

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### A LESSON IN HUMANITY

ONLY a poppy! In gardens old,  
There bloom a thousand more,  
Short-lived and fragile, doomed to go  
As thousands have gone before.

Arrayed in its robe of daintiest cream,  
With coral fringes rare,  
It stood in its place and sang of him  
Whose hand had made it fair.

What is your mission, little flower?  
And what is the song you sing?  
I can feel its power, but my ears are dull  
To hear the message you bring.

I came to this earth, for he sent me here,  
To bring you a message of love;  
To bid you look up from the flowerets fair  
To his beautiful world above.

The pretty petals fell at my feet,  
Alas! You are gone, I cried.  
You told me but half your story, and  
Before you had finished, you died.

I am telling you now, came the answer back;  
For this is the message I bring:  
I live but to die: 'tis the will of him  
Whose praises e'en now I sing.

I shall plant my life; as I droop and die,  
My seed to the earth shall fall;  
And other life through my death shall rise  
To praise him who giveth it all.

I thought of him who planted his life  
That his own might walk with him,  
In the new risen life from the holy seed  
His spirit should plant within.

May I plant my life in the grave he has made,  
So low, so deep, so broad,  
And pass with him through the rended veil  
Of my flesh, to the life of God.

—Selected.

## A LETTER FROM THE SOUTH LAND

DEAR OHIO FRIENDS: As I promised many of the dear friends and brethren in Ohio that I would occasionally report through the WELCOME VISITOR, I will do so at this time. We have now been here five weeks and enjoy our work very much. We find so much to do, and have so many calls for labor that we do not have time to get homesick, although we miss our former friends and relations very much. But brethren, if we are faithful in performing the work our Father has given us to do, we will very soon gather where there is no more separation.

I have just closed a series of meetings in one of the suburbs of Birmingham, Ala., and was made glad that two, a mother and grown daughter, accepted the Message, and the father has promised to obey as soon as he could arrange his business. To the Lord be all the praise. I find the people to be a very courteous, kind-hearted people.

The country people are many years behind the people in the North. I was called to preach the funeral of a dear sister out in the country and the way they did seemed very odd. Although they were considered well to do people, the coffin was placed in the rough box and put in a lumber wagon, and the six bearers sat upon the box and rode to the cemetery. It seems very odd to us that our colored brethren are not allowed to attend our church services, or come to our homes very much. If we should associate with them our influence would be destroyed with the white people, but of course our colored brethren understand this. Elder Scott, our colored minister, called a few minutes yesterday, but promptly refused when we asked him to take dinner with us, saying, "That would not do."

If any of our brethren in Ohio would like a few cotton seeds we will send you some if you will send us a stamped envelope with your address written on it. With much love and Christian greeting to all the dear brethren, we remain your brother and sister in the closing work,

MR. AND MRS. C. C. WEBSTER.  
Address 909 3rd Ave. W. End,  
Birmingham, Ala.

## WINTER BOOKSELLING

It has only been a few years since the theory was advanced that our books could not be sold during the winter months just following the holiday season, but this theory has been fully exploded by the fact that those who stayed faithfully at their posts of duty last winter did nearly, if not fully, as well as at any other season of the year.

Although it is true that more people buy books during the holiday season than at any other time, yet there

are things to contend with at that time that we do not have to meet now. During the months of September and October children are just starting to school, books for them must be bought, winter clothes must be had, the supply of fuel to be laid in, many are planning on holiday trips, etc. During November and December every agent that ever sells anything is in the field plying his business.

Now these difficulties do not have to be met, our workers have the field nearly to themselves, the long winter evenings, when people have plenty of time for reading, are here, and most people, especially farmers, have spare time to entertain those who call with religious literature. There certainly could not be a more opportune time than this for our workers to carry the printed page, which bears the last warning Message God will ever give to the world, to the people.

While it is true that at times our feet may get a little cold, our ears may sting some on zero days, yet the worker who gets out with his heart warmed by the love of God will, like Paul, count these but "light afflictions."

Brethren, let us push forward during the next few weeks, and come up to the institute the latter part of February as living witnesses to the fact that the success of our labor does not depend upon the weather, season, or any outward condition, but upon an entire consecration to the work of saving souls.

Yours in the Master's service,  
CARL E. WEAKS.

