

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

MEDITATION

ALONE with God, I seem to see his eyes
Like flame of fire shine on me from the skies.
And like his word my soul asunder cut,
Then take control and bind my spirit up.

Long have I reckoned myself dead to sin
Long have I been inviting Jesus in
Between me and the world, I fain would shut
the door
And then abide with him I love, forever more.

Let him my portion here, and ever be—
Ah! this my right and this my legacy—
I do inherit here the future great and grand
I see the prize, I've reached the borderland.

Talk not to me of earthly friends or joys—
There is a home that my best thought employs
A home where pain and sorrows do not come.
But peace and rest endure, and that's my home.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN.

Mansfield

THE work at this place is onward, not because the enemy has been, or is at present asleep, but because all of our little company are of good courage in the Lord, and are in this healthy condition spiritually because of the active part taken by each to raise the standard of truth higher daily by precept and example.

While securing signers to the petition against the Sunday Bill, H. R. 16,483, we found the question of Sunday legislation to be a live one here, so much so that nearly all of the lawyers have united, and taken their stand for or against this movement, for the coming season. All who have united with the ministers upon in favor of Sunday laws, when called on to sign the petition, put forth their strongest arguments, but when the plain statements of God's word, and the result of the union of church and state, which are plain facts in history, were placed before them, with the exception of two all admitted there was more in the movement than they had before seen; when literature, bearing on the subject was placed in their hands, all seemed grateful to get it, and promised to read it carefully. Many insisted on our calling on them again whenever it was convenient for us to do so, stating that they would be glad to consider the subject further.

We find, however, that some of the strongest and most able lawyers and

most influential business men have taken their stand against this movement, believing the same as we, that such laws are not constitutional, and opposed to God's word and the example and teachings of Christ, they were more than glad to do all in their power to defeat the issue and aid us in circulating the petition.

One prominent lawyer, when called on and asked to sign the petition, grasped my hand, inquired of our plans, then said, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist because there is not a statement in all God's word to lead any one to be any thing else." He signed the petition, introduced me to the rest of the lawyers in the same building, then took the petition blank and secured the signatures of ten others; and stated further "that Senator Dick was a personal friend of his and that he would write him a personal letter as to what the passage of such a bill as this means." This man is now reading "The History of the Sabbath" by J. N. Andrews.

Another man, a leading merchant, is so much interested in the question that after he had signed his name he took the petition blank and secured twenty other names. Thus we see that although the enemy has worked in a marked manner to hinder the truth at this place, that it is progressing more rapidly than ever before.

In keeping with our promises to call again on those who have shown a desire to study this important question further, we ordered one hundred copies of *Liberty*, No. 3, but find this hardly enough to make a beginning, as they sell so readily; so have ordered one thousand more of this valuable magazine to sell here during this month. In this way we hope with the blessing and help of God to make the question of Sunday legislation not only lively and interesting, but one to be understood by all concerned. Brethren, remember us to this end in your daily petitions to the throne of God.

Yours for the Master,

C. T. REDFIELD.

"BLESSED are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Charloe, Melrose

DEAR VISITOR: November 2, in company with Elder James Shultz, I reached Charloe where we found Brother John Shultz. The church was nicely arranged for the Ingathering services, and the brethren gave us a hearty welcome. During the two days we remained we had excellent meetings.

Saturday evening the young people rendered a fine program before a well filled house.

All the meetings were well attended by people not of our faith.

Brother John Shultz and I returned to Continental intending to hold a series of meetings, but were not able to obtain a suitable hall so we went to Melrose and held our first service at that place November 8. At first our attendance, outside of our own people and a very few interested ones, was rather poor, then came on stormy weather, but our attendance slowly grew until the last week we had a good attendance and many were sorry to have the meetings close.

Five intelligent people signed the covenant and our people felt that the meetings had done them good.

Brother Shultz and I have enjoyed our work together and feel God has blessed our labors. We are sorry to separate to go to the churches for the month of December.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Cleveland

WELCOME VISITOR READERS: The Lord has been prospering the German work in Cleveland. We have organized a Sabbath-school of about thirty members, of which thirteen are children. We have two senior, and two children's classes. Every Sabbath our collection is from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars. As we hold our school in the forenoon it does not conflict with the East side school.

The work is moving slow but sure. The Germans are not quick in taking up anything they term "new." So we must be patient, and work, and pray. I have laid awake at night and wrestled with the Lord that their hard hearts might be melted. One

man told me I could talk these things to him a thousand years and he would not believe them. "Yes," said I, "that is just the way the Jews were. Stephen had to tell them (being filled with the Spirit), Ye uncircumcised in hearts and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." I know the Germans are independent, but the Lord can change their hearts just the same as he did Saul's. I was told by a man who has lived here thirty-two years, "This neighborhood will drive a new comer out of his mind if it can." So you see we have to stand the storm until it is over. We are of good courage, leaving it all with the Lord.

