

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

A PRECIOUS INVITATION.

"They That Seek Me Early Shall Find Me."

COME while the blossoms of thy years are
brightest,

Thou youthful wanderers in a flowery maze:
Come, while the restless heart is bounding
lightest,

And joy's pure sunbeams tremble in thy
ways;

Come, while sweet thoughts, like summer buds
unfolding

Waken rich feelings in the careless breast—
While yet thy hand the ephemeral wreath is
holding,

Come, and secure interminable rest.

Come, while the morning of thy life is glowing.
Ere the dim phantoms thou art chasing die—
Ere the gay spell, which earth is round thee
throwing

Fades like the crimson from a sunset sky.
Life is but shadows, save a promise given.

Which lights up sorrow with a fadeless ray:
O, touch the scepter!—with a hope in heaven—
Come, turn thy spirit from the world away.

—*Columbian Star.*

THE CAMP-MEETING.

Time.—The next annual camp-meeting of the Seventh-day Adventists of Ohio will be held Aug. 11-22, 1904.

Place.—The place that has been selected for this important meeting is Marysville, county seat of Union County.

Location.—Marysville is a city with a population of 3,000 situated at the junction of the Big Four and Ohio Central Railways. The Fair Ground is located about a quarter of a mile from the railway stations with good pavement to the entrance; with good buildings, good water, and the desired amount of shade, the place is a desirable one for our purpose.

Why This Selection.—The principle reason which led to this choice of place was to make the camp-meeting this year a means by which work might be opened in a new territory, and we sincerely hope that the results of this effort will clearly indicate that an all-wise Providence has directed in the selection.

As a people, we are under the most sacred responsibilities, both to God and to our fellowmen, of any people living on the earth to-day. Do we

sense this fact as we should? Are we laboring individually and collectively to save men and women from the judgments of God that are soon to fall on the unprepared and unsaved? Are we praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit that must come before we can see the final triumph of our mission?

The end of all things is at hand. The last of the signs promised by our Saviour are before the eyes of all the world to-day. The end is upon us. Our time to prepare is short. Let us be up and doing that we may be ready to meet the closing experiences through which the remnant are to pass.

Let every one who loves the Third Angel's Message and the upbuilding of God's cause in the Ohio Conference plan to attend this annual convocation. We need the benefits of such a meeting, and no one should remain away who can possibly attend. Good help from the General and Lake Union Conferences has been assured. We will give the names of these laborers in a later issue of the VISITOR.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

RESPECT THE SACRED DESK.

UNDER the blazing light of the closing gospel Message there should be seen a greater reverence for the sacred desk. That portion of the house of God especially set apart to be occupied by those who are ordained to the sacred ministry of the Word should be treated with the greatest reverence.

Even those who are called to thus appear before the people should enter this consecrated place with dignity, and before occupying a seat should kneel before the Lord a few moments in silent prayer.

It is indeed painful to see the irreverence that is sometimes shown by well meaning persons, all perhaps on account of not having been properly instructed. Any course of action that would lessen the respect of the people for this place or rob it in any way of its sanctity should be avoided by all.

Would it not be better for all local church and Sabbath-school officers, the ordained elder excepted, to occupy positions outside of the desk rather than this place too frequently while performing their various du-

ties? To show proper reverence for the desk will lead to a higher regard for the Word itself, and better results would no doubt follow the preaching of God's closing Message.

Let us study to show at all times and in every way due reverence for the living God and his Holy Word of eternal truth.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

FROM OUR WORKERS.

Newark.

SABBATH, July 2, was another pleasant and profitable day for the Newark church. It was the quarterly service, and the Lord richly blessed in both the Sabbath services and the business meeting.

We were glad to have Brother J. O. Miller with us, and his discourse Sabbath morning on the Two Covenants was indeed helpful. Following the ordinance service in the afternoon, we went to the Licking River where two of God's chosen ones were buried with him in baptism.