## REPORTS

### Massillon, Canton, Columbiana

THE undersigned had the pleasure of visiting the above mentioned companies, in the order given, from December 7 to 20, and can truly say it was a time of special blessing to all.

The little company at Massillon, at the time of my visit, was largely composed of ladies, speaking of those who lived in the city. I found each one willing to do all in her power for my entertainment; and to make the week of prayer, a success to themselves, and others, not only in asking

God to make them pure and clean from sin, and for the special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, but also in making liberal gifts to the cause of God.

Nearly every one took a "square," (#2.53) not grudgingly, but willingly, gladly, "Thy people shall be a willing people in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3. God's dear children, clothed with the power of God, and fired with a holy zeal will soon see the work of the gospel brought to a close, and the reign of peace ushered in. All hail, thou glad day!

The little company at Canton I found very much alive, and full of zeal for the truth. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon the dear sisters, who are struggling to hold up the light of truth in their homes, against the opposition that often comes from the husband and children. Dr. Ferciot is the elder of the Canton church, and is full of zeal and courage for the cause of God. The writer can say that his stay at that point was most pleasant, and mutually profitable in every way, and am confident the church will do its share in swelling the missionary offering fund.

From this point the company at Columbiana was visited; Brother Burr Talmage, also a practicing physician, being the elder, and at whose home I was very kindly entertained while there. This little company while young in the faith, few in number, and mostly women, there being only one man, are anxious to hold aloft the precious light of truth, in their lives and by earnest words for the truth.

All in all, the week of prayer has been a great spiritual uplift to the people of God.

The work here in Zanesville is growing in strength from week to week, as new ones are continually coming in. Our Sabbath-school is far beyond the experimental stage, and is already a thing of proportions and lively interest. We have just started a new series of meetings in a store room. Last night we held our first service; and although it rained up to the hour of service, yet nearly every seat was taken. We had placed reading matter in each home, and given a personal invitation to each to come.

And thus, having done our part, the Lord encouraged them to come and hear the grand old Advent songs and Message, which always captivates the honest hearted. We solicit an interest in the prayers of all God's children in behalf of the work of God in this city.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

515 Underwood St., Zanesville, O.

### Springfield

WEEK OF PRAYER. Considering the inclement weather, the meetings were well attended. On Sabbath they were held at the church, but it had been decided to hold the meetings during the week at the homes of those who were unable to get to the church, either on account of age, or illness. The Lord approved of the plan, as was evidenced by the joy that was expressed by the dear old people that they had been thus remembered.

At one home there were three aged people who were charter members of the church, one of whom, Brother Abram McClellan, had served the church faithfully in every capacity from janitor to elder, and as he expressed it "sometimes the congregation," for over twenty-five years.

A desire for a deeper consecration was the spirit that characterized the meetings from beginning to close, as was shown by the fervent testimonies given in the meeting held December 29, as a "preparation meeting" preceding the ordinance meeting. We feel grateful to the Lord for his presence during this season.

KATHERINE E. MILLER.

### Middlefield

WELCOME VISITOR: Will give a short report of my tour among the companies assigned me for the month of December. It was a blessed trip indeed. We all enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord. Nearly every family was visited at their home. I found them all willing to fall into line with the plan for the \$150,000 fund. One brother told me that as soon as he read of the plan, the Spirit of the Lord told him that it was all right, and he made a promise to do his share.

We had a spiritual feast during the meetings at Conneant. The outsiders took part, so much so, that sometimes we had more outsiders than our own people and I can assure you it was interesting to see them; with tears in their eyes, drinking in the truths for these times. The interest was increasing so much that I was asked not to leave; but as I had already made my appointment at other places, I had to leave this good interest.

It seems to me that a good work could be done there and more members added to that company if a worker was sent there. If only a Bible worker could go, as there are a few just on the turning point.

At Jefferson the members are so scattered, and the road was so bad that we only had one meeting, but I called on most of them.

In Youngstown I found faithful Brother Read at work, and they had already fifteen dollars on the \$150,000 fund. We only had one meeting on account of the members being so scattered. Brother Read took me to nearly every member to visit them personally.

In Middlefield we began the week of prayer December 22, and had two meetings every day—one at night for the outsiders, and one in the afternoon for the church. The Lord was with us.

