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

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

THE SEED.

THE farmer planted a seed.—

A little, dry, black seed,—

And off he went to other work.

For the farmer was never known to shirk,

And cared for what had need.

The night came with its dew,—

The cool and silent dew;

The dawn came, and the day.

And the farmer worked away.

At labors not a few.

Home from his work one day,—

One glowing summer day,—

His children showed him a perfect flower:

It had burst into bloom that very hour.

How I can not say.

But I know if the smallest seed

In the soil of love be cast,

Both day and night will do their part;

And the sower who works with a patient
heart,

Will find the flower at last.

—Selected.

EN ROUTE TO INDIA.

STEAMSHIP "ARABIA,"

Dec. 18, 1904.

To all the brethren throughout the State of Ohio: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now: being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruit of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

This beautiful morning finds us near Aden, and enjoying a very pleasant and quiet voyage. We have had a calm sea ever since we left Port Said. There we met Ella McIntyre, Miss Passebois and Brother Quin, who is on his way to America from Australia. They remained with us Tuesday afternoon and until noon Wednesday. We had a very enjoyable time together. Sister McIntyre could speak some Arabic, so we went ashore to see the natives and how they lived. Could you have been along, I am quite sure you would have said, "Deliver me from Egypt." Some lived in little dark rooms with only a cloth for a door, and the ground for a floor, yet they seem healthy and happy. Many of the children followed us because we noticed them. I gave one a half-penny and then the company increased until we had quite a crowd. Old and young seem to enjoy having strangers notice them. They live in filth. Their clothing is very scant but they do not need much. We saw one man in his store saying his prayers. He was sitting on the counter going through a performance, which we of course could not understand. Another man was in a pen bowing himself to the ground repeatedly. Notwithstanding these conditions, I have faith to believe that some can be won to the truth for they are very kind indeed.

We were sorry not to see Brother Wakeham and family. He was with a native brother holding meetings some distance from Cairo. Had we not been pressed to reach Calcutta before Brother Shaw leaves, we would have made Brother Wakeham a visit.

We have been happy and of good courage all the way, and what we have already witnessed since coming aboard this ship proves that it is time for us to send workers as fast as we can to the unworked fields. Why, this boat is alive with missionaries going to different parts of India—Scotch, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist, Friend, Catholic and others. Many of these are from the States, and so we meet from time to time, all seem anxious to reach their field of labor, and so are we. If we ever give this truth to all the world, it is high time we were at work wherever we can find an opening.

I have made the acquaintance of a lawyer, a doctor, and other Hindoos who live in Calcutta. They are very conversant. One offered his servants to teach us the language free of charge. We feel that the Lord is working for us already.

While in London I was told that Brother Stephen Haughey was doing well and his work proved very successful in bringing souls into the truth. We are sorry we could not visit him.

The first face we saw as we entered London Station was that of Clemen Hamer. He is getting along nicely and enjoying his work.

Many other incidents we could relate but time will not permit. Praying that this may find all of good cheer and with a firm determination to go forward and triumph with this Message, I remain as ever, Your brother in hope,

W. W. MILLER.

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A SABBATH MEETING WITH CHINESE WOMEN.

To conduct a service for Chinese women is much more difficult than one who has never been in China would anticipate. In the first place, a Chinese woman is not supposed to leave her home. Year in and year out, she remains at home, for someone must look after the servants and the home. She controls her daughter-in-law in the same stern way in which she was controlled by her mother-in-law, and as she can neither read nor write, her time is spent in gossiping with the other women of the home, or the compound, over the latest news the servants bring in from the street, or rehearsing a family quarrel which may or may not have resulted in a tragedy.

In a Chinese home husbands and wives are not expected to love each other, and having never seen each other before marriage, it is not but to be expected that in many cases true love cannot be found. As the mother always takes the son's part, there is much contention and strife between her and her daughter-in-law.

