

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the newly elected Conference Committee was held at the Conference office Feb. 11-13, 1907. The following is a condensed report of this meeting:-

Owing to his age (nearly eighty-one) and the sad affliction of his wife, Elder J. G. Wood tendered his resignation as pastor of the Springfield church. Resignation accepted.

To prepare himself for the gospel ministry, Brother Carl E. Weeks tendered his resignation as field secretary. Accepted.

Brother E. R. Numbers was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Brother C. E. Weeks.

It was voted to furnish all State officials, both legislative and judiciary, with the magazine *Liberty* for one year.

It was voted to invite Brother John J. Marietta to engage in labor for the Conference under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Leave of absence for two months was granted Sister Bessie E. Russell.

It was further voted to hold general meetings in each of the eight districts of the Conference during the month of March.

To conduct a six weeks' campaign for the sale of "Ministry of Healing" beginning April 13.

#### District Superintendents

Districts 1 and 7, Elder R. R. Kennedy.

Districts 2 and 4, Elder F. M. Fairchild.

Districts 5 and 6, Elder W. E. Bidwell.

Districts 3 and 8, Elder C. T. Redfield.

#### Distribution of Labor

Pastorate of the Cleveland church, Elder R. G. Patterson.

German laborer, Brother G. P. Gaede.

Bible workers, Sisters Anna C. Rice and Dorothy E. White.

Toledo.—Elder A. C. Shannon.

Columbus.—Brother J. W. Shultz. Bible workers, Sisters Ida M. Walters and Callie O. Gray.

Dayton.—Elder J. O. Miller.

Springfield.—Elder C. A. Pedicord. Bible Workers, Sisters K. E. Miller and Ella M. Talmage.

Circianati.—Pastor to be supplied. Bible Workers.—Sisters Anna E. Smith and Hortense Howell.

Zanesville.—Brother Fred H. Henderson.

Mansfield.—Elder C. T. Redfield.

Defiance.—Brother J. P. Gaede.

Walter C. Moffett to continue his work at Ava and vicinity.

Fred M. Fairchild to remain at Zanesville for the present.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## CLEVELAND GERMAN WORK

DEAR READERS OF THE VISITOR: Believing you will be interested to learn of the progress of the German work in this city, I will submit the following report.

First of all I will say that I am of good courage in the work. Three dear German souls have lately taken their stand with us on all points of our faith, and a number of others are in the balance. A lady told me that the Spirit of God has been striving with her for some time and she feels impressed to keep the Sabbath. She will come to Sabbath-school next Sabbath for the first time. There are many who would unite with us were it not for the fact that they would lose their work by so doing. Still others are having a great battle with their pastors. Mr. Miller, who has been pastor of the German Evangelical church for the last twenty-four years, upon learning that I have been holding Bible studies with some of his flock, came to meet with us. I invited him to lead in prayer and participate in our deliberations, which he consented to do. As I presented the two great principles of love to God and to man, he readily assented to my teaching, but as I had to leave about nine o'clock to answer a call to preach a funeral at Orrville, he availed himself of the opportunity to question Sisters Wheckle and Ott, who were still there, and tried to entangle

them by misquoting Scripture, denying that the Catholics had changed the law of God; but said that he was above the law, hence could not be subjected to it. He also tried to establish the claims of infant baptism in the same manner, but Sister Ott asked that he read the Scripture correctly. This made him nervous and angry, whereupon she told him that the first one who was seen to get angry would be regarded as no Christian. He thereupon said that he was not angry, and endeavored to speak as a gentleman.

He also went to another sister of his flock, who had been studying with us, but the Lord had already prepared her to meet him, hence his efforts were of no avail. The next Sunday he spoke about some of his members being unstable, and said although the Adventists were few in number, yet would they confuse people's minds. I regard him as a coward since he assented to all I said in my presence, but when no one but sisters were left, he opposed the very points to which he had previously agreed. It is evident that he was after the wool rather than the souls of his flock.

I am holding readings every night in the week. Our Sunday night meetings are increasing in interest. We find that our vocal and instrumental music helps to sustain this interest. A large sign being hung in front of our hall designates our place of worship, and we go out with our calling cards and give many personal invitations to attend our services. Brother Mahr has taken fifty yearly subscriptions for our German paper, while I have taken twenty-five, we have sold a number of books and sets of *Family Bible Teacher* in English and German, 400 of the special number of the *Watchman*, besides selling and giving away thousands of copies of other papers.

Yet I feel the need of more help. The calls for Bible readings are coming in more rapidly than I can fill them. There is a great field here to be worked and it takes a long time to get the Message before the people when we can hold but one reading with each family a week, but I feel assured that we shall see more fruit as the result of our efforts.