The Wesleyan Methodist minister was out one night, and I was told the richest man in the village was present three nights. We had quite a few outsiders at times. To-morrow the Middlefield church all are going to Youngstown to attend quarterly meeting there. We mean to be a blessing to them.

G. P. GAEDE.

### Coshocton, Dresden

TO THE VISITOR: It was truly encouraging to the workers as we go from church to church among our loyal hearted people and find them ready and willing to sacrifice to meet the calls that are constantly coming for help. We are glad to labor among such a liberal people. The liberality of this people is evidence that the majority of our members truly believe that the coming of the King of kings is at the door. It fills my heart with praise to see God's people rapidly transferring their treasure from earth to heaven. Happy will that man be who has parted with all his earthly treasure when the last call has been made, but bitter will be the wail that will escape from the lips of him who has clung to his earthly possessions, loath to let them go.

I have found the Coshocton, Trinway-Dresden, and Pleasant Hill churches ready to do their part toward raising the \$150,000 fund. Some have already paid, and others will be paying throughout the month of January. It does not seem like a very great task, after all, for each to pay \$2.53.

I have no doubt but that many throughout the Conference will be glad to give even ten times this amount to make up the deficiency that may be caused by the poverty of some. May God help us all to lift with willing hands until once more the word comes back, that "it is sufficient and too much." Ex. 36: 6, 7. Yours in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE.

LOOKING for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Massillon**

I MET with the company at Massillon during the week of prayer. Although only few in number, God graciously manifested his presence and blessing in each service.

As each article was read from time to time and we learned of the wonderful progress of the Third Angel's Message in the earth, we all realized more fully than ever before that the end is surely very near.

The plan for raising the \$150,000 fund was placed before the church and nearly all responded cheerfully to the call, feeling it a privilege to give and not a burden. May the Lord prosper this little company that it may grow in numbers and in power and continue faithful.

While in the city I visited several with whom we had previously held readings who are keeping the Sabbath but have not as yet connected with the church. One lady expressed her great love for the Message and said she would give \$2.53 and felt it a privilege to help in this good work.

Mrs. Campbell and I visited the isolated Sabbath keepers at Shreve, Lakeview and Nashville. We laid the plan for raising the \$150,000 fund before them and a number of them said they would do their part.

It rejoiced our hearts to find some of these isolated members who seldom have the privilege of meeting with those of like faith, so firm in truth, and adhering strictly to the principles of health reform.

We are glad we have a part in carrying this last great Message to a perishing world, and by God's grace mean to do all we can by assisting in finishing the work in this generation.

W. M. CAMPBELL,

MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

**Piqua**

WELCOME VISITOR: As it has been some time since there was any report from Piqua, we thought you would like to know how the little company there are prospering, and how the week of prayer was observed. I can say to the glory of God, we had a precious season. It was the first week of prayer, to my knowledge, that has been observed throughout the whole time in Piqua, so we feel that we have a great deal to be thankful for.

Brother W. C. Moffet and wife were with us the first part of the week and Brother N. O. Coffman was here the last of the week. Their visits were timely, and helpful, and highly appreciated by all, and although the weather was rather disagreeable a part of the time, there was a good attendance at

nearly every meeting and we trust to see good result therefrom, both in this world and in the world to come.

Yours in the Master's service,  
MRS. O. A. DUNN.

**Youngstown**

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Perhaps a few words from the little church at Youngstown would be read with interest by your readers. Brother Gaede was with us part of the week of prayer season, and also was with us December 29, at which time we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. A number from the church from Middlefield were present; the church of Columbiana was also represented. The meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister Atterholt who have lately moved from Lisbon O., to this city.

Two aged sisters, pioneers in the truth, were present, Sister Underwood, mother of Elder R. A. Underwood, and Sister Booth of Green.

It was a day long to be remembered by all present. The Lord came very near as we communed together and talked of his loving kindness.

The brethren all united in the effort to raise the amount of our quota for the \$150,000 fund. All are of good courage in the work and much enjoyed the visit of Brother Gaede and look forward to another in the future.

Words of courage were spoken by all, and we parted singing, "God Be with You Till We Meet again."

Your sister in the truth,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN, Clerk.