The past quarter has been a march onward and upward. Five staunch working members have been added to our number by letter or baptism, making ten in all since the last camp-meeting. There are others desiring baptism now and still others who are earnestly investigating.

There is plenty of work to be done, —work for both the church members and for myself, so I expect to remain here until the camp-meeting convenes.

The treasurer's report shows that during the quarter there has been paid in from all sources a total of \$425, or an average of \$8.50 per member. This is encouraging, for where our treasure is, there are our hearts also; or better still, where our hearts are, our treasure will surely go. We believe that the Lord will fulfil his promise to bless us richly, and will add to our numbers "daily such as should be saved." KENNETH R. HAUGHEY.

Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR BRETHREN: Another month has rolled around since I wrote from this part of the field. We had just planned to pitch a tent in Baton Rouge and conduct a strong campaign for the

truth while the State legislature was in session, and the new Sunday law bill was pending. Our meetings have now been in progress over three weeks; the attendance has not been large at any time but a very intelligent class of people have made up our congregation. Several of the legislators have attended regularly. The Sunday law bill came up and found defeat in the committee. Some of its ardent friends seem to think that we *poisoned* the minds of that committee. Our work now has very strong opposition and we do not have flattering promises of many adherents to the Message, but the knowledge has gone out through the entire State that we stand for a principle. A few, however, will obey. Among these is a Spanish missionary family lately returned from Central America where they have been engaged with the Methodist Episcopal Conference. They are three, husband, wife, and wife's mother. All now desire a new fitting that they may go again with a new Message. Pray for the needy South.

C. A. WATKINS.

Killbuck.

AFTER Elder M. C. Kirkendall returned from Ontario to Rows to resume tent work with W. E. Bidwell, I left Rows for Clark, where Brethren B. L. House and H. H. Votaw are having an interesting tent meeting. Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 9 and 10, the tent was well filled.

One brother has taken his stand for the truth and walked over three miles to attend Sabbath services and baptism at the Killbuck church on July 9. At this time three brethren and two sisters were buried with their Saviour. These five having united with the church gives Killbuck a membership of twenty-seven who are pressing onward together.

I am now on my way to Dayton for a day or two, after which I purpose to join Brethren Thurber and Gibson at South Lebanon for a short time before the coming camp-meeting. As the work closes we see a few drops of the pentecostal shower here and there. The command is, "Go forward."

J. O. MILLER.

Clark.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We are glad to tell you that the Lord is richly blessing us in our work at this place. Brother Heber Votaw and wife are now with us in the work here, and we know the Lord is with us. The brethren and sisters from the Killbuck church have been with us nearly every night and they have rendered valuable assistance in many ways. They

have truly shown their faith by their works in helping us get the meetings started at this place.

Our attendance has been good and we can only sow the seed and work, watch and pray that souls may come to a saving knowledge of the truth. Pray for us all. Yours in Christ,
MR. AND MRS. B. L. HOUSE.

Akron.

DEAR VISITOR: The Akron church enjoyed the presence of the Lord at the quarterly service, July 2. The brethren came in from the adjoining towns, villages and country districts, where some of our members are located, and the house was filled. Several met with us for the first time, among them some who have recently commenced to observe the Lord's Sabbath, one young lady keeping it that day for the first time.

After the morning service we went to the lake where one of our Sabbath-school pupils was buried with his Lord in baptism. We are finding precious jewels here and in the nearby towns.

I am holding more readings with those not of our faith than at any previous time since coming to this city. Several are walking in all the light received. I am also giving a series of studies on the Message in our church on Sunday evenings. Pray for the work at this place. Yours in the Master's service,

ELLA M. TALMAGE.

Columbus.

I SPENT last Sabbath with the Columbus church, speaking to the company at the morning service, and addressing the Young People's Society in the afternoon. The very cordial reception on the part of these friends always makes it a pleasure to serve them; and as the words of light and life were dispensed on this occasion, the attentive mind, ready response, and moistened eye here and there gave evidence of the presence of the Lord, and that his Spirit was doing its work for the saving of the people. The Columbus church holds a very important place in the Conference because of its location in the Capital City. Its possibilities for good are great. But because of this the enemy will work the harder to destroy. Let the friends everywhere remember these brethren at the throne of God, that their work may not be hindered, but hastened.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

"WHAT dew is to the flower kind words are to the heart."

