

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## MISSIONARY

### HELP THY SERVANTS, LORD

SPEED thy servants, Saviour, speed them;  
Thou art Lord of winds and waves:  
They were bound, but thou hast freed them:  
Now they go to free the slaves:  
Be thou with them;  
'Tis thine arm alone that saves.

Friends and home and all forsaking,  
Lord, they go at thy command:  
As their stay thy promise taking,  
While they traverse sea and land:  
O be with them:  
Lead them safely by the hand.

Where no fruit appears to cheer them,  
And they seem to toll in vain,  
Then in mercy, Lord, draw near them,  
Then their sinking hopes sustain:  
Thus supported,  
Let their zeal revive again.

In the midst of opposition  
Let them trust, O Lord, in thee;  
When success attends their mission,  
Let thy servants humble be;  
Never leave them,  
Till thy face in heaven they see.

THOMAS KELLY.

### TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST INDIES

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Mr. Le Fevre and I started from Springfield, O., on our trip for the West Indies the morning of November 18. We spent ten days visiting with relatives in Virginia and meeting with our brethren and sisters in Washington and New York. We had a very pleasant journey by rail and were ready to leave New York by Thanksgiving eve, November 28, on our ocean voyage. I cannot say that we thoroughly enjoyed the first few days, because, as the usual story goes, we passed through a very severe storm.

We had been informed that there were three stages of seasickness: first, we would feel sick enough to die; second, we would be afraid we would die; and third, we would wish we could die. Well I can't just say that we passed through all three stages, however we realized we were being "rocked in the cradle of the deep."

The farther south we came the calmer we found the sea, and the last three days the voyage seemed to us a perfect one. We landed in Port of Spain, Friday A. M., December 7.

We have been much pleased with our new location, with the church, the printing office and the people. We received a hearty welcome which made us feel quite comfortable. Since our arrival Brother Charles Enoch and wife have located in this place with treatment rooms. Brother D. E. Wellman is the minister in this city. Mr. Le Fevre and I occupy rooms in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Wellman.

The church here is quite a large one. There are more than one hundred members both in the Sabbath-school and church. I have noticed at our young people's society an attendance from fifty to eighty. The Sunday night services are well attended both by outsiders and church members. The members are mostly black, while we do have a few white members. Occasionally we find a Hindustani family living this truth. Some of the workers here are East Indians and can therefore work among their own people as no other can without spending months or even years in learning the Hindustani language. There are thousands and thousands of these Indian people on these Islands.

We are experiencing very pleasant weather here. Only at noonday is it ever very warm. The evenings, nights and mornings are delightful. Of course this is said to be the best season of the year, because during our summer months in America we have the rainy season here. Every thing is beautiful and green, flowers and trees are in blossom and the birds sing merrily. We try only to behold the beautiful and to keep silent on the unpleasant, and by so doing hope to yield ourselves less to Satan and more to our loving Saviour.

At the present writing we are in much peril; our brethren have been congregating at Kingston, Jamaica, for the first Union Conference ever held in these islands; and the telegrams have come stating that Kingston is utterly destroyed and many lives have been lost. Think of the situation,—here are those whose husbands are there and no private telegrams are being received, neither can there be any sent, no letters can be received because if there was a boat

ready to leave, it would take days to reach us. We have no way of finding out anything. We do not know whether the conference will be able to finish its work there or elsewhere. Together with the conference was a Bible institute to be held, principally for the benefit of the native workers. A special effort had been put forth to have every worker present and as a result everyone has gone from this island, and many came this way so that we know a goodly number were responding to the call. It is a trying time for those who are left behind. We are hoping that our dear workers have been spared for we cannot afford to lose any. We have been seeking the Lord and searching his word, and have found comfort in the ninety-first Psalm. We do know that all things work together for our good, because we do love the Lord. Surely the dragon is making war with the remnant, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. MRS. H. O. LE FEVRE.

31 Dundonald St., Port of Spain,  
Jan. 18, 1907.

A RETURNED missionary, of long experience and conservative judgment, was asked, "What do you believe to be the greatest single obstacle to the speedy evangelization of the world?" After a moment's pause he replied: "I have no hesitation in saying that the greatest single obstacle to the speedy evangelization of the world is to be found in the home church, in the hearts of individual Christians, who are prejudiced, or indifferent, because of ignorance concerning the missionary movements of the day." Did he answer right?

