

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Concluded

THERE is a question in the minds of some as to the manner in which the communion service should be celebrated. Some hold that only one cup should be used, since this was the example of our Saviour, using Luke 22:17 as proof for their position.

But in this text I see no proof for such a position. This cup was not a part of the communion service, but of the passover service. It was the first cup used at the passover. That there was more than one cup is shown by verse 30, which mentions "also the cup after supper," which is called by Paul "the cup of blessing." 1 Cor. 10:16.

Jewish authorities tell us that there were four individual cups used at the passover service, and that the first cup used by each individual at the feast was the one mentioned in Luke 22:17, while the one used by our Saviour in the institution of the communion service which was known as "the cup after supper" or "the cup of blessing" was the third cup used in the passover service. It was imperative that each individual should have these four cups. "Even the poorest must have at least four cups, though he were to receive the money from the poor box. If he cannot otherwise obtain it, the Talmud adds, 'He must sell or pawn his coat, or hire himself out for these four cups of wine.'" "The Temple and Its Services," pp. 202, 204, 205, 212; "Practical Lessons," pp. 240-243.

The same authorities tell us that each glass contained at least one and one-fourth gills of red wine made from raisins, but greatly weakened with water. At the opening of the feast the head of the company would raise his cup and after he had blessed it, all would drink simultaneously.

So our Lord was following an ancient custom of the Jews when "he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves."

After the drinking of each glass, it was customary to sing a part of the "Hallel" song which consisted of the 113th-118th Psalms. After the song, all arose and washed their hands by dipping them in a basin of water. It was at such a time as this that "he riseth from supper, and laid aside his his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."

Just as they were about to partake of the third cup which we have shown was distinguished from the others by being called the "cup of blessing," our Lord instituted his Holy Supper. "And after the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." At its conclusion a part of the "Hallel" was sung, for we read, "After they had sung a song (psalm, margin) they went out."

Thus has it been shown that God has made every provision for the health of his worshipers. It will be remembered that only clean persons were permitted to worship in the congregation of the people. That others were put without the camp. That it was as flagrant a wrong for an unclean man to enter the congregation, as it was for a clean man to absent himself from the passover. This law was in force in Christ's day, and was obeyed by him. This being true, there were no diseased ones at the table with him on the night in which the communion service was instituted. Still was sanitary provision made, for instead of one cup for all, each person had four individual cups, which made a total of fifty-two cups which were used on that night. And one of these four cups was consecrated to the work of the "Lord's Supper." Hence we find that Christ's blessing rests upon the individual cup, and if we will crave his blessing and obtain his favor, we will have an individual communion service.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

LET all earnestly pray that more laborers be sent into the vineyard.

WORD FROM THE WEST INDIES

HAVING just reached home after four months' strenuous work in the interests of our West Indian Union Conference, I pass back a word to the brethren and sisters in Ohio concerning the success of the trip. The Lord blessed all the way around, and I was so happy to return to my field of labor with the good news that our school was assured. The substantial interest manifested by the liberal brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference contributed in no small part towards this splendid result.

The onward march of the Third Angel's Message is glorious to behold. Believers are being gathered out in every nation, small publishing centers and educational training schools are being established, and a people are being raised up everywhere with one determination, and that is that this gospel work must be finished in this generation. How blessed to have a part in the finishing of this work!

We desire to begin work on our buildings in Jamaica soon after our Union Conference meeting in January. So all those who so kindly promised to help us at the Troy camp-meeting can pass in their donations to the Conference treasurer as soon as possible. There may be others who were not present at the camp-meeting who would be glad to assist a struggling mission enterprise bravely trying to get on its feet. A good account of the proposed school may be found in the *Reviews* of November 8 and 15.

If any of the young people of Ohio wish to join hands with the other young people of the Lake Union by selling a book for our school, we will be very thankful.

GEORGE F. ENOCH.

Barbados, Dec. 1, 1906.

NOTHING is eternal but that which is done for God and for others. That which is done for self dies. Perhaps it is not wrong, but it perishes. You say it is pleasure—well, enjoy it. That which ends in self is mortal. That alone which goes out of self into God lasts forever. — Frederick W. Robertson.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Piqua, Laura

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Since camp-meeting we have occasionally run up from Troy to look after the work in Piqua. The Lord is putting it into the hearts of the brethren and sisters there to work for others, and as the special numbers of our German and English papers are circulated, the people are beginning to ask questions concerning our faith. That this reacts in blessing upon the workers was manifest in the good meetings which we held at Piqua during the first part of the week of prayer. As the brethren listened to the reports of the rapid progress of the Message, their hearts were stirred and the appeal for funds met with a liberal response.

