

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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MISSIONARY

TRUST

Just as God leads me I would go:
I would not ask to choose my way.
Content with what he will bestow:
Assured he will not let me stray.
So as he leads, my path I make,
And step by step I gladly take,
A child in him confiding.

Just as God leads, I am content;
I rest me calmly in his hands;
That which he hath declared and sent—
That which his will for me commands.
I would that he should all fulfill
That I should do his gracious will
In living and in dying.

Just as God leads, I all resign;
I trust me to my Father's will;
When reason's rays deceptive shine.
His counsel would I yet fulfill:
That which his love ordained as right,
Before he brought me to the light,
My all to him resigning.

Just as God leads me, I abide
In faith, in hope, in suffering, true:
His strength is ever by my side—
Can aught my hold on him undo?
I hold me firm in patience, knowing
That God my life is still bestowing—
The best in kindness sending.

Just as God leads, I onward go,
Oft amid thorns and briars keen;
God does not yet his guidance show—
But in the end it shall be seen
How by a loving Father's will,
Faithful and true he leads me still.

LAMPERTUS, 1825.

THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE Southern Missionary Society, which was organized a few years ago for the purpose of carrying on the work among the colored people of the South, was at first managed by a local board, with Brother J. E. White at its head. Recently the Southern Missionary Society was turned over to the Southern Union Conference, and is now managed and controlled by the officers of said Conference.

The objects of the Society are the same. They are giving attention to the education of the children of the colored people, and to the advancement of the truth among the colored people in the South especially.

Sometime ago a plan for raising means for the Southern Missionary

Society was devised and set in operation, which plan was for the Southern Missionary Society to furnish to individuals who desired to help the work in the South, self-denial boxes in which to place contributions designed for that work; and it was arranged that the individual should send this money direct to the Southern Missionary Society. Afterward it was suggested that the money be sent through the regular channels.

The brethren of the Southern Union Conference are engaged in a worthy enterprise in the education of the colored people, and we trust that our people will interest themselves in supplying the necessary funds for the work. If there are individuals in the Lake Union Conference that have these self-denial boxes, let them at once turn over whatever funds they may have to the church treasurer, and then let the church treasurer forward the money at once with the first remittances to the State treasurer, stating the purpose of the funds, so that it may be sent to the Union Conference treasurer, and then from the Union Conference treasurer to the Southern Missionary Society.

After all that has been said in the "Testimonies" regarding the work in the South, I feel confident that there is no lack of interest on the part of our people, and that only a little instruction is necessary in order that we may secure a flow of means into the treasury, for the purpose of establishing and conducting schools among the colored children in the South. The people are very poor, and they need the church school just as much as we need it in the North. Let us render what help we can.

ALLEN MOON.

AN EASY WAY TO HELP

THE Graysville Sanitarium is in need of flower and vegetable seeds, bulbs, plants, shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees, vines, etc. This sanitarium is a new institution located on the side of a mountain where a building site had to be made amid the underbrush and wild growth. Natural surroundings, with hills, ravines, and terraces, and such improvements

as we have been able to make, present a most promising outlook for a beautiful place.

A lack of means, this being a new work with unusual pioneer struggles, prevents us from making the outdoor improvements that ought to be made at once. Those who have such things to spare as are called for in this notice can give us quite material assistance just at a time when it is much needed. Address shipments, prepaid if possible, to Graysville Sanitarium, Graysville, Tenn.

We can also make very good use of canned and dried fruit, bedding, etc. We will be glad to give further information.

L. A. HANSON.

A LETTER

It has been some time since I have reported anything to you. We are all of good courage in the faith of the Third Angel's Message, and can see some of the results of our coming to this place, as we organized a church of nine members here last Sabbath. Several more are interested and willing to unite with us as soon as they can put aside a few things contrary to our doctrine. We expect to build a church, and if we can get a few more families of Sabbath keepers to locate here, we will start a church school.

Families living in Northern cities should locate all over the South, especially in places where the truth has never been preached. Land is cheap, and living expenses much less than in the cities. Any one thinking of locating in the South should always advise with some one living where they intend to go, as many are deceived and disappointed by land agents. I will always be glad to give information to any one as my business acquaints me with a large territory. The work in the South is progressing. Over one hundred new Sabbath keepers were reported in this, the Cumberland Conference, last year; but it will also close here first, and the work must be done quickly. Remember us in your prayers that we all may be ready for the soon coming Saviour. Yours in the blessed hope,

HARRY JACOBS.

Waynesburg, Ky.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE

DEDICATION OF THE POWELL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 24, was a day which perhaps will never be forgotten by the church at Powell.

Many prayers have ascended to the throne of grace for the success of the work at this place, and we believe the building was erected through the providence of God.