GOD is remarkably blessing his people and work in what we usually term foreign fields. The Holy Spirit is actually being "poured out" in large measure as promised in the Word and "Testimonies." This is evidence positive and certain that sin is being put away by believers, and a oneness of soul and purpose is actually taking place among them in answer to Christ's last recorded prayer. The Lord says that he is no respecter of persons.

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

#### Concluded

ALTHOUGH death has taken from us several of our members, and some have been granted letters since the re-organization of the church, yet our membership is still above fifty, and we believe our working force was never better. The work of repairing the buildings was begun a little over one year ago and is still being carried forward. The church and school building have been given two coats of paint on the outside, and the school-room has been painted inside, the church has been repaired and repapered in all rooms inside, has been varnished twice, has been reseated since we have installed our furnace, which it was possible for us to do only after we had dug a cellar under the church to accommodate it; have put in foul air ventilators, and rebuilt our church shed.

All this has not lessened our interest in the payment of the tithe as last year the treasurer's report shows that \$619.36 was paid to the Ohio Conference. An excellent church school is being maintained under the wise direction of Miss Acton.

Our present flourishing condition is due to the blessing of God and to the faithful efforts of our beloved president, Elder Burkholder, who has ever stood ready to help in times of need, also to the earnest efforts of our local church officers who have sacrificed much to make the work a success.

#### Retrospective

While we are assembled in our first midwinter conference in Clyde, it is interesting to reflect that it was here that our first camp-meeting-conference was held nearly thirty-eight years ago, and thither repairs the Ohio Tract Society, to which thirty-five years of experience has lent dignity and grace, to behold the manger where it was born.

Clyde has enjoyed three camp-meetings. The last was held in September, 1880. It has given to the cause of present truth twenty-five conference laborers—nine have been ordained ministers, and seven have been conference presidents. Oliver Mears, who is still an esteemed member of our church, was elected as the first president of the Ohio Conference. He was thereafter elected four times. Elder O. F. Guilford, who was president of this Conference in 1873, was, as we have already observed, a charter mem-

ber of this church. Elder H. A. St. John, president from 1876 to 1878 inclusive, was for years an honored member of our organization, and has left us a beautiful hand painted Commandment Chart as a token of his love for us. Elder D. M. Canright was a member of this church during the time he acted as our president. Among others who have been members of this church, whom God has called to take charge of his work in other conferences, might be mentioned Elders W. J. Stone, B. F. Purdham and D. E. Lindsey. Beside these we mention the fact that Elders W. H. Saxby, E. J. Van Horn and H. M. Mitchell were all beloved members of our church. It was in the Clyde church that Elders G. G. Rupert, R. A. Underwood and E. H. Gates were ordained to the gospel ministry; and at a quarterly meeting of the church held in 1879, Elder D. C. Babcock and D. W. Reavis were first licensed.

This church has also produced three educators, one of whom is now generally known to this denomination in the person of Mrs. Ella King Sanders; one medical missionary in the person of Mrs. Dr. Selmon, of China, who, when admitted into church fellowship, pledged her life for the people of that darkened land, one General Conference treasurer, three Ohio Conference treasurers, and two field secretaries.

It is to such a church as this that you, Mr. Chairman, Honorable Committee, and Respected Delegates, have been invited. A church with its many vicissitudes, its trials, its perplexities, its reverses and triumphs which to-day would, if worthy, open wide its friendly doors and extend a most hearty welcome. And while we feel conscious that we shall be unable to do all that should be done, yet we crave your sympathy and indulgence wherein we fail, and shall exert ourselves to attend to your slightest wants. In the name of the loyal brethren and sisters of the Clyde Seventh-day Adventist Church, permit me to most heartily welcome you.

JAMES E. SHULTZ

## EDUCATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Church Schools

OUR school work is being strengthened each year. It is now required that our schools maintain a uniform standard. This is accomplished by requiring all to pass uniform examinations. These examinations are prepared by the Lake Union Board of Examiners which consists of seventeen members chosen from the vari-

ous conferences in the Union. Two such examinations are held each year—one in mid-winter and one at the close of the term.

