

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

It does not matter what it means, poor heart,
The dear Lord knows; to bear it is your part
Nor think some strange thing happens unto you
Which he would not allow so if he knew.
He does know. In his all-wise Fatherhood
He knows it, and allows it for your good.
He is not hard, you do not think he is,
When in the dark you find your hand in his:
When it was light, you tried to walk alone,
And thought the strength he gave you all your own.
You did not question what the blessing meant
Just smiled and took it, satisfied, content:
You did not think it strange, you thought he knew,
And planned the sweet surprise which came to you.
Tried one, then do you take life sweet and good,
Yet can not trust that tender Fatherhood,
But think it makes mistake whenever it sends
Some hindrance, which your eager haste of tends?
Or when he lets the wicked plot your harm,
And stir a whirlwind when you seek a calm:
You think it strange, this trial swift and keen,
And in your weakness ask, "What does it mean?"
I think the language of God's heart would read;
"I love my child, I note his slightest need:
I long to prosper him in all his ways,
To give him quiet nights and peaceful days:
But if I do, he'll lose himself from me.
My outstretched hand he will not wait to see:
I'll place a hindering wall before his feet,
There he will wait and there we two will meet.
I do it not in wrath for broken laws
Or willful disobedience, but because
I want him nearer, and I can not wait
For him to come, for he might wander late:
My child will wonder, will not understand,
Still half in doubt he'll clasp my outstretched hand;
But when at last upon my heart he leans,
He will have ceased to wonder what it means."
—Anna J. Graniss, in "Sandwart."

WORKER'S MEETING

It has been decided to call a meeting of all the Conference laborers for December 1 and 2, at Mount Vernon. The services will be held in the College chapel beginning Friday evening, November 30, at 7:45. It is to be hoped that every Conference laborer, including the Conference Committee, will be present the whole time. Plans for an earnest missionary campaign will be considered, and matters of the

greatest importance will receive attention. We are expecting with us at this meeting Elders A. G. Daniells and Allen Moon. As laborers in the Master's closing Message, let us pray and plan to make this meeting all that God would have it be.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

INSTEAD of distributing Conference laborers among the churches for the week of prayer only, it was thought best by the Conference Committee to spend the whole month of December in this way. A number of churches have been assigned to the laborers, leaving the manner of appointment at each place with the laborer to arrange as he thinks best or as circumstances require. In this way the laborer will have more time with the different churches and in the end it will be more satisfactory, both to the laborers and the churches. We make the announcement thus early so that all may be ready to enter upon this work on time, and make the most of the opportunities afforded.

The assignments are as follows:—

Elder W. E. Bidwell—Medina, Spencer, Akron and Camden.
Elder H. H. Burkholder—Bellville and Newark.
Elder Francis Fairchild—Dowling, Six Points, Cygnet, Hicksville, Lagrange, North Fairfield, Rows, Brookaw.
Fred M. Fairchild—Massillon, Canton and Columbiana.
G. P. Gaede—Conneaut, Jefferson, Youngstown and Middlefield.
J. P. Gaede—Defiance, Liberty Center, Sherwood and Hamler.
Elder W. H. Granger—Columbus.
Callie O. Gray—Columbus.
Fred H. Henderson—Zanesville, Barnsville and St. Clairsville.
Elder B. L. House—Trinway-Dresden, Coshocton, Pleasant Hill.
Miss M. H. Howell—Beavertown and Jackson.
Dr. H. M. Jump—Lima, St. Marys, Bellefontaine, Marion, Kenton, Dunkirk, Sidney.
Elder R. R. Kennedy—Wheelersburg, Washington C. H., Wilmington, Leesburg and Marshfield.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall—Mount Vernon.

Elder J. O. Miller—Powell, Dayton, Delaware and Marysville.

Katharine E. Miller—Springfield.
W. C. Moffett—Troy, Laura, Piqua and West Mansfield.