Roanoke, Va.

DEAR BROTHERS: We opened our series of meetings here on June 17 with good attendance. This continued with increasing interest until rains set in with unusual force and frequency. This week so far it has poured down each afternoon and evening; two nights we had a few and two none at all, the down pour was so heavy, but perhaps there will be a change for the better now.

We are prepared for it with some new printed matter to circulate. This is a very beautiful place and a pleasant people. We hope and pray for special blessing in a fruitful harvest. May the Lord lead us all in lines of power and wisdom through the fierce contest now *in* and *upon* us. Your brother in service,

M. S. BABCOCK.

THE INNER LIFE.

PERSONS traveling in the desert will sometimes find that the water of the oasis is so brackish or bitter that they cannot drink it; but they will then tap the palm trees found growing there and quench their thirst with the sweet, invigorating palm juice. The palm tree, by the magic of its inner life, can so change the elements found in the unfriendly soil around it that they will minister to its growth and fruit-bearing. The bitter is turned into sweetness and the brackish water is made fresh by the power of its hidden, inner life, and thus it becomes a blessing to the weary traveler.

So we may be surrounded by the bitterness of sin and live in an unfriendly atmosphere; but in spite of these things, we shall be able to grow and to minister to the needs of others, if there is within us the making of a new life through the power of God. The inner life, the life of Christ, will change the trials into victories, the sorrows into joys, and the cry of despair into songs of praise.—*Wisconsin Reporter*.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending July 1, 1904.)

B. F. Cook, Licking Co.—Daniel and the Revelation: value of deliveries, \$23.50.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 37 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$1.50; total, \$5.50; value of deliveries, \$85.75.

Christy Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$8; helps, \$1.50; total, \$9.50.

F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$11.75.

PRAY for the laborers.

EDUCATIONAL.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

Counsel to Former Students.

THE fact that God has greatly blessed our school for some years past is quite generally recognized, and yet there is no class of persons who can so fully appreciate this fact as can the students who have been here during this time, and who have shared these rich experiences. You have also known something of the working of Satan in his efforts to break down and destroy this splendid growth of the Lord's plant, and thus you are in a position not to be alarmed should this controversy be continued under new forms and with increased bitterness on the part of the enemy; but the victory is still the Lord's and he will surely bless and keep every trusting soul. Indeed, we shall see the controversy deepen as time goes on, and you as young people whose lives are dedicated to God and his service, may find yourselves the special objects of Satan's wrath, for if he can break you down, he will destroy the good you might do. And one of the most subtle temptations that can be brought to you is the thought that you can do nothing in this great work, but God has said you can, and he further tells us he is especially calling the young men and women to give themselves to his work for these days. Do you think the Lord would call if you could not answer or do you think he would say you can do his work if he knew you could not? But one answer can be given. Therefore put away all uncertainty and hesitation, and hear the call and respond with grateful, loving hearts.

When God calls us to his service, the very call places upon us the solemn responsibility of preparing for this work, but how and where shall this preparation be obtained? Again we are not left to uncertainty, but are told that this very school is to train workers who shall give character to the work of God. This being true, why should not those who know the Academy and who need such a training as it can give plan to return here for another year or longer if need be? To be sure, our other schools are holding out attractive inducements, but no school of the denomination can at the present time offer more solid, substantial advantages than can be had here, and any representation to the contrary is based upon a misapprehension of the scope and nature of the work being done at Mount Vernon.