Our teachers are also required to pass an examination covering seventeen different subjects. This is also prepared by the board before mentioned. Thus may it be seen that our standard for our teachers is higher than that required by the public school system. For the benefit of the teachers, we have been conducting summer schools. Not only may those attending take review work, but they may study new branches, thus becoming more proficient continually. Our summer school was more largely attended last year than any previous year save one.

We have been operating ten schools this year with a total enrollment thus far of 125. The conditions existing are good. Let me strongly urge that the faculty of our College encourage suitable young men and women to train for places of usefulness in this important field.

### Young People's Work

"With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon might the Message of a crucified, risen and soon coming Saviour be carried to the whole world."—"Education," page 271.

Believing this to be true, it has been our purpose to enlist our youth in enterprises that while consuming their energy would also benefit humanity. Africa, Korea and China have profited by the efforts of our youth. We are glad to say that instead of our societies, of which there are fifteen, retrograding, their interest is increasing which will be recognized when I tell you that during the year 1905 our gifts to missions aggregated \$197.98, while for 1906 they amounted to \$349.49.

For our Conference year beginning July 15, 1905, and closing Jan. 15, 1907, I submit the following report of work done:—

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND REPORT OF WORK DONE FROM JULY 15, 1905,

TO JAN. 15, 1907

Membership.....	265
Missionary letters written.....	110
Missionary letters received.....	40
Missionary visits.....	1,116
Bible readings or cottage meetings.....	688
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	48
Papers sold.....	458
Papers mailed or given away.....	12,212
Books sold.....	48
Books loaned.....	53
Pages of tracts sold.....	5,680
Pages of tracts given away.....	195,607
Hours of Christian Help work.....	154
Persons supplied with food, clothing, etc., 18 articles of clothing.....	35
Offerings for home mission work.....	\$ 27.03
Offerings for foreign mission work, total	493.46

### Sabbath-school Report

We are glad to report a healthy growth in this branch of our department. We believe that part of our prosperity is due to the faithful efforts of the *Sabbath-school Worker*, and also to the fact that many conventions and in-gathering services have been held when opportunity has been afforded to study the best methods of conducting our schools.

Five new schools have been added during the conference year. The following table of figures will give you some idea of the condition of our work at present:—

Total number of schools, 1906.....	78
Total number enrolled, 1906.....	2,002
Total number enrolled, Home department.....	157
Total amount of contribution, 1905.....	\$1,863.08
Total amount of contribution, 1906.....	2,388.18
Total amount of donation, 1905.....	1,016.28
Total amount of donation, 1906.....	1,472.93

To give some idea of the way the work is growing, we submit the reports for the quarters closing with September for the last three years:—

Total contributions—	
September, 1904.....	\$298.06
September, 1905.....	349.17
September, 1906.....	731.28
Total membership—	
September, 1904.....	1,385
September, 1905.....	1,490
September, 1906.....	2,002

Thus may it be seen that we have much for which we should thank our heavenly Father whose lavish hand has been over us during the last conference year.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

At the close of the meeting, Elder A. G. Daniells gave a short account of the disaster at Kingston, dwelling particularly on its effects upon our brethren. We were indeed glad to know that God had not forgotten his promise to protect his children, and did so in a remarkable manner, only four, as far as is known, having been lost.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE CONTINUED

### Tuesday Evening

THE hour was occupied by Elder A. G. Daniells. He spoke most encouragingly of the work being done in the "regions beyond." Last year we sent out over seventy workers, and the denomination voiced its approval by loyally supporting them. Our tithe is also growing. In 1900 our tithe was \$510,000. In 1906 it was \$1,000,000. It took fifty-five years to bring the tithe up to the one-half million mark; but it only took six years to raise it to \$1,000,000. During the last six years

the local and Union Conferences have given the General Conference \$52,000 out of their surplus tithe, while during the last year the local conferences have contributed \$110,000 toward the support of their own workers who labor in mission fields.

The Mission Board formerly had the unpleasant experience of coming up to the annual audit with a deficit of from \$20,000 to \$30,000 as the gifts received at the time of the Annual Offering were not sufficient to meet the needs of the entire year. About 300 missionaries wait for their monthly checks and drafts, and as their needs were pressing, it was necessary to borrow the money.