Elder R. G. Patterson—Cleveland, East Liverpool, Alliance and Ravenna.

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Elder C. T. Redfield—Mansfield and Corsica.

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J. W. Shultz—Charloe, Elgin, Mendon and Van Wert.

Anna E. Smith—Chillicothe and Portsmouth.

Ellu M. Talmage—Waterford.

G. C. Quillin—Killbuck.

Dorothea E. White—Cleveland.

Elder J. G. Wood—Springfield.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THOSE who, when reproved by God, stop to reason in regard to the possible humiliation to result from confession and repentance, will never, never travel the narrow path or enter the strait gate. These words were spoken by the messenger from God. Every human agency, man, woman, and child, must be in that spiritual condition that will enable him fully and unreservedly to acknowledge the power and authority of the truth of the words of God which all must eat and drink in order to have eternal life. The words of God are the bread of heaven. If we would be saved, we must make them a part of the daily life.

THE peace of trust comes to our hearts at evening time. The sense of restful security is never so great as when our own activity comes to an end, and we throw ourselves entirely upon God and take his promises in place of self-reliance.

"It is good for me to draw near to God."—Ps. 73: 28.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

CHARLOE INGATHERING

NOVEMBER 3 and 4 was very pleasantly spent with the church at Charloe. This meeting had been previously announced, and the work of decorating the house had been very neatly executed. Having been organized but a short time, the church found the work of preparing for an Ingathering quite a new task, but it was most thoroughly done, and the view that greeted the eye upon entering the church was calculated to call forth expressions of admiration from all.

The program, which was all that could be desired, was satisfactorily rendered, and when the hour arrived for the meeting, the room was filled. A nice donation was received for the work in Madagascar. The workers present were Elder Bidwell, John W. Shultz and the writer. I had the privilege of speaking to the church twice Sunday. The house was filled and good attention was given to the preaching of the Word.

The work in this place is growing, and friends are being made constantly for the truth, under the efficient labors of Brothers Bidwell and John Shultz. Representatives were present from the Walnut Grove church and the company at Melrose.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

Springfield

THURSDAY evening, November 8, the home of Mrs. E. J. Miller, in Springfield, was the scene of a pleasant reception given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Le Fever, who are soon to leave the United States to engage in missionary work in the island of Tripidad. An invitation had been extended to every member of the church, fifty-nine accepting the invitation. The guests were entertained with a program of a missionary nature, consisting of the following musical and literary numbers:—

"As Pants the Hart," Violin and Organ

H. A. Weaver

Mrs. Charles Jackson

Invocation

Elder J. G. Wood

Object of the gathering

Miss Kathrine E. Miller

Song, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Paper, "Trinidad"

Mrs. Chlo Miller

Baritone Solo, "Face to Face"

Charles C. Circle

Recitation, "Could You Wait"

Olive Hale

Song, "Here am I, Send Me"

Recitation, "The Heathen Are Waiting and Looking This Way"

Elizabeth Miller

Quartette, "Speed Away"

Mrs. Ethel Le Fever

Miss Kathrine Miller

Mr. H. O. Le Fever

Mr. H. A. Weaver

Remarks

Mr. and Mrs. Le Fever

Bass Solo, "Coloary"