In passing through the streets of a city, one rarely sees a Chinese woman except of the poorer classes, and beg-

gars in their rags, begging food; occasionally a woman will be seen in the door of her dwelling, or passing on a back street, she may be seen in the narrow alley at her work or at a mirky pool washing clothes.

While it is customary for a woman to remain at home, her tiny feet will not permit her to walk either long or short distances, because the pain which these crippled members constantly give their owner, so a Chinese woman in going anywhere must be carried in a chair, wheelbarrow, or cart.

With all these disadvantages it is not to be wondered at that the Chinese women are rather timid in leaving their homes to attend church, and as our "worship halls," as they are called in Chinese, are not yet completed, when they come and find men assembled in the hall, they will not come in or if they do, they only stay for a few minutes, so the only way to hold services with them is to do it after the meeting for the men is over, and they have left the yard. When the repairs are finished we will have separate halls for the men and women to meet in, thus doing away with this difficulty.

Many times the women come not to hear about Jesus, but to get a look at that curious looking foreigner, who has large feet just like the men, and to see how she talks and does; frequently they will climb on the benches in the rear of the hall, just for one glance.

As none have ever before attended a meeting, they feel free to talk whenever they please. Perhaps while we are singing a newcomer arrives. They all greet her and she asks out loud to some friend, "Why, when did you come, and how long have you been here?" The friend replies in the same loud tone, unless stopped by the Bible woman, who must constantly tell them not to talk but to listen. During prayer, they usually remain quiet except for a mumble from one or two, and then as we try to tell them of a loving Saviour who died to save them, and the hope of everlasting life to those who believe and obey him, they listen attentively for a time, but soon are more interested in my Chinese skirt, and ask, "How much did you pay for this cloth? How much did it cost to have this skirt made? Where did you have it made and, etc.," but a reminder that this is a meeting brings us back to the subject again. Not being able to read or write, they are slow to understand, and when the meaning dawns on one, she must tell it to the rest so they will understand. Then all want to talk at once, so that it is some time again before the speaker has the floor.

Many erroneous ideas are gathered by these ignorant, superstitious people, so that one statement has to be repeated many times before it is understood.

One woman said, "She saw heaven open two or three times every day and she knew all about Christ," yet had never attended a meeting before in her life.

In this way much time is consumed and little advancement made, and as the women are so restless one-half hour is as long a meeting as one can hold at one time. I had the experience one day, when holding the meeting a little longer than usual to have the entire audience except two women leave, they thinking they had stayed long enough and were presuming upon my time, one who remained and had attended some meetings previously, said, "They have no manners and do not know how to act at church." After attending a few meetings they learn how to conduct themselves and are then as orderly as it is possible for Chinese to be.

Probably not more than one woman in a thousand can read in China, however this varies in different parts of the country. If a young lady is fortunate enough to have a kind father or brothers, and a desire to read, she may learn to read quite well, but these cases are very rare.

Nearly all the women whether old or young have a desire to read, and one old lady whose hair is as white as snow (she is sixty years old), is very anxious to read the characters just after me, though it would be impossible for her to remember them.

In this way, day after day, the seeds of truth must be sown in their hearts, which we trust will bear fruit for eternal life. A nation weighed down in heathen darkness for centuries cannot be turned into a devout Christian people in a day nor an hour. We must be satisfied to do our part and let God do the rest; it is only God who can change the heart.

We were made greatly to rejoice when the news reached us of the grand step Ohio has taken in donating one half of her workers and tithes to the General Conference.

May this mark an era in the advancement of the Third Angel's Message not only in Ohio, but in many lands is our prayer. And do not forget China's millions.

MAUDE A. MILLER, M. D.

"THE most reckless spendthrift in the world is the one who squanders time;" for "it is with time that we purchase everything that life has of good."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

WE are surley living in prosperous times for all, both in the city and country. In Mount Vernon, almost in the shadow of the Academy and a large church of Seventh-day Adventist, a short time ago two students sold several books in only two days time, one I believe sold six "Coming King" in one short day.

The people are ready for the books telling what these present day happenings mean; they also have the money to buy, as they did twelve or fifteen years ago when so many books were sold.