But this order of things has been changed. Last year we had a different experience. The year 1905 closed with our workers all paid, and the nice sum of \$14,000 to our credit. The \$30,000 had been paid, the workers had been paid, and we had money still on hand to enlarge our missionary operations. This year we paid all our bills and still had to our credit \$21,000.

We are glad to say that the Sabbath-schools are paying over \$1,000 a week to missions. Thus may it be seen that God is setting his hand to "finish this work and cut it short in righteousness." Let us thank him for the humble part which he permits us to act therein.

### MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE REPORT

Elder R. R. Kennedy in the chair: We have met according to legal announcement to hold a meeting of the constituency of Mount Vernon College. I am sorry that because of illness, Elder Burkholder is not present this morning. We will be interested in the first place to have a reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The secretary will please read the minutes.

Minutes read by Prof. Welch and approved.

Chair.—We have the president of the College with us. We would be glad to hear from him.

J. B. Clymer.—I am sure it is a pleasure this morning to be present with you, and to enjoy the good spirit of brotherly love that exists here, and also to come before you as a representative of our work in the College.

Our work as it started out this year presented a variety of difficulties in different ways, and it seemed as though it pulled hard for a time during the first half of the year; but the week of prayer came on and closed up that half of the year. In this we earnestly sought the Lord to give the school a special blessing. And we were not disappointed. When the students returned, we talked with them, remind-

ing them of the blessing the Lord had given us at the week of prayer, and of the importance of keeping ourselves in such an attitude toward God that he could continue to bless us. They seemed to realize that the school was at a crisis, and so we said, "Let us seek the Lord earnestly." And we did. Not in a public way, but by inviting all those that wanted to seek the Lord earnestly to come. None others. And soon the blessing came. Others wanted to receive the same thing, and those who had not been in the habit of coming in to prayers came too. Every one came. Then it was suggested that the evening prayer hour be used in the same way, and afterward that the silent hour periods be used in one solid period of seeking the Lord. Of all the boys in the school, there are but two who have not yielded; and of course we are hopeful for them. The prayer of a righteous man availeth much. So we are trusting in that promise.

If some of you could hear your sons and daughters rise and testify morning and evening as they do, you would say, "Amen." It does our hearts good. It is not my intention at all to begin anything sensational, but I wanted you to know what is being done. I run the risk of good, solid head work being done if the heart is all right. You need not be afraid of your sons and daughters not passing their grades if their hearts are all right. They want a preparation for the work, and of course good results follow.

And so we are thankful that we can present to you this morning a school of this character. While our financial statement is not so encouraging, yet what is the finance to the salvation of our children? And so I am confident that our work will not stop, but that it will go forward steadily, and that it will accomplish the work that God said it should in the beginning.

If there is one thing that I am thankful for, it is because I have been connected with that school from the beginning, and that it has been based on the "Testimonies." A college student wrote to me and asked if the college stands now for what it did when he was there. I wrote to him and said that it did, surely. So you may look upon your school; in the way that it should be looked upon, with a brotherly feeling and a kindly interest, and help carry on the work and push it forward.

Question.—What is the attendance of the school?

Professor Clymer.—The number of students at the school the first morning was fifty-three. This was more than we expected; when we counted those who were sure of coming, there

were but thirty-three. But our attendance increased until it came up to ninety-three. This is not as much as it has been at some other times in the past, but we have good reason for encouragement in this line. We have at the present time eighty-one in actual attendance at the school.

Question.—How many professors and instructors are there?

Professor Clymer.—There are ten.

Question.—Are these eighty inside or outside students?

Professor Clymer.—Forty-five are in the home, the others are outside.

Question.—What is the capacity of the school?

Professor Clymer.—Seventy-five or eighty.

The Chair.—If the building could be filled, the financial difficulty would be settled. That remains with us. We should do all in our power to build it up, and encourage it, and to hold up the hands of those who are in charge.

#### Committee Reports

The committee of twenty-two, which was chosen to make selection of all standing committees, reported as follows:—

*Committee on Plans and Resolutions.*—M. C. Kirkendall, W. H. Granger, N. S. Miller, Carl E. Weeks, H. M. Jump, C. A. Pedicord, and James E. Shultz.

