ELDER WILLIAM WOODFORD occupied the pulpit of the Mount Vernon Church Sabbath, June 3, and gave a most interesting discourse on the Second Advent. We are indeed glad to know that these old reliable tenents of our faith are again to take their place in the Message; and feel sure that as they are considered, our hearts will respond with the old time spirit, and the zeal and energy of God's people be revived.

BROTHER JAMES H. SMITH, who now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas, desires to sell his property in Academia, consisting of three or four acres of land with house and other buildings, also a cistern upon it. It is situated only a few minutes walk from the Academy. He would be glad to correspond with any one desiring to purchase. Address, James H. Smith, Corpus Christi, Texas.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending May 26, 1905.)

W. C. Moffett, Champaign Co.—Great Controversy: 40 hours; value of orders, \$43.75; helps, \$1.75; total, \$45.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: 20 hours; value of helps, \$7.75.

Katie M. Halstead, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 9 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$3.75; total, \$7.75; deliveries, \$2.

Otho C. Panches, Madison Co.—Bible Readings: 27 hours; value of orders, \$27.50; helps, \$6.75; total, \$27.25.

Raliegh French, Madison Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$63; helps, \$2; total, \$65; deliveries, \$48.50.

Bradley W. Rayle, Madison Co.—Coming King: 48 hours; value of orders, \$33; helps, \$7.75; total, \$33.75.

E. R. Numbers, Fairfield Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$51; 50 helps, \$1; total, \$52.50.

John I. Hughey, Champaign Co.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$22; helps, \$.25; total, \$22.25.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders \$9; deliveries, \$13.25.

J. O. Young, Wood Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$26.65.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

MAY, 1905.

Akron.....	\$
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	30.50
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	8.00
Bowling Green.....	.....
Brokaw.....	5.00
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	33.89
Canton.....	12.18
Chagrin Falls.....	22.25
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	104.33
Cleveland.....	182.37
Clyde.....	19.70
Columbus.....	162.12
Conneaut.....	14.00
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	8.00
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	78.15
Defiance.....	12.00

Delaware.....	.....
Dowling.....	18.42
Dresden.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	63.49
Elgin.....	28.06
Fairfield.....	10.20
Findlay.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	23.77
Hamilton.....	18.54
Hamler.....	.....
Hicksville.....	11.74
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Kenilworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	32.38
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	174.33
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	22.84
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	52.55
Marshfield.....	15.00
Marysville.....	2.91
Meigs.....	10.93
Mendon.....	5.06
Middlefield.....	6.72
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	285.15
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	8.50
Newark.....	44.81
Norwalk.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	9.34
Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	20.80
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sherwood.....	18.00
Sidney.....	.....
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	4.00
Springfield.....	69.95
Toledo.....	37.28
Trinway.....	.....
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	11.63
Wadsworth.....	6.00
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	92.64
Waterford.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	1.52
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelerburg.....	76.73
Wilmington.....	16.00
Youngstown.....	22.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	6.41

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TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

APRIL, 1905.

Tithe.....	\$1,914.79
Ohio Tract Society.....	382.37
First Day Offering.....	85.86
Sabbath-school Donations.....	38.68
Haskell Home.....	13.95
Washington, D. C., work.....	350.97
Korea and China from Academy.....	60.10
Y. P. Society.....	8.16
Southern Field.....	.25
China.....	10.60

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