The latter part of the week of prayer we spent with the church at Laura. A most interesting and profitable feature of the meetings here was the children's exercise. At the closing meeting Sabbath morning the Spirit of the Lord came in and every adult and many of the children united in recommitting themselves to God. The brethren at Laura propose to keep at the \$150,000 fund until their share is raised. **WALTER C. MOFFET.**

Lagrange, Liberty Center

THE month of December has been a busy month for me. I am thankful to our heavenly Father for the experiences and privilege of meeting with so many of the brethren, and to find them of good courage.

I made my first visit at Lagrange, and while there had the privilege of baptizing a brother and extending to him the right hand of fellowship. How thankful we ought to be to see those for whom Christ died to save, but have been held by the powers of the enemy, take their stand for the truth in Christ.

At Dowling I found the brethren pressing toward the prize that is soon to be given to the faithful. On my way to Farmer I stopped at Liberty Center and found our brethren at this place of good courage in the Message. At Farmer Center the Lord came very near as we sought him, and our souls were watered by the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Our hearts were gladdened on reaching Cygnet to find this little church of good courage and holding on to the Lord and his promises. I next visited Six Points, and found these dear brethren and sisters full of hope and courage, and anxious to have meetings in the near future.

May our heavenly Father bless and keep his dear people in the little time just before his coming.

FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

Camden, Akron

DEAR VISITOR: After our good workers' meeting held December 1 and 2 I went to Camden, reaching Brother Shepherd's the middle of that afternoon. I found him just recovering from a severe illness but am glad to state that before I left Camden he was able to attend the services. I spoke to a small audience that evening.

Elder J. O. Miller came December 5 and stayed until the 7th. On the evening of the 6th he spoke to a small but interested audience. All regretted he could not stay longer.

I stayed until the morning of the 14th, speaking each evening and visiting during the day. While there four asked for baptism, one a married lady who has decided to keep God's commandments hoping that her husband will soon join in the faith. The other three are young people; the parents of two are members of the church.

Although the weather was very stormy, quite a number came out each night, and I believe there are others who will take their stand with us if more work can be done there. The members are much scattered but there seemed to be a willingness on the part of the church to do their part on the \$150,000 fund.

December 13 I went to Spener. Conditions not being favorable for services that night, I went on to Medina. Here I visited nearly all of the church, and believe that both churches will do all they can to help with their means.

The evening of the 14th found me in Akron with a small audience. I remained here until the morning of the 24th, speaking each evening and holding the readings in the afternoons. This is the first time I ever had the privilege of meeting with this church, and as in the other churches I enjoyed my work with them. I regret I could not visit all of the members for, like Camden, they are very much scattered; but all seemed to be of good courage and expressed themselves as willing to do their part in raising the \$150,000 fund.

I am now on my way to Charloe, Paulding County, expecting to hold a series of meetings there.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Cincinnati, Hamilton

AFTER returning from the Mount Vernon council, I placed the plans for raising the \$150,000 before the Cincinnati church, and found them ready to

cooperate in raising our quota. On visiting the different members I found that all who were able to do so pledged that they would turn into the treasury before the first of February their pro rata. A few of the members said that they would do much more, so we may expect to see that the amount coming from Cincinnati will at least be equal to what should come from the resident members of the church. Those who are absent will doubtless do their duty where they are.

We were agreeably surprised on going to Hamilton to find that they had already raised one half of their amount for every member on the church book, and forwarded the amount to Washington. Plans were laid for raising the balance by selling books and paying the cash. So Hamilton has done all that has been asked of her. It does our souls good to visit a stirring little church such as Hamilton is. With a membership of fifteen, with only six children scattered over seven miles of territory; yet they maintain one of the best church schools in the State.

The week of prayer in both these churches is a success. At Cincinnati there are being conducted three meetings each evening, and nearly all our people who can, do so, are attending. Our hearts are responding to the stirring appeals from the servants of the Lord, and there is a desire to place ourselves and all that we have in this work. May the Lord's richest blessing rest upon us all.

C. A. PEDICORD.

Zanesville

DEAR VISITOR: I feel it my duty to write you a few lines that you may know how I have spent the month of December thus far.

After I came home from Mount Vernon, I remained here doing Bible work till the 9th. Then I left for Barnesville. While here I was made to feel quite welcome at the home of Brother and Sister Tillett. He and his good wife are faithfully holding up the blood stained banner of Prince Immanuel.

From there I visited Mount Olivett. Here I found a small flock without a shepherd. It is too bad where we have a good church building as we have at this place to let it go down. I found some of these dear souls somewhat discouraged, but in reading the Bible and praying with them, they were helped spiritually. Here I secured several subscriptions for the VISITOR and Review and Herald. One dear brother and his companion gave me a small donation for the \$150,000 fund.