**"OBJECT LESSON" WORK**

AS I have been very much interested in the "Object Lesson" work, and there has been but little said about it for some time, and knowing that there are quite a number of these books still to be sold in the State, I thought it would not be out of place, by way of encouragement, to tell you how I got rid of mine. I have but one book left out of 212 that I paid for. I feel somewhat discouraged to know that there is so little being done, so I thought I would like to tell you how easily I sold them.

Of the thirty-two I took at the Marysville camp-meeting, and eight I already had and eight which I sold for my mother, I sold fully one half without leaving home. Whenever I am on a little trade or business transaction, I sell a book to the party with whom I am dealing, especially if the man is my friend.

In introducing the book I usually say, "This is only a book, but the object of its publication is different from

any other. There are five gifts in the disposal of every book." First I explain the author's gift in giving her royalty to go toward relinquishing the debt of \$300,000 on our educational institutions if the publishers would agree to print 300,000 of them, which they did, making the second gift. The third was the donating of the material; the fourth our giving our time to sell it; and for the fifth, "I ask you to buy the book for \$1.25." "Besides getting many times the value of your money," I sometimes say, "You have a \$1.25 share in the institution."

I have since met fully one hundred or more to whom I have sold the book, and they recommend it very highly: not one has condemned it. I hardly ever fail to sell to a storekeeper who has not got it already. I go to the proprietor first. Very often if there are two I sell it to both, and some times as high as three. If I go to buy a suit of clothes or machinery, I always manage it if possible to get them to take an "Object Lesson" on the deal in part payment. I never had a doctor to refuse to take a book. I believe I sold to nine or more.

I ventured into the court house and out of five that I sent the book to, I sold three. Two auditors and one recorder were purchasers.

My purpose in giving this second report is because several things were misstated in my experience as given in one of the July numbers of the VISITOR. I did not see the report until I read it in the paper.

B. W. VAN EMAN.

**Graysville, Tenn.**

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: The address of M. S. Baldwin has been changed from Campbell, S. C., to Graysville, Tenn.

I thought probably the readers of the VISITOR would like to know concerning Mr. Baldwin's health. He came to the Southern field the last of October to enter the canvassing work, joined the canvassing company at Chester, S. C., canvassed two and one-half days, when he took sick and has been very sick at times since. We came to Graysville, Tenn., December 2, so he could take treatment at the sanitarium. The doctor says he has lead poisoning and painter's colic. He has been benefitted by treatments and we hope that in time he may be cured. MRS. M. S. BALDWIN.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sabbath begins Jan. 11 at 4:57 P. M.

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

THE family of Mr. and Mrs. O. B.  
Perrine were made very happy Christ-  
mas day by the addition of a little sis-  
ter. Prof. Reese and family are just  
as pleased over their new girl, too,  
who arrived a few days later.

BROTHER MAILIN DUNN sends in  
\$15 for the \$150,000 fund. He says  
of the unorganized company at Piqua,  
O., "The little band of believers are of  
good courage in the closing Message.  
Hope to hear good reports from all  
over the Ohio Conference."

THE Cleveland church has paid \$600  
more tithe during the year 1906 than  
in 1905. Besides this their offerings  
have been generous to every call.  
When we remember the burden of  
debt that has been, and is still rest-  
ing upon them, we can but feel that  
these brethren are truly desirous of  
the work being finished and the Lord  
come. The Lord loves the cheerful  
giver, and we pray that the fulfilment  
of the promise, "There is that scat-  
tereth, and yet increaseth," may be  
the reward of these faithful workers.

EDITOR VISITOR: I have been miss-  
the weekly visits of the VISITOR for a  
while, and feel that I cannot afford to  
do without it, so enclose remittance to  
have it continued. My subscription  
expired in August, but as I failed to  
get to the camp-meeting, failed to re-  
new as usual. If you can, please send  
back numbers.

MRS. O. F. ATTERBURY.  
W. Williamsfield, O.