G. P. GAEDE.

## MISSIONARY

### A WORD FOR THE SOUTH

DEAR READERS OF THE VISITOR: Thinking it would be well for me to make a few statements concerning my return from the Southern field lest some should suppose it was resultant from failure or discouragement, and thus be restrained from making it their field of labor, I send you this report.

I have nothing discouraging to say about the work there. I surely enjoyed the year spent in South Carolina above any in the past, and was loath to return; nor should I have done so had my mother not needed my care. I am praying the Lord of the harvest to send efficient workers to the aid of those who are there that the pages of truth may be scattered before the way is closed. I was able to make my work more than self supporting from the first. I began about the middle of January and came away December 23, working about eleven months steadily.

Brother Dart is taking up the work by counties, the men taking the country and the women the cities and towns. They locate their headquarters as centrally as possible, and have a home for the accommodation of the workers in which they may take studies from Friday afternoon to Monday morning, which are very helpful to all. I did not connect with this company until six weeks prior to my departure, as I had previously begun work in another county which it was not best for me to leave until completed, but I found what I had missed after I was once a member of the company.

During the time I was in South Carolina, I put out \$630 worth of books. Four hundred and fifty-three were "Coming King," twenty-five "Great Controversy," and the remainder were helps. I found open doors and hospitality in nearly all the homes, and was able to deliver over half of my orders. People were glad to get the books for which I received many expressions of appreciation.

This same territory can be recanvased for such books as "Seer of Patmos," and "Story of Daniel." May the Lord lay the burden of the work upon those who are competent to give these people the Message for this time. The Lord says, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people."

May we awake to our opportunities.

MRS. E. Y. SMITH.

Oak Harbor, O.

### KNOWLTON, P. Q.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Another month has passed, and a bitter cold one it has been in Canada. I think only two days showed above zero, with the remainder from 6° to 30° below. Yesterday it was 20° below, and this morning 18° below zero. I have spent this day hauling sawdust to cover our ice crop at the sanitarium. I find it convenient to be all around man. I have enjoyed serving the Lord this winter at cutting ice and hauling wood and sawdust. We remain in fair health. This Province is barren and stony, and the farmers usually are poor. The people are largely French Catholics, but very clever and polite. While at a prothonotary's office yesterday at the court house, a rap was heard at the door and a Frenchman entered. It seemed strange that a citizen should rap at the door of the court house, but that is part of the politeness seen here. The Sunday law here has been so modified that the pith is about taken out of it. To-morrow it goes into effect.

Our young people are doing nicely at the sanitarium. Monday evening is devoted to music and singing; Tuesday evening, darning or mending; while some one reads from some instructive book or paper; Wednesday evening we have literary exercises; Thursday evening, anatomy; Friday evening, prayer meeting; Saturday evening, gymnastics; and Sunday evening, regular class Bible study.

The membership of the conference is not as large as that of the Cleveland church, and is scattered miles and miles apart among the mountains. There are some true and loyal men in this field. I had a letter from a young minister to-day who said he started out on a trip a few days ago and got buried in a snowdrift. He had to unhitch and lead his horse to the third house from the place he had been buried for shelter, and wait for the snowplow to plow the roads, before he could proceed. He found a family sick, and out of fuel. Between the storms he got some wood, and then went on his way. He declares that it takes muscle as well as faith to serve the Lord in this country. He is a brave soul from Iowa. This kind of a life develops a rugged Christianity, and men of decided opinions. These are a part of the "all things" that work for us a far more, and exceeding weight of glory. Elder Rickard, our former president, is now at the sanitarium quite ill with Bright's disease.

We are of good courage, only our dear Paul says he would like to move to Tennessee where it is warmer. We

will appreciate the transfer to the new earth the more for having lived in this one. My heart is in Ohio. There I was born of the flesh and Spirit, and there my children were begotten both in the flesh and in the Spirit, and if I shall some time have to lay aside my aggressive work, I shall hope to meet Jesus at his coming, or there find rest for my weary body until gathered with the saints of God.

Any letters from the friends in Ohio will be promptly answered. Greeting to all.

D. E. LINDSEY.

### HAVE FAITH IN GOD

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I would say as did the apostles at one time, "Lord, increase our faith." It seems to me if there was ever a time when we, as a people, ought to pray for genuine, living faith, it is now. For the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, because he knows that he has but a short time to work.

Do not we all find him going about doing the work which the Lord told us he would be doing in the last days of this world's history?

Let us listen a little longer and hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

Let each of us examine ourselves to see if we are being deceived and led away from the truth.