H. A. Weaver

Song, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

The hours, which were from seven to ten, passed all too swiftly, and although our hearts experienced a feeling of sadness at separation from these dear ones, yet we rejoice that they have responded to the call for laborers in the great harvest field, and with glad hearts we speed them on their way and look forward to the great gathering day, when the workers, bringing their sheaves with them, shall all be gathered home.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Le Fever, Elder J. G. Wood, Mrs. E. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sammons, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sammons, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. Anna Dalton, Mrs. S. M. Miller and daughters, Maude and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. George Masher and daughters Beulah and Elsie, Mrs. Ottis Stevens, Mrs. Philip Rosenberger, Mrs. Purcella Snyder and daughter Naomi, Mrs. Rozella Shoup, Mrs. John Zoph, Mrs. Jane Bryant, Mrs. Carrie Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson and daughter Olive Hale, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Circle, Mrs. Nellie Circle, Mr. H. A. Weaver and son Eugene, Mr. George Shuster and daughters Verna and Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller and daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, Mrs. Ferd King, Mrs. Lucy Weir, Mrs. Nettie Graves, Miss Julia Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Circle and son Cortez, Misses Nellie and Lulu Rudolph, Mary Masher, Avis Wiggins, Pearl Platt, Mary Rosenberger, Ruth Miller and Kathrine Miller, Messrs. Elmer and Edgar Masher, Oliver Click and Nolan Stevens.

K. E. M.

HE UNDERSTANDS

"WHEN beneath some heavy cross you faint,
And say 'I cannot bear this load alone,'
You say the truth. Christ made it purposely
So heavy that you must return to him.
The bitter grief which 'no one understands,'
Conveys a secret message from the King,
Entreating you to come to him again.
The Man of Sorrows understands it well:
In all points tempted, he can feel with you.
You can not come too often or too near,
The son of God is infinite in grace.
His presence satisfies the longing soul;
And those who walk with him from day to day
Can never have a 'solitary way.'"

THE date of the organizing of the Zanesville church has been changed from November 17 to November 24.

EDUCATIONAL

It afforded me pleasure to see the healthy, glowing face of Sister Vada Welch, who is teaching her first year's school in the home of Brother Arthur Peck. Parents, pupils, and teacher are unitedly seeking knowledge from the Source of all wisdom.

THE school board at Academia has recently purchased a beautifully nickled coal stove, which adds much to the appearance of the room. The presence of a new stove, new seats, and a kind and efficient teacher can not but enlist the interest of the pupils.

THE church at Walnut Grove has by strenuous effort erected a good church school building, and having now secured a teacher from Selton, Ontario, are ready to begin a successful year's work. The people of the church certainly deserve credit for their effort.

BROTHER KIEPLER, of Hamilton, has at last secured a good room for the school in that place. The teacher has her room so curtained off that one room is supplied with a table where all the children have dinner served. Each pupil is an ardent Christian and the work of the teacher is pleasant indeed.

IF there can be any who do not see the necessity of giving their children a Christian education, we invite them to send ten cents to the Union College Press, College View, Neb., for the "Story of the Convention." This was an interesting Convention, and its work should be considered by every father and mother.

It has been my privilege to visit the following church schools during the past week—Hamler, Lagrange, Grafton and Clyde. These schools are doing excellent work. The Clyde school is collecting a museum and library. The students are very enthusiastic in their work and the teacher, Miss Acton, would be glad to receive any specimens which any may desire to send.

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY held meeting with the little company of believers at Jackson, Sabbath, November 10. He reports that they are of good courage and are faithful in holding Sabbath-school. He has also been invited to hold a series of meetings in the Baptist church at Waits, a small town near his home, and will hold the first meeting Sunday evening, November 18. We think that these will be the first meetings held in this town by our people; and resulting from special invitation, believe that the Lord has a few there who are ready for the truth.

AN examination, conducted by the Lake Union Examining Board, will be held in all the church schools, beginning Jan. 7, 1907, and continuing thereafter one week. More will be said later.

THE brethren Van Eman, of Elgin, feel more than pleased to be able to secure the service of Miss Ellen Long in their home school this year. She has met their expectation in reference to the work to be done.

THE recent joint meeting of the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee and Educational Board which was held at Benton Harbor, Mich., proved to be one of profit. The outline as suggested by the College View Council was adopted.

I AM sorry to report that owing to overwork, Sister Bertha Laughlin has been forced to temporarily give up her school work in Lagrange. Having been advised to do so, she has gone home for a few days' vacation. All patrons are delighted with the work done.

