

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE SUMMER NORMAL

"In selecting teachers we should use every precaution, knowing that this is as solemn a matter as the selecting of persons for the ministry. The very best talent that can be secured is needed to educate and mold the minds of the young, and to carry on successfully the many lines of work that will need to be done by the teachers in our church schools. No person of an inferior or narrow cast of mind should be placed in charge of these schools. Do not place over the children young and inexperienced teachers who have no managing ability, for their efforts will tend to disorganization. Order is heaven's first law, and every school should, in this respect, be a model of heaven."—"Testimonies," vol. 6, pp. 200, 201.

"We do not need, in our church schools, those who have made a failure in every other enterprise in which they have engaged, neither does the work demand the services of an adventurer. It is not a work established to serve as an experimental station. This work is to 'mold the minds of the young,' and that this may be done successfully, we are instructed to select those whose ability and skill will be readily recognized."

For this reason we have been told that "wise men who can discern character should make the selection" of teachers. Therefore, it will be readily seen that not every one who desires to enter this work should be chosen. Only such as show ability, and are able to pass a thorough examination in all branches taught, and who give evidence of being soundly converted are eligible.

Since we are told that with respect to order "our schools should be a model of heaven," it will be necessary for those who enter this work to receive a special training in methods. It is for this reason that summer normals are held. Those who attend the Normal will have the assistance of men and women of experience in the

school work, who will be glad to assist others in surmounting obstacles which they have encountered when inexperienced in the art of teaching.

To those who are soundly converted to every principle of the Third Angel's Message, who are willing to sacrifice for its advancement, who are able to pass a thorough examination in the branches taught, we extend an urgent invitation to attend the Summer Normal to be held at Mount Vernon College from June 10 to July 21, 1907.

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Supt.*

AMONG THE CHURCHES

DEAR VISITOR: I called at Lewis-town April 11, and stopped over night with Brother George Graham and had a pleasant visit with him and others.

April 12 Brother L. R. Williams met me at St. Marys and drove me to his home, where I remained until the 21st, holding fifteen meetings, and visiting nearly all of the members of the Walnut Grove church. As I made the acquaintance of the different members of the church, I could not help noting that many were young and strong, with minds that God could use to his glory if they were only consecrated to his work. Nearly all attended quite regularly, and I believe all that attended felt fully repaid.

When we are careless of our little duties, Satan takes advantage and soon we find we are losing our interest in the truths for these last days, which mean salvation to all that hold to them, but condemnation to those who give them up.

April 22 found me at Fryburg, visiting Sister Davidson's family. They seemed pleased to have me with them, and I enjoyed the visit as well as the drive from the car line.

The next day I went to Piqua, where I held meetings each night until May 2, when I went to Laura, speaking at that place three times. Here they have a large number of children in the Sabbath-school which seems to be doing good work.

During these visits I enjoyed my work, as I met many for the first time and trust that in the future we can encourage and help each other in the

Master's work. Energy and faith mean salvation of souls; then let us not sleep as do others.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Defiance

WELCOME VISITOR: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31. This assurance was given the jailor before he had any time to ask his family if they were willing. However, he believed. Believing in Jesus means to obey him in all his commands. It further means to instruct and teach, by precept and example, the family in all the ways of Christ. And if you do your duty, the promise is, "Thou shalt be saved and thy house."

Brother George G. Williamson is beginning to realize the preciousness of that promise. Sabbath, May 11, the Defiance church witnessed the baptism of Brother Williamson, his wife and two daughters in the Auglaize River. These four precious souls are now rejoicing in the truth and in the fellowship of the saints and of Jesus Christ, their elder brother. And while not "all his house was baptized straightway," yet he clings to the promise, and hopes soon to see the younger members of his family follow.

This is the result of meetings held in March by the writer in a school-house four miles south. I would be glad to follow up the interest, but I must now leave them. It is needless to say the members here are happy with the result of these meetings. I have enjoyed my work here. And now I commend them to Jesus, the chief Shepherd and bishop of their souls. He is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day. He will surely keep them through all the trials that will naturally follow.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

LITTLE self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—*Canon Farrar.*

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

WHY FOUNDED*

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 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 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 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.