*Committee on Credentials and Licenses.*—R. R. Kennedy, R. G. Patterson, B. L. House, A. G. Haughey, C. B. VanGorder, Francis M. Fairchild, and J. O. Miller.

*Committee on Revision of Constitution.*—N. S. Miller, W. J. Stone, and J. B. Ferriot.

*Committee on Nominations.*—A. C. Shannon, C. H. Patches, F. A. Stahl, W. D. Curtis, G. E. Wales, L. R. Williams, U. E. Whiteis.

**Wednesday 11:15 A. M.**

Owing to the illness of Elder Burkholder, Elder Stone was called to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chair.—Are there any new delegates who have arrived since the last meeting, who have not been seated?

The church at Delaware applied for admission into the Ohio Conference. Elder Fairchild spoke favorably of this church of eleven members, and moved that its delegate, H. P. Barrows, be seated as a delegate, which was done after the church was admitted.

Chair.—I might suggest that your conference time is rapidly passing. There is much important matter that

should be considered. I would ask if the Committee on Nominations is ready to make a report?

The chairman of the committee replied in the affirmative, and instructed the secretary of the committee to read the report.

Secretary reads: For President, H. H. Burkholder; for Vice President, R. R. Kennedy; for Recording Secretary and Treasurer, C. V. Hamer; Missionary Secretary, N. S. Miller; Educational Superintendent, James E. Shultz; Field Secretary, Carl E. Weeks; Medical Missionary Secretary, H. M. Jump; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. A. Pedicord; Educational Secretary, Bessie E. Russell; Executive Committee of the Conference, H. H. Burkholder, R. R. Kennedy, C. V. Hamer, G. C. Quillin, Francis M. Fairchild, R. G. Patterson and A. C. Shannon.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report by considering it item by item. Adjournment was taken until 2:30. At 2:30 the conference re-convened, and the persons nominated were elected to their respective offices.

Meeting then adjourned to give place to a regularly called meeting of the constituents of the Mount Vernon College.

The Ohio Conference met in an educational meeting at 4 P. M., January 30, as per adjournment, H. H. Burkholder in the chair. The Nominating Committee presented the names of individuals to act on the Board of Trustees of the College for three years, as follows:—

James E. Shultz, C. V. Hamer, A. C. Shannon, Charles E. Welch, U. E. Whiteis, R. G. Patterson, George Klopfenstein; for two years, to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of N. W. Lawrence and K. R. Haughey—C. A. Pedicord and C. T. Redfield. The above named persons were elected by vote. On motion the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

#### INSTITUTE NOTICE

THE expense while in attendance at the Institute will be small, the only charge made will be a small amount for board. All will board at the College with the students on the European plan. This will only amount to about one dollar and fifty cents a week. This will be refunded to the canvasser after fifty dollars' worth of books have been delivered. We will also refund car fare to your field from the Institute after an additional \$100 worth of our subscription books have been delivered. Lodging will be free.

CARL E. WEEKS.

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**Sabbath begins Feb. 15 at 5:36 P. M.**

PROF. FREDERICK GRIGGS, chairman of the General Conference Educational Department, called at this office Monday. He spoke to the students of Mount Vernon College Sunday evening and Monday morning, showing the relation which exists between our schools and the mission fields. His visit was appreciated.

WE are sorry to inform our readers of the serious illness of our esteemed editress, Miss Russell, who has been very sick since returning from the conference. Fears have been expressed that her illness is assuming the form of pneumonia, but we hope that this may not be true. Although her health has not been the best for some time, yet each succeeding morning has found her faithfully at her desk. Let not the readers of the VISITOR forget her at the throne of grace.

#### CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE NOTES

REMEMBER the date of the Canvassers' Institute, February 20—March 8. Try and attend during the entire time, as the instruction given will be of great help to those that are planning on entering the work.

LET all bring their Bibles, and a full copy of the book that they intend to handle.

AS it is liable to be very cold during the time of the Institute, it will be well for all who can to bring a pair of blankets.

REGULAR classes will be formed for the study of our leading subscription books and their strongest selling points. This is a very important thing for the beginner in this work, that he know the selling points in the work that he is handling. We will also form classes for the study of God's word, and the practical side of the book work.

CARL E. WEEKS, *Field Sec.*