From the very beginning, when Elder J. O. Miller and Brother Floyd Gibson started the work, the blessing of God attended their efforts, and when considering the advisability of erecting a church, the Powell brethren said, "We will do all we can toward building a house of worship," and I am certain they have made their word good, and are worthy of commendation.

March 24, the brethren from different parts of the State gathered to assist in dedicating the building. The church of Columbus was represented by about fifty of their number.

Representatives from the Delaware and Dresden-Trinway churches were present. Elders J. O. Miller and Kirkendall with their wives were present from Mount Vernon. The outside attendance was good, as the day was all that could be desired. Elder Kirkendall gave a very interesting discourse in the forenoon, his subject being, "A Closer Walk with God."

The dedicatorial sermon preached in the afternoon by Elder Burkholder was one of earnest thought, delivered in a clear and connected manner. Elder Shannon offered the dedicatorial prayer. Elder Miller made a few remarks before the prayer, stating how God had guided his people to Powell, and showing how his blessing had attended all the way. He said they still needed one hundred dollars to complete the work. All were then given the privilege of having a part in completing the work, and ninety-one dollars was raised by donations and pledges. The Spirit of God was in each service, and I am sure a lasting impression was made on many minds. Elder J. O. Miller spoke in the evening on "Missionary Work and the Call I Have from a Strange People." The house was filled to its utmost capacity. The brethren from Columbus had to leave on an early train, so were unable to stay until the close of the meeting. Elder Miller asked Elder Shannon to speak to the people after he finished as it was still early. Brother Shan-

non then gave an earnest discourse on "Two Woes Already Past, and the Third and Last One Still to Follow."

As far as human wisdom and discernment could determine, the meeting was a success and eternity alone will reveal the character of the entire day. FRANCIS M. FAIROHIED.

HAMLER AND ELGIN MEETINGS

SINCE conference, I spent a few days very pleasantly with Brother Moffett, laboring at Ava, Noble Co. From there I went to Medina where I held two meetings with that little company. They are doing all they can to hold up the light of the full gospel in that city.

After spending February 22 and 23 in counsel with other workers, I took up district work by planning a general meeting in the districts assigned me. The first was held at Hamler in the Toledo District, March 8-10. There were only a few from the other churches, but those who did come felt, with the Hamler brethren, as they listened to the excellent sermons delivered by Elders Burkholder and Shannon, Doctor Jump and Brother J. P. Gaede, that they were well repaid for the time and money spent.

The meeting for the Lima district was held at Elgin from March 15-17, with Elder Shannon and Doctor Jump present, who gave some timely talks, both for our people and the people of the town who turned out very well each night. This meeting was better attended than that at Hamler, but I was sorry that many more were not present from the other churches for I know that they need the very things that were presented.

I have visited Findlay and Lima, and find in both places that they have done their part on the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund and are planning to do as much more. The way they carried on the work was by selling books. Even the children are doing their part. Let us do our part in this work, and God will bless us much more than he can at present.

March 7, I spoke at Ohio City. That company is small, but they are faithful in all lines of the work. They have been selling books.

I would like to have all those who desire meetings in either the Lima or Toledo districts to write me either at Bellefontaine or Mount Vernon, R. F. D. No. 1. W. E. BIDWELL.

"BLESSED will be the recompense of grace to those who have wrought for God in the simplicity of faith."

REPORTS

Akron

IN company with Elders H. H. Burkholder, J. E. Shultz, and C. T. Redfield, I had the pleasure of attending the district meeting held at Akron, March 1 to 3. The cozy little church was filled at each meeting. The subjects of "Tithing" and "Spirit of Prophecy" were ably presented by Elder Burkholder; "Young People's Work," by Elder J. E. Shultz; "The Sabbath" by Elder C. T. Redfield; and the writer endeavored to make plain some of the principles of right living.

The visiting laborers and members of sister churches were enjoyably entertained, and we pray that these acquaintances may be continued throughout eternity. H. M. JUMP.

Chillicothe

IT was my privilege to attend the district meeting at Chillicothe, March 20 to 22. Although the meetings were not largely attended, we felt the Holy Spirit's presence, and rejoiced that our Lord permitted us to enjoy these few days in pleasant and profitable association.

The first meeting was remarkably inspiring. Elder Kennedy chose for his text Jer. 22:29, "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

We were very deeply impressed with the subject as presented; indeed, it seemed to be the key note of the meetings. Especially opportune and instructive was Elder Burkholder's sermon on "Organization." Elder J. E. Shultz fittingly closed the services, by presenting the subject of "The Fifth Universal Kingdom."

The following laborers were in attendance: Elder H. H. Burkholder, Anna E. Smith, Hortense Howell, Elder R. R. Kennedy, Elder J. E. Shultz, Ida M. Walter, Elder C. A. Pedicord, Callie O. Gray, and the writer. H. M. JUMP.