SUMMER NORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Introductory

FOR years there has been a growing demand for thorough and well qualified teachers to engage in church school work; and not a few of those who are thus engaged feel the need of further and better preparation for their work, and have asked that suitable provision be made at the College for the desired training. This work has been carried on for the past five years by the Ohio Conference Educational Superintendent together with

*This article and the one following are reprinted from the "Announcement of the Summer Normal."

various members of the College Faculty, who are always glad to help in this good cause. As to the good results, many of those who have attended are ready to testify.

In view of the fact that the General Conference Committee has decided to hold a Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention at Mount Vernon College July 12-21, 1907, at which time various members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference together with the leading Sabbath-school and Young People's Society workers throughout the United States will be present, it was thought advisable to hold a Summer Normal at Mount Vernon College beginning June 10 and continuing until the close of the Convention, thus affording our teachers, who will be in attendance, the extraordinary opportunity of enjoying the advantages of a meeting at which the interests of those for whom our teachers are laboring will be carefully considered.

Present Plans

In planning for the presentation of the different subjects, it has been arranged to employ as teachers members of the College Faculty, and well known and successful laborers of the Lake Union Conference. Thus the instruction will be thorough, practical, and adapted to the needs of the classes for whom the school is held. Opportunity to study normal methods will be afforded those who desire to do so. Teachers of experience will conduct these classes. Those who wish to take work in Practical Hydrotherapy will be given as much work as the time will allow in connection with the College Sanitarium. All regular recitations will be one hour in length. The last ten days will be devoted exclusively to Convention work.

Who Invited

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are engaged in church school work, and to any who may be prospective workers. We would especially urge all who feel their need of a review of any of the subjects offered to be present and get that preparation which will make them more efficient workers for the Master. We hope that many will avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from this brief, but thorough, course offered in the Summer Normal.

Courses of Study

The courses of study offered are those required by the Examination Board of the Lake Union Conference for License and Credentials. They are as follows:—

FOR CONFERENCE LICENSE

1. Reading
2. Spelling and Writing
3. Arithmetic
4. Grammar
5. Geography
6. U. S. History
7. Government
8. Physiology, Hygiene, and Simple Treatments
9. Hist. of Christian Education
10. Theory and Art of Teaching
11. Bible
12. Agriculture
13. Bookkeeping
14. Vocal Music
15. Carpentry, Hyg'nic Cooking, Sewing

FOR CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS

1. All subjects required for License
2. Drawing
3. Gen. History
4. Rhetoric
5. Botany

LAKE UNION CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS

1. All subjects for Conf. Credentials required
2. Algebra
3. Literature
4. Physics
5. Geometry
6. Mental Science

What to Bring

Each student will need to bring towels, napkins, and covers for a dresser, wash stand and study table; also bedding and pillows—only a mattress is furnished with the bed.

Expenses

It is the desire to reduce the expenses to the lowest possible point, and with this purpose in view, it has been decided to give use of rooms free to all the students of the Summer Normal who live in the Home, provided that the room is left in as good condition as it is found. All others than regular and prospective church school teachers will pay one dollar a week tuition. Board will be served on the European plan, giving the advantage for one to board as cheaply as possible. Some manual work will be offered, for which a reasonable compensation will be given, and by which some may be able to help bear expenses. The above rate applies to class work, and not to individual instruction, when such is desired.

Examinations

Examinations for Licenses, Conference Credentials, and Lake Union Credentials will be conducted by the Lake Union Board of Examiners on July 9 and 10, 1907. The following requirements are placed upon—

Licenses

"C" An average of 75, Min. 60. 1 yr
 "B" " " " 80, " 70. 2 yrs
 "A" " " " 90, " 80. 3 "

Conference Credentials

"B" An average of 80, Min. 70. 3 yrs
 "A" " " " 90, " 80, 5 "

Lake Union Credentials

"B" An average of 90, Min. 80. 5 yrs
 "A" " " " 95, " 90, Life

Credits in subjects of 90 per cent. or above will be carried over two consecutive examinations. All credits accepted in 1906 will be recognized this year only.

Lecture Course

Twelve evening lectures will be held, part of which will be illustrated.

A Teachers' Round Table

Will be conducted after each chapel exercise by some one previously selected by the Faculty.