Personally, I never felt so strong a desire to have *all* the former students return; and if our association has given me any influence with you, let such influence be turned wholly toward your coming here next year, and then let us all expect and look for great things in the form of rich blessing and varied experience in the things of God. The time is fully come for a great and widespread movement among our people, and I know that God has touched your hearts and given you a desire to have some part in this work, so my courage for you is good and I shall continue to bear you up to the throne of grace as in former days, believing that God will make of you workmen of whom he will not be ashamed. J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

THE GERMAN AND SCANDINAVIAN BIBLE SCHOOLS AT UNION COLLEGE.

As these are the only schools of the kind in the United States, it would seem desirable that our people in general should become better acquainted with their work. Accordingly I give below the course of study as pursued in each of the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish languages:—

First Year.

Beginning Grammar, 1, 2, 3.*
History I, 1, 2, 3.
Old Testament History, 1.
New Testament History, 2, 3.
Eighth Grade Arithmetic (English), 1, 2, 3.
Penmanship, 1, 2, 3.

Second Year.

Advanced Grammar and Language, 1, 2, 3.
History II, 1, 2, 3.
Bible Doctrines, 1, 2.
History of Missions, 3.
Eighth Grade Grammar (English), 1, 2, 3.
Singing, 1, 2, 3.

Third Year.

Rhetoric and Literature, 1, 2, 3.
Daniel and Revelation, 1, 2, 3.
Physiology and Hydrotherapy, 1, 2, 3.
Bookkeeping, 1.
Epistles, 2, 3.
Public Speaking and Ministers' Training Class, 1, 2, 3.

A fourth year is offered to those who feel the need of more thorough preparation, during which time a practical training for the ministry will be offered in Public Speaking, Testimony Study, Church School Pedagogy, His-

*The numbers refer to the terms during which the studies are pursued.

tory of Missions, New Testament Greek, and Old Testament Hebrew. These studies will be pursued in conjunction with the English-speaking classes that pursue the same studies.

The teachers employed for the coming year are as follows:—

In the German Department, Prof. August Kunze, translator of several of our standard denominational books, once editor of our German paper, and perhaps the oldest teacher in the denomination; also Prof. G. A. Grauer, formerly a minister in the Wisconsin Conference. If it be necessary, another teacher will be secured.

In the Danish-Norwegian Department, Prof. Peter E. Berthelsen, who has labored so long and faithfully at the head of the department, will continue his work, assisted by Elder Christian A. Thorp; editor of the *Evangeliets Sendebud og Sandhedens Tidende*.

The Swedish Department will have as teachers Elder August Anderson, formerly a student of the Swedish Department of Union College, recently from ministerial work in New York City, and A. Swedberg, now editor of the *Sions Vaktare och Sanningens Herald*, also editor and teacher in the denomination for nearly twenty-five years.

With this corps of experienced instructors, the Union College Bible Schools in the German and Scandinavian languages afford the best opportunity in this country for the preparation of ministers and missionary workers to engage in the work of the Third Angel's Message among these nationalities.

We would cordially invite our brethren and sisters everywhere who speak these languages to work for the Union College Bible Schools. Call the attention of promising men and women to the advantages offered. Encourage young men and women to prepare themselves to engage in some branch of the Lord's work. Send for copies of the new Year Book, which gives a full description of these Bible Schools. Send us addresses of interested persons to whom the Year Book may be sent. Aid with your means worthy students who are not able to attend the College; it will be treasure laid up in heaven. Above all, pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our College the coming year, that sound instruction from the Word of God may be given, that pride and worldliness may be subdued, and that from its walls may go forth an army of Christian warriors to meet the enemy in the closing conflict.

C. C. LEWIS, Pres. Union College.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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Sabbath begins July 15 at 7:28 P. M.

MISS CORA GIBSON has taken up the Bible work in Defiance, Ohio.

BROTHER I. D. RICHARDSON is now spending a few days with his family at this place.

ELDER E. J. VAN HORN spent Sunday in Academia visiting Elder H. M. Mitchell, who is confined to his bed by sickness.

WANTED.—Lady nurse, one who has had a thorough training in bathroom and massage work. Address U. E. Whiteis, 112 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

BROTHER E. P. HOLDEN is leader of the Young People's Society at Columbus, and reports courage in the Lord and good prospects for returning to the Academy in September. We were glad to greet a number of Academy students at the Sabbath meeting there.