THE programs for Medical Missionary Day (April 13) have been mailed to all the churches in the State. Should there be a company that has not received their copy, please notify me at once. The success of the exercises depends largely upon those who have a part in the carrying out of the program. Seek the Lord earnestly that the Holy Spirit may direct in the work. Work hard to make this service the success that it should be. H. M. JUMP.

Bowling Green, O., R. F. D. No. 2.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

A RECENT ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

No. 1

At the thirtieth session of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, held at Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 17 to March 6, 1893, the following Testimony was read from Mrs. E. G. White:—

"In regard to the Mount Vernon institution I would, could you hear my voice across the broad Pacific, say, 'Let the buildings be converted into a seminary to educate our youth in the place of enlarging the college at Battle Creek.' I have been shown that there should have been a church at Cleveland, O., and that there should be located school buildings in Ohio that would give character to the work."

In harmony with this instruction, it was recommended at this conference that an academy be opened at Mount Vernon, O., and that the buildings then occupied as a sanitarium be used for this purpose. At a subsequent meeting of the stockholders of the sanitarium, it was voted to adopt the recommendation, and a corporation was formed for the management of the school.

The purpose in opening this institution was to provide a place where the youth of both sexes might receive a Christian education under influences favorable to the development of Christian character. This purpose has since met with such hearty approval that it was thought best to broaden the range of work. Therefore at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 7, 1905, it was voted to re-incorporate the institution as a college and enlarge the work accordingly. Thus the necessary articles of incorporation were executed, and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on March 24, 1905.

The change of courses incident to the change from an academy to a college made it difficult for students to continue their work as begun. Other students who were sufficiently advanced to do so, desired not to enter our school until it had established a reputation as a college. This resulted in an attendance smaller than in the previous years which made it impossible to meet obligations. It is also true that the buildings which have been in use for a number of years begin to show signs of decay, which has made it imperative to expend money on their improvement. The fact that the attendance had decreased, and more

money was needed, than was being received to conduct the school, led to the decision to present the needs of the College to the delegates assembled at State conference. This having been done at the conference at Clyde, the following motion was introduced upon the floor of the conference, seconded and carried:—

"In consideration of what we have heard at this conference relative to Mount Vernon College, *We council*,—

"(a.) The Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College to early consider the advisability of changing the College to an academy.

"(b.) That we empower said Board to make any change they may consider necessary."

In harmony with this recommendation, the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College met in the office of the Ohio Conference, February 12.

The decisions reached, and the causes which led to such decisions will be set forth in the next issue of the VISITOR. JAMES E. SHULTZ,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

A SPIRITUAL BAPTISM

"I INDEED baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 3:11.

John the Baptist came preaching the baptism of repentance, thus preparing the way for the Saviour who was to come after him. This was his special mission given him by God to proclaim to the people of his day. He was not that light but was sent to bear witness of that Light. John 1:8.

The testimony that John bore in the wilderness of Judea concerning the spiritual baptism which the coming Messiah was to give, was a true and faithful one, but John the Baptist was not the only one who prophesied concerning the outpouring of God's Spirit on them who would accept the Saviour: we hear the prophet Joel proclaiming in prophetic language some 800 years before John the Baptist appeared to Israel, concerning this baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost which God would pour out on all flesh. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." Joel 2:28.

When Jesus came he confirmed this promise of God unto his disciples. During his stay with them, he had

been their joy and comfort; in every difficulty they found him a never failing friend, "one that sticketh closer than a brother"; there was not a question he was unable to solve for them, never a sorrow he was not able to soothe; but now he was about to leave them, but not comfortless, another comforter would take his place, and be always with these disciples who loved and followed their Master. "And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive." John 14:16, 17.

We find the promise of God fulfilled after the disciples had returned from Mount Olivet to the upper room at Jerusalem. Here they assembled with one accord making prayer and supplication for the promise of the Father which was confirmed to them by Jesus. Acts 1:14. The disciples were preparing themselves for the reception of this spiritual baptism as they sought God in earnest. Hitherto they had been unprepared, there was always some trouble among them, but as soon as they came together with oneness of mind, being of one accord, the promise was sent them.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all of one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1, 2, 4. Here we find the disciples endued with power from on high: they were not afraid to witness for Jesus now, the Spirit of God took away all fearfulness: they were able to speak different languages so that all nations represented that day at Jerusalem heard them tell the wonderful works of God in their own tongues wherein they were born. Acts 2:8-11.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire which was fulfilled in the disciples on the day of Pentecost is also for the people of God who are living in these latter days, even in the time of the end. There was a great work to be done in the days of the apostles, there is a greater work to be done now in our day; if they needed the baptism of the Holy Ghost to do the work which was assigned them, we need it more. If it came upon them in great power, it will come upon us in a greater measure, and this can be, and will be, when we prepare ourselves to receive him who will give us power to finish the work of God.

CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

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Renew at once.