Lectures

Lecturers on Sabbath-school and Young People's Work During Convention:—

A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson, W. A. Spicer, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, M. E. Kern, Frederick Griggs.

How to Plan for Studies

While the Summer Normal offers a variety of subjects, the limit of six weeks for the term makes intensive study imperative; consequently, it is advisable to plan for only the *one or two* studies specially desired, and devote the time wholly to them. Do not make the oft repeated mistake of grasping for everything, and then going away with nothing that is available for service.

Write us at once and tell us when you are coming.

Take the street car at either depot, and it will bring you to the College. Bring your trunk checks with you to the College office, and your baggage will be safely delivered.

WE would like the name and address of every young man and woman of the State who is of sufficient age to attend the College the coming year. There are some plans which are being developed for the strengthening of the work which we wish you all to know about. These will be explained in our new Calendar which will soon be from the press. We wish your names, so as to be able to send you one. Send us the names of your friends also that we may send them one. Now is the time to begin planning to enter College this fall. Think school, talk school, and you will be more likely to be in school.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL**"THE KIND OF TEACHER I LIKE"**

SOME people are natural teachers, but the subject matter is formed later by true study. Talent is always to be used, whether natural or acquired, and the time of a class should not be wasted by a poor teacher, if good and naturally gifted ones are in the school and can be used. Many fail in their efforts to impart truth because their study of the Bible is improperly carried forward or because they do not speak distinctly, and use good articulation. The teacher should cultivate his mental powers. Christ would have them improve the talents he has given. The earlier education should be such as will agree with what is taught later, and help to impress the truth upon the minds of the students. Every lesson of childhood and youth will come up in later teaching.

The language of the teacher should consist of simple words and clearly stated ideas, making sure that the class understands them. If they cannot comprehend your ideas, then your labor is lost. Students should not be placed under teachers who are indolent, who have no high, elevated aspirations; but under those who have a living connection with God; who have an appetite for study themselves, and who are not satisfied unless they see something accomplished. Teachers should cultivate a teachable spirit, be sharp, witty, intelligent, and "apt to teach." The education of the teacher should not be greater than consecration in the Sabbath-school work. Consecration, prayer and study are the foundation steps in the teacher's work, and unless they become to him a living experience, his work will be inefficient. Much is often lost through lack of consecration. Consecration with concentration will work wonders.

Let the teacher be trained to study the minds of the students, and lead them only as fast as they can well think. A true educator will carry the minds of his hearers with him, and will come close to all hearts by aptness, by sympathy, by patient and determined effort to interest every one.

The life of the teacher should be an emphasis to the lesson taught. Personal experiences may occasionally be cited to elucidate a point, a reality in the teacher's life being easier taught than a mere mental picture.

Books, quotations, illustrations, drawings, imitations, as in gestures and examples, may also be used; but a well studied lesson will be the best

help. It is a dishonor to God to try to teach an unstudied lesson from his word.

Students need personal and peculiar help which varies with each one. Friendship holds the interest and encourages both teacher and scholar. The teacher should study to apply the lesson to the daily life of his scholars. In 1 Tim. 4:11-16 we are exhorted to teach by example, charity, faith, purity, meditation and doctrine.

This shows that only that which would help to develop a thorough Christian should be taught. We are to teach Christ as our example, not *self*. No teacher should endeavor to teach what is not lived out in his own life, or his *own* personal ideas. A correct Christian character, exemplified in the daily life, will do a great work in the character building of your class,—more, far more, than all your teaching and oft repeated lessons. One lesson well learned is better than many half learned.

Emphasize the principle point of the lesson as often as is necessary. Let the student think and talk with the teacher. It is not best for the teacher to do all the talking; the class should be allowed to tell what they know.

The teacher should ask the same question in different words, and vary the method of teaching from one Sabbath to another. Do not talk without the attention of the class. True teaching is accompanied by the learning of those taught.

Every earnest question is a golden opportunity to make a strong impression upon the minds of the class. The teacher should not do all the thinking. Watch for expressions of query, doubt, or ignorance which may need additional explanation, and be sure to leave no disconnected thoughts.