Souls are perishing to-day for the lack of a knowledge of the present truth and yet there are hundreds who might go from house to house selling the books which contain just the truth which will save these souls and give them hope. The following quotation from "Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 24, should stir every heart to go out in active service for the souls perishing without this blessed hope: "There are times when a distinct view presents to me the condition of the remnant church,—a condition of appalling indifference to the needs of a world perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truth for this time. Then I have hours and sometimes days of intense anguish. Many to whom have been committed the saving truths of the Third Angel's Message fail of realizing that the salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church. Many are using their blessings in the service of self. O, how my heart aches because Christ is put to shame by their unchristlike behavior! But after the agony is past, I feel like working harder than ever to arouse them to put forth unselfish effort for the saving of their fellow-man."

Should we not from the above quotation begin to awaken and search our own hearts and seek God for wisdom that we may know just what he would have us to be doing? There are those who have talent which God has intrusted to them to be used in the sale of our publications, yet they are not aware of it, yet if they would begin to inquire of God concerning their place in this great work they would be led to see it. There are others possibly who know that they have talent for this line of work, but who have gone and buried their talent; but God is going to inquire of each of us some day, "What have you done with the talent I gave you?"

"What will we answer in that day if we have not put it to exchangers? Let us return to our first love and do the first works, that of going out from home to home with the last Message of mercy.

If we would have God's Holy Spirit poured out on us as it was on his disciples on the day of pentecost we must have that mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus, first—that mind and heart of love for others and their salvation which he had. We must be willing to go anywhere and do anything that the Father bids us. The following quotation shows this to be the truth: "We shall not be stunted for means if we will go forward trusting in God. The Lord is willing to do a great work for all who truly believe in him. If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, going on a warfare at their own charges, each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. *When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with his work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us.*" Vol. 8, page 246.

God will not pour out his Spirit on those who will not rise up and do the work that he would have them do. Let us do his good will. If God wants us to enter the field and sell the printed page let us answer gladly, "Here am I, send me."

The Ohio Conference will hold a Canvassers' Institute this spring from March 14 to April 1, for the thorough instruction of all who feel called to this work. All are invited to attend who mean to work for the salvation of souls in this branch of the Lord's work.

I would like to hear from all who expect to attend, at least three weeks before the institute begins, so as to be able to make proper arrangements for your entertainment. Some will be entertained who do not intend to enter the work.

L. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

Rows.

I SPENT last Sabbath and Sunday with the company at Rows, and we had a pleasant meeting. On Sabbath all the members were present but three to engage in the ordinances of hu-

mility and the Lord's supper for the first time since the church was organized by Elder M. C. Kirkendall. Brother W. E. Bidwell was elected elder for the coming year. Brother Ira Gault was chosen for deacon, his wife for treasurer and Gertie Osborn, for church clerk. A good spirit prevailed throughout. All feel the necessity of a closer walk with God and their testimonies expressed determination to press together, and to fight the good fight of faith, and to lay hold on eternal life. J. O. MILLER.

Marysville, Delaware.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: According to appointment I spent the first part of the week of prayer at Marysville. We kept up our regular meetings every night, but turned them into prayer meetings for the work at large. This was accepted most gladly by all our Bible readers and was greatly enjoyed. One dear soul who had strayed from the fold of Christ promised the Lord to do better after this. The good Spirit found its way to all hearts, and the outsiders sought the Lord with us. We read them the need of the cause in the different fields, and had quite a good collection, considering the field we had to deal with. We also had meetings in the daytime.

The last part of the week of prayer I spent with the dear people at Delaware. They are quite scattered and the weather not very favorable; but they did splendidly, taking all things into consideration. We had most glorious meetings there. The Lord came very near. One lady who attended the camp-meeting and nearly persuaded to believe I have since learned took a firm stand with us at the last meeting. To the Lord be all the praise.

G. P. GAEDE.

DISTRICT 4.