THE College is in need of the Academy Calendars for the years 1893, 1897, 1898, 1899. Any one having any of these numbers will confer a great favor on the College either by sending them to the office, or letting us know where they can be obtained.

WE were pained to learn that the wife of our esteemed Elder J. G. Wood was laid to rest March 25. Funeral services were conducted by Elder R. R. Kennedy. May God bless our aged brother in this hour of bereavement. We hope for a more complete obituary in our next issue.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Mar. 22, 1907.)

Mrs. M. E. Grubb,* Wellston.—Great Controversy: value of helps, \$1; deliveries, \$17.25.

Mary Hubble,* Wellston.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$2.50; deliveries, \$34.

R. Degarmo, Portage Co.—Great Controversy: 25 hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$7.60; total, \$22.60.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 38 hours; value of orders, \$21; helps, \$3.75; total, \$24.75.

R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Heralds: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$7; deliveries, \$17.50.

Enos M. Horst, Wooster.—Coming King: 36 hours; value of orders, \$21; helps, \$3.50; total, \$24.50; deliveries, \$1.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Arcanum.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$3; deliveries, \$1.

L. A. Holobaugh,† Chillicothe.—Coming King: 14 hours; value of orders, \$12.50; deliveries, \$16.50.

Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$8.50.

*Week ending March 18.

†Two weeks.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$1.50; total, \$20.50; deliveries, \$1.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 3½ hours; value of orders, \$5.25; deliveries, \$20.75.

A. R. Hasemeler, Stanley.—Miscellaneous: 32 hours; value of orders, \$25.25.

N. O. Coffman, Elgin.—Miscellaneous: 8 hours; value of orders, \$6.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THOSE who have read the article from Elder Moon in our last issue have noticed that the collection to be taken April 6 is not to be given to the James White Memorial and Orphans' Homes of Battle Creek, Mich., but is to be sent to the treasurer of the Ohio Conference.

The institutions at Battle Creek are no longer under General Conference control, and should our people send their donations there, this cause would be the loser.

It has been learned that the management of the James White Memorial and Orphans' Homes has mailed a letter to all our churches, calling upon them to send all donations received on April 6 to the institutions, since it is claimed they are under the same management as in former years. Nine thousand of these letters have been sent out this week, and we call upon our churches throughout the Conference to beware lest they be ensnared into one of the enemy's traps.

Send all moneys donated to orphans and aged to the Treasurer of the Ohio S. D. A. Conference, Mount Vernon, O.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

\$150,000 FUND

THE following statement shows the amounts, by churches, paid to the \$150,000 fund up to and including the 31st day of March, 1907:—

Akron.....	\$ 13.67
Alliance.....	3.84
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	11.70
Bellefontaine.....	61.25
Bellville.....	8.00
Bowling Green.....	53.22
Brokaw.....	2.00
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	3.40
Canton.....	9.06
Chagrin Falls.....	27.63
Charloe.....	.....
Chicago.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	16.20
Cincinnati.....	79.78
Cleveland.....	324.54
Clyde.....	15.26
Columbiana.....	1.72
Columbus.....	91.28
Conneaut.....	18.00

Corsica.....	\$1.60
Coshocton.....	15.84
Cygnnet.....	8.35
Dayton.....	40.74
Defiance.....	24.96
Delaware.....	1.09
Dowling.....	.....
Dresden-Trinway.....	15.69
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	10.03
Elgin.....	100.00
Fairfield.....	.....
Farmer.....	6.00
Findlay.....	36.00
Fostoria.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	2.50
Hamilton.....	45.25
Hamler.....	85.05
Haskins.....	.....
Hicksville.....	2.00
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	18.71
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	45.43
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	13.67
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	18.25
Leesburg.....	32.24
Lewistown.....	2.60
Liberty Center.....	14.71
Lima.....	27.83
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	8.06
Marion.....	10.75
Marshfield.....	22.00
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	22.81
Medina.....	12.75
Meigs.....	5.00
Mendon.....	3.00
Middlefield.....	11.02
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	225.37
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	10.53
Norwalk.....	14.00
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	4.00
Piquia.....	20.00
Pleasant Hill.....	2.50
Powell.....	.....
Reedsville.....	3.50
Ravenna.....	10.00
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	1.00
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Sherwood.....	19.16
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	1.00
Shreve.....	2.55
Springfield.....	107.49
Toledo.....	73.75
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	2.50
Wadsworth.....	4.75
Walnut Grove.....	50.37
Washington C. H.....	82.00
Waterford.....	18.60
Wellsville.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	1.00
West Mansfield.....	5.06
Wheelersburg.....	97.20
Wilmington.....	25.40
Youngstown.....	33.90
Zanesville.....	10.12
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	85.51
Sent direct to Washington.....	289.62
Total.....	\$ 2,015.96

C. V. HAMER, Treas.