Again let us see what the Lord is saying to us through his word, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

The following is the prayer of your brother in the Master's service, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." May our faith be increased daily in the Lord and his truth.

F. E. GIBSON.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 20, 1907.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

### RELATION THAT SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY AND THE CHURCH\*

THE Young People's Society was organized for the purpose of training the youth of the church for active service in the Lord's work; to instill within them a greater love for God; a wider knowledge of his word; and to surround them with an influence that will guard them from enticements offered by the world. It is very necessary then that every young person who is a member of the church should unite with the Young People's Society, and thus obtain that protection. God would not have made known through his servant the necessity of the young people thus organizing if he had not seen the dangers by which they were surrounded.

While the individual members of any organization are only human and very apt to err, yet when it is an institution of God's ordering, he can work much good through human frailties, if they will but lend themselves to him. Moses, who had been raised in all the luxury and grandeur of Pharaoh's court, loved and mothered by Pharaoh's daughter, came to understand while he was still quite a young man that he was one of God's chosen children, and that if he wished to be of service to the Lord and escape the snares of worldly pleasure, he would have to affiliate himself with God's people: so Paul tells us that "by faith Moses, when he had come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter: choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

"In union there is strength." The young people must stand close together with a broad front to the enemy and with the older members of the church close by their sides to ever cheer, encourage and advise." William A. Alcott, in a little volume addressed to young men, says by way of introduction: "The young are often accused of being thoughtless, rash and unwilling to be advised." The first accusation he grants to be true, for he says, "They are thoughtless, for they are yet almost strangers to the world and its perplexities." In the second instance they may sometimes be rash,

but he says this generally arises from the buoyancy of spirits which health and vigor impart; but the third accusation, that they are unwilling to be advised, as a general rule appears to him untrue. He says that "when the feeling does exist, it often arises from mismanagement or from an unfortunate method of advising." This, from one who has made a study of young men and young people in general, their characters, dispositions, and needs, comes very near to the truth.

As a general thing young people are very grateful for advice from older people and in the Young People's Society, many times, the need of an older and wiser head with which to consult is felt. While it is shown in the "Testimonies" that a Young People's Society should be distinctly a society for young people, yet we are told that the church and Young People's Society should not be rival institutions. The Society is a department of the church, and both the church and the Society should recognize the relation. The Society should in no way draw the interest of its members away from the service or work of the church, and should not take the ascendancy in the minds and hearts of its members; but the young people are to be banded together that they may be more efficient workers for the church: always with the one object in view of spreading that all important Message of the Third Angel.

The object of the society as stated in the membership card, is "association for Bible study and mutual encouragement in every good work." To be eligible to membership the love of Jesus must be in the heart with a desire to engage in every good work. That would include the Sabbath-school work, prayer meeting services, and any missionary meeting. It should not mean a separation from these interests or a drawing apart from them.

Neither should the reverse condition obtain. The duty of the church to its young people is not well discharged, if, when a Young People's Society has been formed, it draws aside and looks on in the character of an "unconcerned spectator" nor even by "assuming the attitude of a sentry who gives the danger signal but makes no effort to avert threatening disaster."

The admonition is given for churches to rally to the support of the young people's work, without criticism for the inexperience of youth; and with charity, patience and forbearance, encourage them along what is many times a rough and not pleasant path. Paul in writing to Timothy and Titus

addresses them both as "my own dear son in the faith," and "my dearly beloved son" he affectionately calls Timothy in his second epistle to him, and informs him that without ceasing he has remembered him in his prayers night and day. Paul not only prayed for Timothy but let him know of his interest in him. After such kind, loving letters and messages as these two received from this worker who was older in the faith and older in years, they could feel free to go to him for any advice or encouragement of which they might feel a need as to a father.

Paul admonished Timothy in his second letter to him, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And this applies not only to the young man Timothy, but to every young person striving to lead a Christian life, for it has been shown time and again that the burden of the work of the final Message to the world will fall heaviest on the shoulders of the young people. Elder G. B. Thompson says the older heads will be needed for counsel, but the young, able bodied men and women will be called upon to go to the front rank and face the enemy in severe conflict.

Many are being called daily, and while it may be the lot of some to "be still and know that I am God," quietly and earnestly praying and working in the home field, God alone can tell who will be needed in difficult places in the last great struggle. So it behooves all to be preparing, while the hour is not yet come, for service, and studying God's word that they may be able to call to remembrance all things whenever they shall be needed.

