

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## OUR WORK AND WORKERS

### THE HURRYING HOURS

How often the thought comes home to me,  
As the moments hurry away,  
Of the many things I intended to do  
Somehow, sometime, some way.  
There are promises that have not been kept,  
Though I always meant to be true,  
But time is too short for all the things  
That a body intends to do.

I will answer a letter, or read a book,  
I will write a bit of a rhyme;  
I will do the things that I ought to do—  
Some day when I have the time.  
So I look beyond, as I hope and plan  
For the days that are just ahead,  
While the day that is here goes into the grave  
With its opportunities dead.

To-day is the only day we have,  
Of to-morrow we can't be sure:  
To seize the chance as it comes along  
Is the way to make it secure.  
For every year is a shorter year,  
And this is a truth sublime—  
A moment misspent is a jewel lost  
From the treasury of time.

ARTHUR LEWIS

### WHAT SHALL WE DO?

FIFTEEN members of the General Conference Committee, together with a large number of workers throughout Europe at a council recently held at Gland, Switzerland, unanimously adopted the following:—

"Whereas, it has been suggested by some of our conference presidents and other leading brethren that the Mid-Summer Offering for 1907 be applied on the \$150,000 Fund; and—

"Whereas, our conference officers and laborers have been making earnest efforts to raise this fund at an early date; therefore,—

"We recommend, 1. That the Mid-Summer Offering for this year be taken in behalf of the missionary enterprises to be helped by the \$150,000 and applied on this Fund.

"2. That the date for taking this Offering be Sabbath, June 29, 1907.

"3. That we invite our people everywhere in the United States and Canada to make a general rally on this occasion and raise as large a donation as possible."

Now dear brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference, what shall we do? Shall we take this matter to the

Lord in earnest prayer and learn of him what part he would have us individually take? Another opportunity is here afforded us of helping to raise our share of the \$150,000 Fund which means much toward the final triumph of the Message and the glorious appearing of our coming King. Shall we not make another earnest effort to finish our part in raising this much needed fund? May the Lord so impress us with a sense of duty that we may not let this opportunity pass unimproved. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING

WORD has been received from the General Conference Council in Switzerland that it was decided to take up the Mid-Summer Offering on Sabbath, June 29, and that the proceeds of this offering be turned into the \$150,000 Fund. The time is near at hand, and yet there is time enough left for every one to make preparation for a liberal offering. It is not intended that those that have already contributed toward the \$150,000 Fund should be denied the privilege of making a still further contribution at the time of the Mid-Summer Offering; and especially will this be an opportunity for those who have contributed nothing so far toward the Fund for the extension of the work in the great mission field. What a grand privilege there is now in this opportunity for every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to make a liberal offering for the advancement of the work!

While our people throughout the Lake Union Conference have done nobly in raising this large fund, yet it is not nearly completed. There is nothing inconsistent in believing that every one will now do his part, and that the balance of the Fund will be provided for at the time of this Mid-Summer Offering. Certainly it is not an impossible thing to accomplish. There are those perhaps that have means in the banks, that could be spared quite as well as not. If the Lord moves upon the hearts of such to contribute quite large sums, we feel very sure that the blessing of God will attend such a decision; for in this way such individuals may be able to make up for those that are in poorer circum-

stances, and not able to raise even the full amount of the smaller sum allotted. Let us lay aside all thought of an individual assessment, and give as the Lord has given to us. The power to get wealth is from the Lord, so we are told in the word of God, and in our giving, let us give as he hath prospered us. This is the Lord's plan; and if it is strictly followed in the case of the Mid-Summer Offering, there certainly will be an abundance to complete the raising of the \$150,000 Fund. A word to the wise is sufficient. Let us all act upon these principles, and the work will be accomplished.

ALLEN MOON.

### THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING

THIS offering has been a source of great help in carrying the last Message of mercy to a dying world. For nearly seventy-four years the Third Angel's Message has been steadily moving on. Through heat and cold, God's faithful servants have been urged forward by the pleading voice of God and the Macedonian cry of the millions who are dying, whose outstretched arms are calling for help, until the work has entered almost every corner of this dark world of sin. We can almost see the last setting sun.

It is at such a time as this when the kingdom is in sight,—the long looked for home of the faithful,—that our brethren who have been placed foremost in the battle are asking for help. The One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund is moving slowly forward. But notwithstanding its progress, those who have this work in charge, who are struggling with the situation, and who understand the great need of immediate help, are asking that the Mid-Summer Offering this year be applied or given to this Fund, so the money can be raised as quickly as possible. The time set for this Mid-Summer Offering is June 29.