My visit to St. Clairsville was short and brief. Here I found Brother Berry and daughter of good courage and ready to respond to the needs of the hour.

The week of prayer was a real feast to our new church here in Zanesville. We met from house to house among the members, thus giving every one an opportunity to attend. The Lord came in and blessed each reading with his Holy Spirit. All testified to God's goodness. The \$150,000 fund received due attention. The church also made a small annual offering. We did not urge any one to give, as the church is young and has been to quite a heavy expense. Our little company is of good courage. We hope soon to add more to our number. Your brother in the Master's service,
F. H. HENDERSON.

Conneaut.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: The first day of the week of prayer, December 15, the Lord permitted Brother G. P. Gaede to meet with us. He came filled with the love of God, and had just the words we all needed. He remained with us three days.

Two meetings were held each day, and we can truly say the Lord was with us. Several not of our faith came, some manifesting much interest. The Holy Spirit was present in a great measure, and some who had once been of us had their hearts stirred to again take their stand for the truth.

Brother Gaede impressed on our minds how the Lord is continually giving to us, and we never get tired of accepting his gifts and that we in return should give to him, and help spread the truth we all love so dearly.

Much willingness was shown in giving toward the \$150,000 fund, and we promise to do our best toward raising the amount.

We should have liked very much to have had Brother Gaede remain with us longer, as the hearts of the people here at this place seem ready for the truth. We trust the Lord will send more of his faithful servants to our assistance soon. Your sister in the blessed hope,

CORA B. CUDDEBACK, Clerk.

Defiance

WELCOME VISITOR: I am sorry to see that so many of our churches are negligent in sending in the petition against Sunday laws. In answer to the letter I wrote Senator Dick, with the petition, I received the following:

DECEMBER 6, 1906.

MR. JOHN P. GAEDE,
Defiance, O.

My Dear Sir: Acknowledging your esteemed favor of November 30th, with enclosed petition against the passage of H. R. 16,483, An Act requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday, I take this opportunity to thank you and others for this expression of your views and to assure you that when the measure comes before the Senate it will have my careful consideration.

Trusting you will always be free to communicate with me whenever you feel there is occasion, I extend best wishes, and remain,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES DICK.

I hope this will be an inspiration to others to not be afraid to do a little work, and that when it is called for.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Shade

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: How much I miss your friendly calls! Please come again. Your pages are always full of interest. Especially is this so when one is far from those of like precious faith.

Dear VISITOR, if I am favored with a little space in your columns, let me send greeting to our dear church in Cincinnati.

SARAH VAN NEST.

THE NEXT CONFERENCE

IT has been decided to hold the next State Conference at Clyde, Jan. 28-31, 1907. This will be our first experience in holding the Conference session separate from the annual camp-meeting. The camp-meeting at Troy, freed from business cares, was a decided success and met with general approval. There is no doubt but what the separation was a step in the right direction, and that better results will follow future efforts as evidence of this fact.

I sincerely hope that we will continue to view the business interests of God's cause in their true light. Much depends upon sacredly guarding the business affairs of a conference. We hope to see present delegates from every organized church in the State. As previously announced in the VISITOR, the basis of representation according to our constitution is one delegate for each church organization and an additional delegate for every twenty-five members.

These delegates should be elected at an early date and the names sent to C. V. Hamer, Recording Secretary, Mount Vernon, O.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE SPIDER'S THREAD

"Just let me spin a single thread,"
The spider to the rosebush said.
"Under this leaf, quite out of sight,
I'll spin it so delicate and light
No one will ever know and no one will ever see
Excepting only you and me."

So beneath the leaf its thread is spun,
But it did not stop with only one.
It spun another—two—three—four.
And so on, steadily, more and more
Till the rose felt the web, and cried, "Dear me!

You'd better stop or people will see!"

But the spider smiled in satisfied mood,
For it had hatched a swarming brood.
And over the rosebush they crawled and spun
Till all its beauty and strength were gone,
Till the buds and leaves were choked and dead
And over it all the gray webs spread.

Just one small spider—just one small sin,
Ah, that is the way the troubles begin!

MARY WHITING ADAMS.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THE second term of the school year begins Jan. 9, 1907, at which time the classes for the first term will close their work, and those for the new one will be formed.

The first days of January will be employed in examinations and closing up the work in the various classes and is an important part of the school year when none who wish to obtain their standings will wish to miss. Most of those who have gone home for the holiday vacation are planning to return and finish their work.

We wish to express our thanks to our heavenly Father for the many blessings and tokens of his favor and watchcare which he has shown toward his school here thus far this year. Many times has he signally blessed us and helped us in our work, and the soft, quiet Spirit has been felt in our midst, for which we praise him. Some who had never made a start in the Christian life before have decided to obey and are awaiting baptism.