Preparation for the work is one of the greatest means of securing success. Know *what* to teach as well as *how* to teach. Apologies are never *very* instructive. Always be ready to reply to questions which naturally arise in studying a lesson. Impracticable, hard, or unnecessary questions should be avoided, as these weary the scholars.

Teachers should not parade the ignorance of a student, use sharp words, or manifest an uncontrolled spirit, but mingle mercy with justice.

We can all be teachers. Christ has given us the command, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations." While we may not all teach in the same way, we are continually, by our every word and act, teaching some one a right or wrong lesson. So let us remember, "Great lessons are taught only by great efforts."

EDITH M. FISHER.

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It has been decided to hold the annual camp-meeting Aug. 9-19, 1907.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL and wife and family left Academia last week, and after visiting relatives and friends in Ashland County, will remove to their new home in northern Illinois. May the blessing of the Lord accompany them.

Tired! Well, what of that?
Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease,
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the
* breeze?
Come, rouse thee! work while it is called to-
day!
Come, arise! go forth upon thy way!
—Farm Journal.

\$150,000 FUND

OHIO'S quota to the \$150,000 Fund is nearly \$6,100. Of this amount \$2,785.92 has been sent in. The District of Columbia, Arizona, and Nebraska have sent in their full quota. "Who will be next?" Why not Ohio? The harvest field (Matt. 13: 38, 39) is calling for means and laborers. Why not respond?

A GRAND SUCCESS

THE sale of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is no longer an experiment. From a very few who had the courage to begin this work, the number has grown until half a hundred consecrated workers are each week enjoying rich experiences selling the *Signs of the Times*. And this work has proved a grand success. It is growing; several large clubs have more than doubled in number, and almost every day orders are received from those desiring to take up the sale of a regular number of the *Signs of the Times* each week.

You can best appreciate how the Lord is blessing in this work by hearing direct from a few who are engaged in it. Here are copies of two letters which have been received.

From a sister who devotes her entire time to the sale of papers in Los Angeles, Cal.:—

"I am having good success, and am getting stronger, so I can work longer, and am now selling 150 copies a day. I have no trouble to sell the *Signs*. People seem anxious to hear the word of truth, and ask many questions about it. Kindly send 400 this week, and I hope to need this many or more each week."

From a brother who recently sent subscriptions for seventy-five copies to begin with the first in the special series:—

"'Enthusiastic' quite expresses my state of mind at present when speaking of the special *Signs*. From a state of dread and doubt to the condition spoken of above has been my experience since selling the *Signs*. We are selling for five cents a copy, or five copies for fifteen cents, and most of the people take them for five weeks. You may send seventy-five of No. 4, also seventy-five of each succeeding number unless I inform you otherwise."

Dear reader, are you not also impressed with the greatness of this work? You have often noticed in connection with an agency offer these words, "Experience not necessary." The wonderful success which has at-

tended those who have taken up selling the *Signs of the Times* proves that this is true with reference to this work.

The corps of house to house workers with the *Signs of the Times* is composed of the very best missionary workers in the world, and new members are being gladly welcomed. It will be a pleasure to help you in beginning this work, even though you can only use a very few copies each week. A special price is given to the individual who takes up the sale of fifty copies each week. The paper sells readily for five cents. This special price is given in the *Signs of the Times Booklet*, which will be gladly furnished you.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending May 17, 1907.)

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 42 hours; value of orders, \$4.50; helps, \$29; total, \$33.50.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 18 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$3.50; total, \$6.

Enos M. Horst,* Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 43 hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$.90; total, \$30.90; deliveries, \$13.50.

R. Degarmo,† Portage Co.—Great Controversy: 9½ hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$14.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Great Controversy: 39 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$10.65; total, \$20.65; deliveries, \$12.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Heralds of the Morning: 6½ hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$.75; total, \$5.75; deliveries, \$2.50.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 20½ hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$1.75; total, \$10.75; deliveries, \$13.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$15.50; helps, \$8.50; total, \$24; deliveries, \$2.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill,* Wooster.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$3.50; total, \$9.50; deliveries, \$9.50.

S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$3.50; total, \$9.50; deliveries, \$13.50.

A. L. Bassler,* Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 29½ hours; value of orders, \$31; deliveries, \$22.25.

*Two weeks.

†Week ending May 10.