Dear brethren, we are nearing the fruition of our hopes; we are nearing the time spoken of in the Revelation by the Seer of Patmos, when mountain chains will be seen sinking and inhabited islands will disappear. The

cause we love, and to which we have pledged our lives, needs help TO-DAY. The General Conference Committee and our faithful brethren who have been given the oversight of this work are helpless without our aid. May our heavenly Father help us to do our full duty in this time of distress and need. Your brother in the blessed hope,  
FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

## TO THE DEAR VISITOR READERS

### Letter No. 1

I HAVE been away from Ohio now for three months, and I will try to relate some things about our work here at Washington which will perhaps be interesting to some of you. I have been very busy and consequently have corresponded very little with friends in Ohio. I arrived here with my family March 4, after having quite a comfortable ride on the sleeper. Brother Robinson met us at the train and assisted in getting our things to the Washington Branch Sanitarium.

Dr. Harding, the sanitarium superintendent, and wife; Mrs. G. A. Irwin, the matron; Misses Clara Hampel, Maud Rudolph, Winiford Woodford, and Dr. Estella Houser, all Ohio friends, greeted us when we arrived. Here we were kindly cared for several days until we could rent a house and move in. We were thankful that our household goods had arrived before us, with very little injury.

It seemed a little strange here, at first, in many ways. The houses are all so closely joined together, just as though one house was built a block wide, a small front yard of from five to fifteen feet from the street to the house and about the same in the rear for a back yard. A hard coal or gas range is furnished with each house, and very few houses are without a bathroom. Nearly all the houses are built either of brick or stone, except in the suburbs. Rent is very high, ranging from twenty to one hundred dollars a month. Hard coal, the only kind of coal used here, costs \$7.25 a ton. Other things, in the way of living, are very nearly the same as in Ohio except food supplies, which are a trifle higher.

This city contains something over 200,000 inhabitants, and is not quite as large as Toledo. The city of Washington proper is situated in the heart of the District of Columbia, and is surrounded on nearly every side by about a dozen suburban sections which are small towns of themselves. These are in the District of Columbia, yet they range from one to six miles from the city proper. Takoma Park, where

our General Conference headquarters, Training College, Review & Herald, and new Sanitarium are located, is one of these suburbs.

I am truly glad that God has led his people to such a splendid place to establish a strong work for him. The future, not far distant, will reveal the wisdom of this move and the advantage of having this strong, established work here at the nation's headquarters. I trust that no one in Ohio who has given their means to help the work here will feel that it has been in vain. The messenger of the Lord has spoken concerning the work here, and the Lord's servants could do no more than obey and move forward according to their best judgment.

We now have about 450 believers in the District who stand loyal to the denomination. The Lord is blessing his work here and the truth is triumphing at our nation's capital. Pray for us and the work here.

Mrs. House and the babies are well with the exception of colds contracted during the inclement weather this spring. We wish to be remembered by all our dear friends in Ohio. Yours in the closing Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

Washington, D. C.

## THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING

It has been decided by the General Conference Committee that this annual collection shall be applied to the \$150,000 Fund. Many have done nobly in our Conference. Some churches have made up their portion, still our State has not completed its task. Brethren, let us make a careful study of the needs of the cause, and the apportionment of this fund.

We, as a people, were never so thoroughly organized for work as we are at this time. We never shall have so favorable a time in which to work. Satan is organizing his forces to overthrow the work of God. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." We are living amidst the perils of the last days.

Let us have faith in God. None can stay his hand or say unto him, "What doest thou?" "The true light now shineth, and will light up the souls in which the windows are opened heavenward." The fields are white already unto the harvest. Consecrated men and women of ability are ready to join the ranks already formed to finish the work. Shall we say to them, we have no means in the treasury to support you?

"A crisis is right upon us." It will not be long before every one will have heard the warning and made his decision. "Then shall the end come." If we have decided to invest our means in the bank of heaven before the end, we must hasten. The Lord will soon cut short his work in righteousness. There shall be delay no longer. God calls for offerings from those who can give, and even the poorer members can do their little. Self-denial will enable all to do something. God calls for sacrifice. Let every one do his best to raise this fund that will bring rejoicing to all the saints of God and joy to the angels in heaven.

R. R. KENNEDY.

## TOLEDO DISTRICT

DEAR VISITOR: Since my last report I have had the privilege of visiting several churches in the Toledo district. May 9 I reached Locust Point, found the brethren all well and anxious for meetings. This little church is always faithful in its attendance at each service, so God is blessing them. If all were as faithful in every church, there would not be the indifference that we often find is a sure forerunner of backsliding. Let us be more faithful, brethren, on this line as well as others.

We had a good quarterly meeting; all but two were present and took part in the service. Sister E. Y. Smith, who has recently returned from the Southland to care for her aged mother, who is quite feeble, was present at the meeting with words of courage for the South. This little church knows the value of our papers for you will find them in nearly all our homes.

May 14 and 15 we spent at Delta, holding services each evening. It seemed good to meet those that I had met four years ago, and with them some new ones. Several young people desire baptism. There must be some form of organization brought about so as to bind them closer to the body.