Some who have been away from the church for years are returning to their Father's house. One sister's husband, who has never kept the Sabbath, is looking for an opportunity to buy a little farm so he can keep the Sabbath of Jehovah.

Brother Mahr has joined me in the work, and has taken seven yearly subscriptions for our German papers one in the home of a very wealthy family. We go from house to house with these papers and find a great many readers. Some of the sisters who have embraced the truth of late years are drilling for the work hoping in this way to reach their neighbors. They are faithful in their efforts to have them attend our meetings. A Christian help band was organized to look after the poor and needy. Pray for us. G. P. GAEDE.

No. 2818 W. Twenty-fifth St.

SOUND DOCTRINE

THE time has come when sound doctrine should be taught, preached and spoken as it never has been before. It is sound doctrine which converts the sinner to the Lord and his truth.

The time has come when people will not endure sound doctrine, but having itching ears will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts. Or in other words will have preachers and teachers which are no better than they, and perhaps not quite so good, to teach them the things which are pleasant to their ears, and who do not reprove or rebuke with all long-suffering and doctrine.

Is it possible that the Israel of God will not endure sound doctrine? I fear sometimes that it is so, at least with some who profess to be God's people and claim that they are walking in the light of God. Is it possible that some of us who are shepherds of the flock are feeding the lambs and

sheep that which is not the genuine food, or sound doctrine? The Lord has given instruction to "speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." He has also said, "Preach the word." God forbid that we should do otherwise.

I have gone to places where I was told that certain ones did this and that, and you will want to be careful and not say or teach anything that will conflict with their doings and beliefs, etc. I tell them that the Lord tells me to preach the Word, and teach sound doctrine. So this is what I must do if I do justice to God and to my fellow men. If the coat fits, put it on.

The Lord is good to us but how little we do in comparison to what he does for us? The Lord never forsakes us although we wander from him many times.

The Lord blessed in the series of meetings which we held at Williamsdale East, Nova Scotia. As the result a family of five took their stand for the truth, and were rejoicing in it when we left them over two weeks ago. Another family are very much interested, and are almost persuaded to be Christians and obey the truth. One of the young men was preparing to attend our academy at Williamsdale December 1. I suppose he is now attending the school.

We have a nice, comfortable and convenient house to live in this winter in Moncton, N. B.

We moved from Charlottetown, P. E. I., and will carry on the Lord's work at this place.

The people are very sociable and friendly, and our Sabbath-school and Sunday evening meetings were well attended and good interest prevailed. Already one man told me he was going to return to the Lord and keep his commandments, and do what he knows is truth. We praise the Lord for this.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it;" saith the Lord. It pays to preach sound doctrine.

We are of good courage in the Lord and his work.

F. E. GIBSON,
Moncton, New Brunswick.

"IN his name let us carry forward His name without flinching."

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER, 1906

Membership.....	1,971
Average attendance.....	1,447
Classes.....	284
Senior.....	902
Junior.....	288
Intermediate.....	207
Primary.....	303
Kindergarten.....	119
Home Department.....	157

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total contributions.....	\$695.16
Expenses.....	178.87
Missions.....	501.50
Special donations.....	M.79

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY FOR SIX MONTHS

Missionary letters written.....	59
Missionary letters received.....	23
Missionary visits.....	762
Bible readings or cottage meetings.....	355
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	26
Papers sold.....	443
Papers mailed or given away.....	8,781
Books sold.....	23
Books loaned.....	20
Pages of tracts sold.....	487
Pages of tracts given away.....	99,847
Hours of Christian Help work.....	130
Persons supplied with food.....	11
Articles of clothing given away.....	102
Total contributions during quarter.....	\$151.00
Paid for supplies.....	5.50
Offering for home mission work.....	12.30
Offerings for foreign mission work.....	138.71

JAS. E. SHULTZ, Ed. Sec.

THE \$150,000 FUND

IT is very gratifying to know that the Lord will use our young people in this enterprise. As the encouraging letters come in, telling of the plans being laid for aggressive work, we shall not forget to pray that God's angels shall go before these youthful laborers to prepare the way.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

THE OLD SCOTCHMAN'S PRAYER

I WAS pleased the other day with a story which an aged Scotch minister told me about an old Scotchman, who, many years ago, was on his way to a meeting of the people of God held in a tent, or some such temporary structure.

The old pilgrim was poor and ill clad, and partly deaf; but he trusted in the Lord whom he served, and rejoiced in his kind providence. On his way to the meeting he fell in with another Christian brother, a younger man bound on the same errand, and they traveled on together.