M. FLORENCE HUTCH.

#### North Star

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I would like to say a few words in support of the canvassing work. The more I work at it, the more I am able to see the great need of its being done, and become convinced that it is the work for me to do. I would say to every brother and sister who is intending to start in this good work, or those who have doubts, step out and get a good taste from the cup of blessing there is in this work, and you will want to drink more deeply. Your brother in the Message,

ISAAC R. HARDEN.

"REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

\*Read before the Cleveland church on Young People's Day.

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at the Postoffice at Mt. Vernon, O., under the  
Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sabbath begins Mar. 15 at 6:06 P. M.

MRS. ALICE NELSON and baby of  
Battle Creek, Mich., have been visit-  
ing Mrs. G. A. Donnelly of this place.

BROTHER E. S. STEVENS, of Find-  
lay, O., has just sent us four subscrip-  
tions to the VISITOR. Go thou and do  
likewise.

BORN to Brother and Sister A. R.  
Little of Pleasant Hill, O., on Febru-  
ary 18, a son. The VISITOR extends  
congratulations.

BROTHER JOHN M. LEVERING, of  
Clyde, has responded to a call to con-  
nect with Mount Vernon College as its  
business manager.

ALTHOUGH Miss Russell has not  
been so well for a few days since, she  
is again improving, and we trust will  
soon be able to leave her bed.

PLEDGES to the "Tent" and "Bel-  
grave" funds are coming in very slow-  
ly. Will those who have subscribed  
to these funds remit at once. Send all  
remittances to the Treasurer of the  
Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Confer-  
ence, Mount Vernon, O.

ALL will be pleased to know that  
our nice new church building at Pow-  
ell, O., will be dedicated Sunday,  
March 24. We had hoped to have a  
good out of the building in this issue,  
but owing to its being delayed, we  
shall have to hold it over until next  
week. An article from Elder J. O.  
Miller will accompany it which all  
should read.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Mar. 1, 1907.)

R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Her-  
alds of the Morning: 14½ hours; value  
of orders, \$7; helps, \$3.50; total,  
\$10.50; deliveries \$19.25.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-  
ing King: 14 hours; value of orders,  
\$3; deliveries, \$26.50.

L. A. Holobaugh, Chillicothe.—  
Coming King: 24 hours; value of or-  
ders, \$16; deliveries, \$12.

Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—  
Coming King: 2½ hours; value of or-  
ders, \$2; deliveries, \$27.

D. C. Van Eman, Lima.—Coming  
King: 5 hours; value of orders, \$8;  
helps, \$7.75; total, \$8.75

### OBITUARY

EARNST.—Died at her home in Bellville, O.,  
Feb. 1, 1907, Eliza A. Earnst, aged 78 years, 7  
months and 15 days. She accepted present  
truth and united with the Seventh-day Ad-  
ventist church at Bellville, Oct. 18, 1894, where  
she retained her membership till the day of  
her death. She leaves a husband and two  
daughters to mourn. The funeral service was  
held at the family residence on Monday, Feb-  
ruary 4. Words of comfort were spoken by  
the writer from Job 14:1, a text she had previ-  
ously chosen for the occasion.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

LEADER.—Died of pneumonia Feb. 5, 1907.  
Paul Leader, aged 2 years and 8 months, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Leader, of Defiance. The  
writer had the privilege of speaking words of  
comfort to the bereaved parents and friends  
from James 4:14. While making house, to house  
calls the writer chanced to enter this home,  
where he spoke words of comfort to parents  
and Paul, then still living and in apparent good  
health. When sick Paul often spoke of the  
writer and asked if he was not coming home.  
He said that he was going home (meaning to  
rest). The door and hearts of this home are  
now wide open to the truth. Esther, the sis-  
ter of Paul, is coming to Sabbath school.

JOHN P. GARDNER.

SEVERANCE.—Died at her home in North  
Fairfield, O., Feb. 18, 1907, Charlotte Sever-  
ance, lacking but five days of completing her  
seventy-first year. Owing to the environments  
of early life, she had a natural dislike for  
Christianity and never made a profession till  
the autumn of 1896, when Elder W. J. Fitzger-  
ald and the writer pitched a tent in North  
Fairfield and conducted a series of meetings  
which she regularly attended. As a result she  
became interested in the study of the Bible  
and made it her constant companion. Four-  
teen years ago her husband died leaving her,  
with two sons to mourn. The sons married;  
one located at Durant, Indian Territory, and  
the other at Chicago, O., leaving the mother  
to occupy the homestead alone. I wish to say,  
however, to the credit of these young men,  
that they did not forget mother, but rendered  
her every attention and provision possible for  
comfort and support as long as life lasted. At  
a camp-meeting held at Tiffin in 1898, we had  
the privilege of administering the ordinance of  
baptism on Friday, August 19, a date she re-  
garded with a degree of sanctity ever after.  
On Wednesday afternoon, February 20, we laid  
her to rest with the blessed hope of a part in  
the first resurrection. A large and attentive  
audience was present at the funeral service  
which was conducted by the writer. The text  
used was Psalms 18:3, a selection of her own.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