I VISITED the brethren at West Clarksfield and on Sabbath, Dec. 24, we organized a Sabbath-school of about eighteen members and elected a full corps of officers. This school will be one of the wide-awake ones, I believe, as they fully sense that home study of the lessons go a great way in making the Sabbath-school a success.

As I visit the different churches I find a tendency in Sabbath-school to read the lessons from the Bible instead of preparing the lessons carefully at home and then talking them over in the class. By doing this way many are failing to get the good out of the lessons that they might.

We must be careful or Satan will steal the blessings that God has for those who study his Word carefully.

From Clarksfield I went to Locust Point and found brethren there of good courage. I held several meetings there with a good attendance and was enabled to clear up some supposed objections that the enemy had advanced against the truth. Some of those who have lately embraced the truth are studying the Word and becoming thoroughly grounded in the principles of the faith. We still hope for others there to take their stand for Christ.

To-morrow, January 13, I expect to go to Rows for a couple of days.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Toledo.

THAT others may enjoy the progress of the work in this large city, I take the opportunity of reporting some of our precious experiences in scattering seeds of truth through the printed page. Our chief factor is the *Family Bible Teacher*. And like the two faithful spies, we return with a courageous report to the dear Master for his blessing that has attended every humble effort.

This excellent systematic course of study is widely known by our people and is proving to be the most successful plan for getting the truth to the people when other efforts have failed. The number of families solicited for the study would approximately be fifteen hundred, and numbering three to five persons per family, on the average, would render the truth accessible to at least six thousand souls. The number that completed the course is about eight hundred families. A great many of this number are personally anxious to know more of the truth, and we entertain hopes of securing them.

To undertake to enumerate the opportunities and blessings that have been enjoyed would be an endless task. Several have accepted the truth, for which we praise the dear Lord. Many testimonies for the truthfulness of the Message come from all sources as the result of this silent messenger of the Lord. Many of these readers send the good news to relatives and friends, and like a wave that is formed from a pebble thrown into the water, it widens until it reaches from shore to shore. The good seed is carried through this avenue to many. Then, too, we find through this instrument of God there are classes of people with whom an interest can be created from the weekly contact that could not be reached otherwise. I trust and pray, through the influence of the many prayers that ascend to the throne of mercy, I may be qualified to lead these

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BORN to Prof. H. S. Miller and wife, Jan. 13, 1905, a son.

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"THE thought that God is always near is like a cool breeze on a hot day, refreshing and invigorating."

WITH many people religion is merely a matter of words. So far as the words go we do what we think right. But the words rarely lead to action, thought and conduct, or to purity, goodness and honesty. There is too much playing at religion and too little enthusiastic, hard work.—*Selected.*

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY and sisters Margaret and Almeda were in Academia a few days on the sad errand of burying their father, John A. Haughey. The VISITOR sympathizes with these friends in their bereavement, but rejoices that there is One who can comfort under such circumstances.

REV. GRAVES, the noted evangelist, preached an excellent sermon to our people here last Sabbath on the "Power of the Blood of Christ." Mr. Graves is conducting a revival in the Baptist church of Mount Vernon, and being in harmony with several points of our faith, enjoys meeting with the Adventist people.

"MARCUS LANDON, the gentleman senior nurse at the Buffalo Sanitarium, and Miss Rebecca Burrill, Elder A. O. Burrill's youngest daughter, were united in marriage, December 31. We extend best wishes, and hope their lives may be spent in furthering the interests of the Lord's work."—*New York Indicator*

The VISITOR and Ohio friends also join in the above good wishes.

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honest souls to the truth. As in other departments of God's work, I find it is not all sunshine in this line of work. Two families are so desirous of knowing what is truth that before I came to the Sabbath question they were asking in regard to it. But it stirred up the ire of the dragon so that one day as I was delivering the next lesson near these homes, an ugly disposition materialized in the shape of a six footer who warned me never to return. But I faced the situation boldly and was unmolested. Many times recently I have been driven from homes because the influence of the truth was gaining an entrance.

Brethren and sisters, must we be dismayed by the attacks of the enemy when our Captain is the Lord of hosts and the battle is in his hands?