## A REQUEST.

ALL persons intending to be present  
at the next annual session of the State  
Conference to be held at Clyde, Jan.  
28-31, 1907, are requested to report at  
once to Elder James E. Shultz, Clyde,  
O. The Clyde church is making every

possible provision for the entertain-  
ment and comfort of the delegates to  
this conference, and will need to know  
at an early date how many to provide  
for. In answering this request, please  
give your full name and home address;  
also stating your choice of room-mate  
if you have any.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## NOTICE TO DELEGATES

CLYDE is a village of about 3,500 in-  
habitants, situated on the Lake Shore  
& Michigan Southern, the Big Four,  
the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and the  
Lake Shore Electric Railroads. Our  
Seventh-day Adventist Church is lo-  
cated on Washington Avenue, one-  
half block from Main Street.

Since the Lake Shore & Michigan  
Southern and Big Four trains arrive  
at the Union depot, those arriving  
over either of these lines will proceed  
200 yards east to Main Street, thence  
three blocks north to Washington  
Avenue, thence one-half block west to  
the church. Those arriving over the  
Wheeling & Lake Erie will proceed  
one-half block west to Main Street,  
thence two blocks north to Washing-  
ton Avenue, thence one-half block to  
the church. Those arriving over the  
Lake Shore Electric will proceed one  
block south to Washington Avenue,  
thence one-half block west to the  
church. Those coming over the Bal-  
timore & Ohio will change at Monroe-  
ville to the Lake Shore & Michigan  
Southern, the Wheeling & Lake Erie  
or the Lake Shore Electric, preferably  
the latter, since cars leave for the  
west every hour, or they may go on to  
Tiffin and change to the Big Four,  
north, the fare being the same. Con-  
nections over the Nickel Plate may be  
had at Green Springs, or Bellevue,  
over the Lake Erie & Western at Fre-  
mont.

It will be well for all coming from  
points east or west to arrive over the  
Lake Shore Electric, since a reduction  
from the two cent fare is granted.  
Those traveling on the electric lines  
from west and south Ohio can connect  
with the Lake Shore Electric at Wood-  
ville.

Members of our Reception Com-  
mittee will meet all trains and cars  
Monday, January 28. They will be  
recognized by a badge inscribed  
"Reception Committee, S. D. A."

Further particulars will appear  
later. JAMES E. SHULTZ,

Chairman Reception Committee.

## MARRIED

PERCY J. TUTTLE, of Cleveland,  
and Miss Julia House, of Coshocton,  
were united in the bonds of holy mat-

rimony, Christmas night, at the home  
of the bride's brother in Coshocton.  
The ceremony was performed by the  
bride's cousin, Elder B. L. House.

A company of twenty-five invited  
guests was present, and the happy  
couple were the recipients of many  
beautiful presents.

Mr. Irons and Miss Carrie Leach,  
of the Newark Sanitarium, attended  
the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs.  
Ragsdale, and Misses Waite and  
Franklin, all nurses from the Newark  
Sanitarium, were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, after a short  
visit in Cleveland, expect to act as  
nurses in connection with the Mount  
Vernon Sanitarium.

We join, with many friends, in  
wishing them a happy and useful life.

B. L. H.

## LIFE AND HEALTH

HAVE you read the January number  
of *Life and Health*? If not, send to  
the publishers, Washington, D.C., for  
a sample copy and read it. Samples  
will be sent on application free of  
charge.

This is a good time, at the begin-  
ning of the year, to subscribe for this  
health journal. It is only fifty cents a  
year in price, yet it is worth much  
more to anyone. It is the purpose of  
the editors to make *Life and  
Health* especially helpful during  
1907. It is one of the best periodicals  
to use in connection with missionary  
work. It serves as a splendid "enter-  
ing wedge" to the full Message. If  
you do not take the Journal, send for  
a sample copy and examine it.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Dec. 28, 1906.)

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great  
Controversy: value of orders, \$2.50;  
helps, \$1; total, \$3.50; deliveries,  
\$9.50.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great  
Controversy and Coming King: value  
of orders, \$5.

Elmer Sharp, Franklin Co.—Com-  
ing King: 14½ hours; value of orders,  
\$10; helps, \$4.50; total, \$14.50.

L. R. Williams, Auglaize Co.—Com-  
ing King: value of deliveries, \$13.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Com-  
ing King: 20 hours; value of orders,  
\$20; helps, \$1.50; total, \$21.50.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—  
Miscellaneous: value of deliveries,  
\$85.

Howard W. West, Muskingham Co.—  
Miscellaneous: value of deliveries,  
\$14.50.