The classes which will form regularly for the second term are: Hygiene, Physical Geography, Civil Government, Botany, Bookkeeping, Short-hand, Commercial Law, Trigonometry, Biology, Mineralogy, Logic and Political Economy. Classes will also be formed of the more elementary branches if there is a sufficient number desiring them. We are sure all who come will find plenty that they can take up that will be profitable to them. Let none stay away thinking since they could not come the first of the school year it is too late to come now, but plan at once and be here as near the opening day of the new term as possible. Write us you are coming. We wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. B. C.

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Sabbath begins Jan. 4 at 4:36 P. M.

MR. FRANK MOFFETT spent Christmas day with the home folks.

PROF. CLEMEN HAMER is enjoying his vacation rest with his parents in Mount Vernon.

MRS. NED ASHTON, of Wilkesburg, Penn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Shepherd.

MRS. NORA B. FLEMING, and daughter Bessie, of Toledo, spent a few days at the College with Miss Eva. They will spend the holiday vacation with relatives in Newark.

BROTHER F. A. WEBBER would like to have clean copies of the *Signs and Liberty* for free distribution. Send postpaid to F. A. Webber, 331 East Hardin St., Findlay, O.

THE little company of believers at Ravenna, O., sends in fifty dollars Annual Offering. Sister Calvin Sauder writes, "We have two new Sabbath keepers added to our number for which we rejoice. We have all enjoyed the week of prayer very much, and feel encouraged to begin the new year by working for the Master with greater zeal than ever before."

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE forty-fifth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held at Clyde, Jan. 28-31, 1907. The first meeting of the session will be held Monday, the 28th, at 7:30 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

C. V. HAMER, 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, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Clyde, Sandusky County, at the time of the regular annual session of the Ohio Conference, Jan. 28-31, 1907. The first meeting

will be held Tuesday, January 29, at 3 P. M. H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.
C. V. HAMER, Sec.

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Clyde, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1907, at 9 o'clock A. M. The election of officers and other necessary business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

C. E. WELCH, Sec.

NOTICE TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION passed the Conference over a year ago to the effect that a religious liberty secretary be elected in each church. At our church elections a year ago some of our churches elected a man to this office, but the majority of the churches did not do so. Kindly see that some good person is chosen in each church.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of having a person in each community to watch and report the trend of events along the lines that lead to religious persecution. In many cases we will be enabled to thwart the purposes of the enemy by holding public meetings and in the distribution of literature.

C. A. PEDICORD,

Religious Liberty Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE next Canvassers' Institute will be held at Mount Vernon College during the latter part of February and early in March. We trust that many of our people in Ohio will arrange to attend, and aid in making this one of the best institutes that Ohio has ever held.

The announcement is made at this early date so that all may have ample time to arrange home affairs so as to attend. Let those who are now canvassing remember the date, and not place their deliveries at a time which will conflict with their attendance, as we want all the workers who have been in the field the past year present to tell what great things the Lord has done for them, and also to reap the benefits which are derived from attendance at these gatherings.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the circulation of the printed page the past year, and we have every evidence that he has placed his hand on the wheel to finish this work. He has said that it is to be revived, and we can see that he meant just what he said.

Hearts are being stirred by the Spirit of God to enter this work, not from the standpoint of financial inducements that are held out, but from a desire to see this work cut short in righteousness, and the Lord come to take his children, who have been faithful in duty here, home to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Let all remember the date,—the last week in February and the first week in March.

Yours for service till Jesus comes,
CARL E. WEAKS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Dec. 14, 1906.)

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy: value of deliveries, \$97.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb,* Wellston.—Great Controversy: 16 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$6.75; total, \$11.75; deliveries, \$22.25.

J. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$8; deliveries, \$1.50.

W. G. Anthony,† Miami Co.—Coming King: 44 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$6.25; total, \$15.25; deliveries, \$6.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous; cash sales, \$31.

Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$90.

W. H. Gossett, Geauga Co.—Miscellaneous: 15 hours; value of orders, \$6.50; deliveries, \$1.25.

Albert Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 19 hours; value of orders, \$9; deliveries, \$1.50.

Hamilton Church School, Hamilton.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$15.

*Week ending December 7.

†Two weeks.

(For week ending Dec. 21, 1906.)

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 46 hours; value of deliveries, \$152.25.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King: 21 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2.25; total, \$10.25; deliveries, \$17.

Isaac R. Harden,* Darke Co.—Coming King: 60 hours; value of orders, \$23; deliveries, \$45.

Enos M. Horst,* Wayne Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$1; deliveries, \$68.50.

W. H. Gossett, Geauga Co.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$7; deliveries, \$29.75.

Albert Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 23 hours; value of orders, \$20.75.

*Two weeks.