As my delivery of lessons has reached the close of the course I am now arranging circles for Bible study. May the Lord help us to triumph with the final Message to the world and have a passport through the pearly gates of the eternal city.

T. C. PARK.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: It has been some time since you visited my home, and I feel the loss of not being informed through your weekly visits of what is going on in the State. I feel it my duty to apologize for my negligence, and now that I am again permanently settled, and know the value of your visits, enclose twenty-five cents and ask you to be our Welcome Visitor once more. I am truly thankful for the many encouraging words you bring, and am sorry I have missed so much by my delay.

I moved here from Toledo and I pray that I may set a godly example before this people. We are rapidly nearing the coming of the Lord. O, dear friends, let us all see to our standing in the eyes of the Lord, so we will be ready to meet him, when he comes. Let us pray much in faith and love. I am of good courage. Sincerely yours in the truth,

MRS. A. W. KIRKENDALL.

Ashland, O., R. F. D. No. 1.

WE trust that the communications in regard to the circulation of the petition remonstrating against the Sunday bills that are now before Congress, have been carefully read by all, and that active work is being done in agitating the subject, and having the petition signed. This is an opportunity which if not improved may cause lasting regret. Read the petition carefully, and follow directions exactly, and do it quickly.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Jan. 13, 1905.)

G. A. Hopkins, Ashland Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: value of orders, \$43.75; helps, \$8.75; total, \$44.50.

D. R. Gallion, Holmes Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$1.35.

OBITUARY.

HAUGHEY.—John Andrew Haughey was born Feb. 28, 1823, in Clinton County, Ohio. He was the second born in a family of eleven children of which family only a sister remains after his death, Jan. 15, 1905. He was 81 years, 10 months, and 18 days old. He was twice married, his first companion dying Oct. 28, 1858, leaving two sons who still survive the father: his second wife died March 23, 1904, only about ten months ago, leaving six children to mourn their loss, while a seventh preceded her in death. Brother Haughey acknowledged his Saviour early in life and joined the Christian church. The principles of the Third Angel's Message were brought to him and his second wife by Elders J. H. Waggoner and I. D. Van Horn. Together with their children, they have since given their hearts and lives to the bearing of this heaven-sent message to the world. His latter days were spent with his son, Elder A. G. Haughey, President of West Michigan Conference, where he fell asleep in the hope of a soon coming Saviour. The funeral service was held in the Mount Vernon Academy Chapel, Mount Vernon, O., Jan. 17, 1905, conducted by Elder M. C. Kirkendall and the writer. Isa. 61:1-3 was used as a basis for remarks.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

ALEXANDER.—Died at her home in Bellville, O., Jan. 11, 1905. Mrs. Amanda (*nee* Weymouth) Alexander, aged 75 years, 5 months, and 14 days. Sister Alexander united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Bellville, April 18, 1885, and has been one of the most faithful members of the church till the close of her life. Although a great sufferer during the last few weeks of her illness, she bore it all with fortitude and patience. The only regret I ever heard her mention during her confinement, was that she could never meet with us again in the church. The last Sabbath she attended she was so ill that she could not enjoy the service with us. She surely loved God's closing Message and his people. The last audible prayer I ever heard her make was only a few days before the end and as usual the supreme desire of her heart was to be right with her God and share with his remnant people in the final triumph. She was perfectly resigned to rest a little season in the grave. As her suffering increased she longed for the rest which finally came as sleep to a weary child. Her last audible words to me were, "Good-bye, Brother Burkholder, good-bye." How vividly these words recall to my mind the beautiful hymn, "We'll Never Say Good-bye." How it increases my desire for that glad day when—

"No parting words shall e'er be spoken

In yonder home so fair,

But songs of joy, and peace, and gladness.

We'll sing forever there."

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, January 13, and just before the sacred hours of the Sabbath dawned we laid her to rest in the grave. A large and appreciative audience attended the services. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Num. 23:10.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"To obey is better than sacrifice."