BECAUSE the names and locations of teachers has been called for, we submit the following list of schools, names of teachers, and total enrollment:—

SCHOOL	NAME OF TEACHER	ENROLL.
Academia.....	Ethelbert Walker.....	37
Cleveland.....	Gertrude Numbers.....	1
Clyde.....	Bessie E. Acton.....	15
Dayton.....	Margaret Pleper.....	24
Elgin.....	Ellen Long.....	3
Grafton.....	Vada Welch.....	3
Hamilton.....	Ivy Walker.....	7
Hamler.....	Myrtle Grimes.....	4
Lagrange.....	Bertha Laughlin.....	15
walnut Grove.....	Rilla M. Gooden.....	11

JAMES E. SCHULTZ.

FOR OLD MEN

A. J. GORDON met an old man one time going to the place of prayer. "Aged friend," said he, "why should an old man be so merry and cheerful?"

"All are not," said he.

"Well, then, why should you be so merry?"

"Because I belong to the Lord."

"Are none others happy at your time of life?"

"No, not one, my friendly questioner," said he; and his form straightened into the statue of younger days, and something of inspiration glowed in his countenance. "Listen, please, to the truth from one who knows; then wing it round the world, and no man of three score and ten will be found to dispute it: *The devil has no happy old men.*"—Selected.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THE LITERAL CREATION WEEK

THE literal week, as well as the Sabbath, originated at the beginning, and it has been preserved and brought down to us through Bible history. We study in the first chapter of Genesis how God created certain things on each day, and there the statement is made that the evening and morning were a day; and they were numbered from one to seven. There were the first six in which the work of creation was done, and the seventh on which God rested, and he sanctified the seventh, that is, set it apart as a day to be devoted to him, a day on which all physical and mental work was to be put aside, and our minds were to rest entirely upon holy things, that we might be refreshed and strengthened for the duties of another week.

God recognized the literal week when he gave the law from Sinai, for he said, "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," that during six days we should labor and do all our work, but the seventh was a day of rest, and then as an example for us said, "In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Some hold the view that the six days of that first week of creation were thousands upon thousands of years, but this cannot be, for it would make the days of the week so obscure and indefinite a length of time that it would cause confusion, which is something God does not wish to exist, for order was his first law. The belief is really *infidelity*, and that in its most dangerous form, still it is held and taught by many who profess to believe the Bible. In Gen. 2:4 we read the words, "These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created." But this does not mean that each day is a generation. It is so called because God generated or produced some new portion of work on each day. Some reason that because the bones of men and animals and instruments of warfare, petrified trees, etc., larger than now exist, have been discovered, that it is a proof that thousands of years were employed in creation; but in the days of Noah, men, animals and trees many times larger than now exist were buried, and thus preserved, as an evidence to later generations, that the antediluvians perished by a flood.

God intended that the discovery of these things should establish *faith* in *inspired* history, but as before the flood, by vain reasoning, men turn what God intended to be a benefit into a curse, by making a wrong use of it, or rather putting a wrong construction upon it. It is one of the devices of Satan, for he can thus lead the people into infidelity by obscuring the law of God. His efforts are directly against the fourth commandment, because in this the Maker of the heavens and the earth is so clearly pointed out. God's word is very plain so that he has said a wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot err therein, yet the constant effort made to enforce the belief that the work of creation was the result of natural causes, has led many professed Christians to be in opposition to plain facts stated in the Scriptures, and cling to the belief that there are some portions of the Book which cannot be understood. Daniel and Revelation are the prophecies most especially spoken of as being too obscure for human minds to fathom. Deut. 29:29 says, "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Daniel was told to seal up the book until the time of the end so if it was to be sealed until the time of the end it would be opened, and God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world to-day both in science and art, but if we will not be guided by him when we study, his word even the greatest minds will become bewildered. We will be as Sister White says, "as one drifting on an unknown ocean without chart or compass." Those who allow themselves to doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments will keep drifting till finally they will doubt the existence of God and thus be left without an anchor to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity. God is the foundation of everything. All true science is in harmony with his works, and all true education leads to obedience to his government.