We are informed that Brother Kenneth R. Haughey will connect with the Graysville Academy as preceptor in September. While we regret to lose the services of Brother Haughey in the Conference, and the pleasant associations as workers, we feel sure that all will wish him success in his new field of labor and that the blessing of God may attend his efforts in behalf of those intrusted to his care.

THE NAZARENE.

THERE will be a general rehearsal for the central and southern part of the State at Columbus, Sunday afternoon, July 17, at 2 P. M. We would urge as many as can possibly do so to attend this rehearsal, as this will be the only chance our singers will have before camp-meeting. We would like to see Cincinnati, Springfield, Dayton, Elgin and other churches represented, especially the isolated singers who expect to take part. The rehearsal will be held at the church on Ohio Avenue. Take State and Oak Street electric car to Ohio Avenue and go one square north.

HENRY DE FLUITER.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE forty-third annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Marysville, Union Co., Aug. 11-22, 1904. The first meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, at 9:30 A. M. Let every delegate make it a point to be present at the opening meeting if at all possible.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time, on the Union County Fair Ground, Marysville, Ohio. The first meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 15, 1904, at 9:30 A. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

D. E. LINDSEY, *Sec.*

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon Academy on the Union County Fair Ground, Marysville, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1904, at 9:30 A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. E. WELCH, *Sec.*

CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

ACTIVE work to arrange the camp will commence on Aug. 8, 1904. Tents will be pitched and floored ready for use. They will be rented on the grounds. This will give every one choice as to location, etc., of the tents for rent. The price of 12x14 foot tents will be \$3 to \$3.50; others in proportion to size and condition. Lumber can be purchased for \$2.50 per hundred; rented lumber, 75 cents per hundred. The Conference baggage master will meet all trains August 11, 12, 14 and 15. Hack service can be had at reasonable prices to and from the grounds. Those coming over the Ohio Central will find it but a short walk to the camp. It will be about twice the distance from the Big 4 depot. Plenty of straw will be provided at the usual price of twenty-five cents per tick. R. R. KENNEDY.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

JUNE, 1904.

Akron.....	\$ 48.45
Alliance.....	3.50
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13.50
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	10.00
Bellville.....	7.50
Camden.....	30.80
Canton.....	11.87
Chagrin Falls.....	8.12

Cincinnati.....	64.43
Cleveland.....	276.98
Clyde.....	.....
Columbus.....	146.13
Conneaut.....	5.37
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	95.60
Defiance.....	13.95
Delaware.....	1.00
Dunkirk.....	4.80
East Liverpool.....	11.00
Elgin.....	29.82
Fairfield.....	13.13
Findlay.....	.....
Geneva.....	9.34
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	.....
Hamler.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Kenilworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Kilbuck.....	22.70
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	1.00
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	11.92
Marion.....	7.35
Marshfield.....	13.00
Meigs.....	9.20
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	22.70
Mount Vernon.....	125.42
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	30.00
Newark.....	125.88
Norwalk.....	11.00
Pemberville.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Reedsville.....	1.25
Rowsburg.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	9.19
Sherwood.....	.....
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	5.00
Springfield.....	31.42
Toledo.....	53.40
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	5.37
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	66.64
Waterford.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	3.72
West Mansfield.....	10.00
Wheelerburg.....	19.00
Wilmington.....	30.25
Youngstown.....	10.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	36.54

Total.....\$1,467.04
C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES,
JUNE, 1904.

Tithe.....	\$1,467.04
Ohio Tract Society.....	714.25
First Day Offering.....	49.33
Sabbath-school Donations.....	95.91
Haskell and James White Homes.....	23.27
Academy Debt.....	130.25
Egypt.....	14.10
Washington, D. C., work.....	40.75
China.....	9.14
Mid-Summer Offering.....	1.00
Total.....	\$2,544.04

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