EDWARDS.—Died at her home in Holgate, O.,  
March 2, 1907, of a complication of diseases.  
Mrs. Edna Belle Edwards nee Ackley, wife of  
Leroy M. Edwards, aged 45 years, 6 months and  
25 days. When fourteen years of age, she was  
baptized, and united with the Disciple Church,  
of which she remained a faithful member un-  
til eight years ago when she heard the Third  
Angel's Message preached, and accepted it.  
Although never having fully united with us,  
yet she was a firm believer of the truth and a  
careful observer of the Sabbath, and died with

a bright hope that Jesus would soon come to  
call her from the grave at the first resurrec-  
tion. She was a faithful wife and mother, al-  
ways ready to minister to the wants of the  
sick and afflicted, many times forgetting her  
own frailty in her anxiety to relieve suffering  
wherever she knew it to exist. She was con-  
scious to the last and gave full instructions as  
to all her funeral arrangements and also quoted  
the entire twenty-third Psalm a few moments  
before she died. She leaves a loving husband,  
three children, Merrill M., Arleeta L. and Wal-  
ter M., and also one brother and two sisters.  
Words of comfort were spoken by the writer  
from John 14:19, a text she had previously  
chosen, in the Presbyterian church of Hol-  
gate, and the remains were laid to rest in  
the cemetery at St. Joe, Ind., where a short  
service was also held.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

CHALMERS.—Henry Chalmers was born in  
Kirkcaldy, on the Firth of Forth, Scotland,  
on Feb. 10, 1835. He came to this country with  
his parents, who settled in Pittsburg, Penn.  
At the opening of the Civil War in 1861, he en-  
listed in the Federal army, and served through  
the entire conflict. He was married to Miss  
Mabella Henrietta Tyler of Allegheny City,  
Penn., on Oct. 31, 1867, and soon after moved  
to Canton, O. From thence he removed to  
Akron, O., in 1872, where he has since resided.  
Brother Chalmers accepted the Third Angel's  
Message in 1882 under the labors of Elders St.  
John and Underwood, and was one of the lit-  
tle company of twenty-three who covenanted  
together to keep the commandments of God,  
and was a faithful and devoted member until  
the day of his death. He fell asleep in Jesus  
on the morning of Jan. 8, 1907. His wife, five  
children and three brothers survive him. Yet  
they mourn not as those who have no hope for  
they know that if faithful to the end they  
shall be re-united when the Lord comes to  
claim his own. Thus one by one has death  
summoned the charter members of the Akron  
church, his wife, Mrs. M. H. Chalmers, being  
the only one left. Funeral services were con-  
ducted January 11 by the writer.

L. J. VAN HORN.

BRITTON.—Mrs. Angelina Britton, mother of  
Mrs. Robert Reed, of Excello, O., fell asleep in  
Jesus on Sunday, March 3, 1907, having reached  
the age of 85 years. Sister Britton being a  
widow, had lived with her daughter, Mrs.  
Robert Reed, for a number of years, and it was  
at their home that she quietly passed away,  
being ill but a few days previous. About the  
year 1883 she joined the United Presbyterian  
Church at South Monroe, O., and remained a  
member at that place until eight years ago  
when Elder J. G. Wood visited the home of  
Brother Reed and taught them the precious  
Message of the soon coming Saviour, and the  
importance of being ready to meet him. She  
always being ready to obey, rejoiced in the  
revelation, and with the rest of the family be-  
gan at once to follow the new light in which  
she remained until the day of her death. I  
copy the following from the Middletown Jour-  
nal, which shows how she was regarded by  
those who knew her: "Her life was com-  
pleted, if work all done and well done consti-  
tutes completion. Her Christian life was  
beautiful from its beginning to its close, and  
through all the sorrows of life her faith in  
God never wavered." Three children live to  
mourn the loss of the dear old mother of  
Israel, Mrs. Robert Reed, of Excello, O., Mrs.  
D. Hughes, of Oklahoma City, and one son,  
Ezra Britton, who resides at the old home near  
Monroe. Much comfort was realized upon the  
funeral occasion from the many precious  
promises to the children of God found in his  
word after which we laid her away in the  
beautiful Mount Cemetery at South Monroe,  
O., to await the call of the Lifegiver.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.