No finite mind can fully comprehend the existence, power and wisdom of God. Job 11:7-9 says, "Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven, what canst thou do? deeper than hell, what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth and broader than the sea." But Psalms 19:1 says the heavens declare the glory of God and the

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" 5 and 6.	Eld. A. C. Shannon.
	Toledo.

MRS. CHARLES CLYMER has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Columbus.

THE Hamler church held Ingathering services Sabbath and Sunday, November 10, 11. We hope for a report of the meeting.

MISS LALLIE DORSEY and Mr. Julius Gibson were married by Elder J. O. Miller at his residence Thursday evening, November 8.

MRS M. L. LOE has been visiting her daughter, Miss Bessie, who is attending the College, and has been ill for several days.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER spent Sabbath, November 17, with the Clyde church, and the following Sunday with the church at Liberty Center. No preventing providence, he will meet with the brethren at Zanesville, November 24, to organize a church.

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firmament showeth his handiwork. Those who take God's word as their counselor can find in science an aid to understand him; for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen being understood by the things which are made, even his eternal power and Godhead. Rom. 1: 20. HARRIET FROST.

CANVASSERS' NOTICE

PLEASE order freight shipments for Christmas delivery immediately, and express shipments ten days before delivery. Shipments are liable to be delayed in transit this time of year. N. S. MILLER, *Miss. Sec.*

TENTS

AN order for twenty-five new family tents has been left with the Home City Tent and Awning Co., of Springfield, O. They will be twelve feet, four inches wide, by fourteen feet in length. They will be wide enough to receive the twelve feet boards without stretching the tents, as has been the case with our twelve feet tents with rented lumber, which all over-runs from two to four inches. They will be covered with beautiful striped flies.

Let all who have donated to this fund please forward their subscriptions as fast as possible. The money will be needed soon to meet our obligation promptly as soon as they are finished. The price of duck is advancing rapidly, which with the slack season of the winter, made it profitable for us to order at once. Send all funds to—
C. V. HAMER,
Mount Vernon, O.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 2, 1906.)

Mary Hubbell, Wellston, O.—Great Controversy: 23½ hours; value of orders, \$27.50; helps, \$15; total, \$42.50.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 39 hours; value of orders, \$54; helps, \$24.50; total, \$78.50.

Guy G. Hastings, Union Co.—Bible Readings and Great Controversy: 34 hours; value of orders, \$27.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 33 hours; value of orders, \$42.50; helps, \$3.50; total, \$46.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 20 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$1; total, \$14; deliveries, \$47.75.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$2; deliveries, \$23.

F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$36.40.

Mrs. F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$67.50.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$12.50.

*Two weeks.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 9, 1906.)

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 19 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$10.75; total, \$25.75.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$5.50; total, \$10.50.

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$24.50; helps, \$45.75; total, \$70.25.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Coming King: 32 hours; value of orders, \$36.50; helps, \$9.75; total, \$46.25.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$16.50; helps, \$1.10; total, \$17.60; deliveries, \$2.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$11.40.

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A THANKSGIVING NUMBER OF THE "SIGNS"

EVEN though our building is in ashes, and our work is being conducted in a shed, we are going to have a Thanksgiving Number of the *Signs of the Times*. Here are some of the good things it will contain:—

"What We Have to be Thankful for," "The Spirit of Thanksgiving," "Thanksgiving—Ancient and Modern," "A Thanksgiving Story," "Nearing Home; Signs of the End," "United States in Prophecy," "The Results of Forgetting God," "The Great Salvation," other articles and poems of extraordinary merit.

It will have a beautiful cover design and will be well illustrated. Among others, it will show three photographs of the Valparaiso disaster which we have just received from men on the ground.

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