When they had nearly reached the place of meeting, it was proposed that they should turn aside behind the hedge and have a little praying before they entered the meeting. They did so, and

the old man, who had learned in everything to let his request be made known unto God, presented his case in language like the following:—

"Lord, ye ken weel enough that I'm deaf, and I want a seat on the first bench if ye can let me have it, so that I can hear thy word. And ye see that my toes are sticking through my shoes, and I don't think it is much to your credit to have your children's toes sticking through their shoes, and therefore I want ye to get me a pair of new ones. And ye ken I have nae siller, and I want to stay there through the meeting, and therefore I want ye to get me a place to stay."

When the old man had finished his quaint petition, and they had started on, his younger brother gently suggested to him that he thought his prayer was rather free in its form of expression, and hardly as reverential as seemed proper to him in approaching the Supreme Being. But the old man did not accept the imputation of irreverence.

"He's my father," he said, "and I am weel acquainted with him, and he's weel acquainted with me, and I take great liberties with him." So they went on to the meeting together. The old man stood for a while in the rear of the congregation, making an ear-trumpet of his hand to catch words, until some one near the pulpit noticed him, and beckoning him forward gave him a good seat upon the front bench. During the prayer the old man knelt down, and after he arose, a lady who had noticed his shoes said to him, "Are these the best shoes you have?" "Yes," said he, "but I expect my Father will get me a new pair very soon."

"Come with me after the meeting," said the good lady, "and I will get you a new pair."

The service closed, and he went with her to her house.

"Shall you stay during the meeting?" said the good woman as they went along.

"I would but I'm a stranger in the place, and have nae siller."

"Well," said she, "you will be perfectly welcome to make your home at our house during the meeting."

The old man thanked the Lord that He had given him all the three things he had asked for; and while the younger brother's reverence for the Lord was right and proper, it is possible that he might have learned that there is a reverence that reaches higher than the forms and conventionalities of human taste, and which leads the believer to come boldly to the throne of grace to find all needed help in every trying hour.—*Baptist Weekly*.

PACIFIC PRESS NOTES

ONE week before Thanksgiving the first edition of 50,000 copies of the special Thanksgiving number of the *Signs of the Times* was nearly exhausted and a second edition ordered. The paper seems to be appreciated by all who have seen it, and the prospect is it will have a large circulation.

We wish to call particular attention to the fact that this special Thanksgiving number is of such a nature that it can be sold all through the holidays. We will be prepared to fill orders as long as they are called for.

Our hearts have been made glad to see the interest that is being taken in the plan to help increase the regular subscription list of the *Signs*. Last week over one thousand names were added to the regular list, and the same number for the two weeks previous. This is truly encouraging, and it is our prayer that the good work may go on.

Since the fire we have not taken in a single job of commercial work, although we have been urged to do so many times. More than that, we never again intend to take another job of this kind. From this time on all the facilities of the Pacific Press, and the undivided attention of all the employees, are to be given to our own denominational work, and we hope to see this work increase very rapidly. But we realize that, in order to accomplish this, we must have the hearty co-operation of our brethren and sisters everywhere.

At present our presses are running night and day to supply the demand. The work is being carried on in temporary sheds under great difficulties, and yet we have a happy, contented family, willing to sacrifice and ready to do to the extent of their ability.

A few weeks ago we ordered five car loads of paper for the *Signs*, and we just placed an order for paper for ten thousands copies of "Great Controversy," and twenty thousand copies of "Heralds of the Morning." This will make two car loads.

Professor George W. Caviness has been with us for several weeks, superintending the publication of "Coming King," "Christ Our Saviour" and "Gospel Primer" in the Spanish language. He is now on his way back to Mexico.

Work on the school text books has been unavoidably delayed because of our inability to secure special type called for. But this has now arrived, and the work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Two sets of hands are working night and day on these publications.

Work on our new factory is progressing quite satisfactorily. It is to be a plain, one-story building about two-thirds as large as the old one. The weather thus far has been very favorable for building, and if it continues this way we hope to have it ready for occupancy by the first of January. We have been greatly favored in the matter of securing material. The work is being done by our own brethren.

Many encouraging letters have been received, containing substantial evidences of sympathy, for all of which we are very grateful. Donations to the rebuilding fund should be sent direct to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, Cal.

A SPLENDID OBJECT LESSON

A FEW days ago we received the following letter from a friend of the *Signs*:—

"Pacific Press Publishing Co.,
Mountain View, Calif.

"Dear Editor: As I wish to make my children a good present for Christmas I will send you their names and addresses for the *Signs of the Times* for six months and would like to have it commence with the Thanksgiving Number. They are all scattered from home and I want them to know about this truth."

Then follows the names and addresses of six individuals.

This letter and this idea struck us so favorably that we thought we ought to pass it on to others. What more interesting or valuable gift could we present to our children or friends?

For the next six months a weekly visitor will come to the homes of these children filled with Bible truth and other interesting matter which can not fail to arrest their attention. It is to be hoped that some of them at least will be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

Are there not many others that will act on this splendid suggestion? Send us the names and addresses of your children or friends and we will be glad to forward the papers. Do not wait, but do it now.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE December number of *Life and Health* is full of good and instructive reading. It should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist. And we ought not to keep these good things to ourselves, when there are so many in the world who are suffering because of ignorance. First supply yourself with this magazine, then see that your neighbor has it.

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Sabbath begins Dec. 21 at 4:35 P. M.

MRS. JAMES SHULTZ is visiting friends at Clyde.

MISS FANNIE STANFORD spent several days with College friends.

MRS. HANSARD, of Painsville, O., has been visiting her brother, E. D. Miller, and family.

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

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL'S mother has been quite ill at his home, but is improving slowly.

MISS HELEN MORSE has returned home after a pleasant visit with College and village friends.

MR. AND MRS. FLORIN HANDLEY spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shough.

SISTER AMY WELCH, a former Bible worker of Ohio, has recently connected with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

THE readers of the VISITOR will be pleased to learn that Sister Ida M. Walters, of Columbus, has so far recovered her health that she has resumed her work again for the Conference.

IN a recent letter from Sister Cora Gibson to Elder Burkholder she says, "Should any of the workers inquire about me, tell them I am of good courage and hope to be able to join them soon."

THE Week of Prayer begins Sabbath, December 15, and we earnestly hope that it will prove a source of blessing and encouragement to every one who believes the coming of the Lord is near.

THE International Publishing Association has put out some very fine special numbers of the foreign papers, the *Christlicher Hausfreund*, the Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish

papers. We wish that these good papers might be brought to the attention of those who need them. Many cannot and others will not read English papers, but would be glad for just what these foreign papers contain in their native tongue. This will be doing foreign missionary work at home, and you can in this way assist in sending the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Address the International Publishing Association, College View, Neb.

IMPORTANT

CONFERENCE workers are requested to send in their labor reports promptly on the last day of December, 1906, so that they will reach the office January 1 or 2 at the latest. This is necessary as the Conference Auditing Committee will be in session early in the following week.

C. V. HAMER, Treasurer.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Dec. 7, 1906.)

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 28 hours; value of orders, \$34; helps, \$18; total, \$52.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$24.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$9; deliveries, \$1.

W. H. Gossett, Geauga Co.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$7.35; total, \$12.35; deliveries, \$3.

L. R. Williams, Auglaize Co.—Coming King: 2 days; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$6; total, \$11.

Miss Emma Collins, Trinway.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$15.50.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

NOVEMBER, 1906.

Akron.....	\$105.93
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	5.00
Bowling Green.....	40.00
Brokaw.....	.....
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	11.25
Canton.....	12.16
Chagrin Falls.....	19.06
Charloe.....	10.38
Chicago.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	101.62
Cleveland.....	218.95
Clyde.....	61.62
Columbiana.....	18.55
Columbus.....	129.31
Conneaut.....	.....
Corsica.....	9.00

Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	86.28
Defiance.....	19.72
Delaware.....	83
Dowling.....	.....
Dresden-Trinway.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	7.50
East Liverpool.....	5.00
Elgin.....	.....
Fairfield.....	.....
Findlay.....	34.91
Green Spring.....	11.73
Hamilton.....	35.47
Hamler.....	33.84
Kilbuck.....	29.09
La Grange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	1.40
Liberty Center.....	6.25
Lima.....	15.77
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	12.97
Marion.....	26.00
Marshfield.....	59.00
Marysville.....	4.00
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	9.00
Melgs.....	5.60
Mendon.....	.....
Middiefield.....	5.00
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	129.45
Newark.....	46.08
Norwalk.....	.....
Ohio City.....	.....
Oilvett.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	5.00
Pleasant Hill.....	22.29
Powell.....	18.00
Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Six Points.....	8.84
Spencer.....	70.13
Springfield.....	78.61
Toledo.....	56.91
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	5.50
Wadsworth.....	9.00
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	181.56
Waterford.....	15.00
Wellsville.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelerburg.....	11.80
Wilmington.....	26.29
Youngstown.....	12.58
Zanesville.....	8.50
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	32.15

Total.....\$1,860.88
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES.

November, 1906.

Tithe.....	\$1,880.88
Ohio Tract Society.....	661.87
Weekly Offerings.....	46.97
Sabbath-school Donations.....	108.55
Y. P. Society.....	40.56
Southern Field.....	49.27
Cleveland Church.....	3.00
International Pub. Assn.....	97.20
Collection for Blind.....	15.69
\$150,000 Fund.....	11.00
West Indian Training School.....	30.00
India.....	25.43
Total.....	\$2,964.42

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