May 16-18 was spent at Findlay. The brethren are earnestly seeking for more of God's Spirit to enable them to do the work that is to be done in their city. New ones are taking their stand for the truth through the efforts of the members of this church. I found them well up on financial lines as well. We need to be watchful (1 Pet. 5:6-9) lest the enemy come in and hinder the work we hope to accomplish. As far as I could see, they are doing good work. They desire our ministers to call upon them.

Sabbath, May 18, quarterly meeting was held with the Cygnet church. This

is the first time I have met with them since the organization of the church. Many changes have taken place since then. A number have moved away and connected with other churches; but others have come in and taken their places. We had a fine meeting which all enjoyed. There are several to be baptized.

May 20 I spoke to the Defiance church. They miss Brother J. P. Gaede, who has been assigned to other fields, but are rejoicing in the addition of four new members to their church. If they keep up good courage, the Lord will send them help.

I stayed all night at the sanitarium. Brother and Sister Aycock have charge now, and I believe that they will do a good work there and also for the church.

I spent several days at Charloe. The ordinances were celebrated. One of the members remarked that "this is the best quarterly meeting I ever attended." The next day I baptized a young man who has lately taken his stand with us, thus adding one more to the Charloe church. More will be added to the church, if all will be careful to walk uprightly before God. 1 Tim. 4:16.

I am now at Elgin. The brethren are of good courage. Brother Williams and I expect to pitch the tent three miles northeast of Conant, Allen County. Pray for the work.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Spencerville, O., care of Samuel Potts,  
R. F. D. R. 2.

## TENTS! TENTS!

CAMP-MEETING time is drawing nigh. The location and grounds at Marion, O., are fine. We are anticipating a large attendance, and shall need more tents.

I am happy to say that the new tents that were ordered last winter are almost completed. They are very nice. They are twelve feet four inches wide by fourteen feet long. They have stripped flies and are extra well made throughout. We have agreed to pay for them as soon as they are completed. Quite a number have already paid their pledges, for which we are very thankful. Several have delayed for various reasons, as the money would not be needed before the tents were finished. As above stated, that time has about arrived, so please remit at your earliest convenience. Send all remittances to Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Mount Vernon, O., and oblige.

R. R. KENNEDY, Business Agent.

## A CANVASSER'S LETTER

THE Spirit of God is truly with those that are taking up that part of the work which is sometimes considered "to be less honorable," and the angels go before us preparing the hearts of the people to receive the "silent messengers" upon which we place such a high value.

At such times Satan is present with his cunning craftiness, coming in like a flood, and causing the people to cry "hard times" on account of the cold, wet, backward spring. When we call upon God, he raises up a standard against him, and gives us an opportunity to tell the people that the heart is still more hard than the times, to which they all agree, and this gives an opportunity to show that "the earth shall wax old like a garment," and is suffering from the effects of sin.

In going from house to house one sees the world's need of a Saviour; also our own need of a deeper consecration, and then the experience comes to us, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

IRA J. GAULT.

## THE CAMP-MEETINGS HELD IN OHIO

CLYDE, 1869: Clyde, 1870: Mansfield, 1871: Mansfield, 1872: Lexington, 1873: Bowling Green, 1875: Norwalk, 1876: Newark, 1877: Tiffin, 1878: Spring Mills, 1879: Clyde, 1880: Plymouth, 1881: Delaware, 1882: Gallon, 1883: Columbus, 1884: Springfield, 1885: Mount Vernon, 1886: Cleveland, 1887: Columbus, 1888: Mount Vernon, 1889: Marion, 1890: Mount Vernon, 1891: Cleveland, 1892: Mount Vernon, 1893: Newark, 1894: Newark, 1895: Findlay, 1896: Springfield, 1897: Tiffin, 1898: Akron, 1899: Dayton, 1900: Canton, 1901: Coshocton, 1902: Mount Vernon, 1903: Marysville, 1904: Mansfield, 1905: Troy, 1906.

### Byesville

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: During the month of May I have been following up the work in Derwent. The Sabbath-school has grown to twelve in number, and is held at the home of Sister Devore, who has kept the Sabbath for years. Two of the converts are middle aged ladies, and four are young people in their teens. Two were Sunday-school teachers. One young man is planning to earn a scholarship in Mount Vernon College. We are very grateful to the Master as we see

these dear souls drinking in and acting upon each point of present truth.

With Brother George Sterling, one of the Mount Vernon College students, we opened tent meetings here in Byesville to-night, Sunday, June 2, and ask for the prayers of the readers of this report for the blessing of God upon the effort.

W. C. MOFFETT.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending May 31, 1907.)

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 17 hours; value of orders, \$15.75.

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$20; helps, \$5; total, \$25.

Ross Lindsay, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: value of orders, \$60.

Enos M. Horst, Wooster.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$5; helps, \$1; total, \$6.

R. Degarmo, Akron.—Great Controversy: 13 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$4; total, \$18.50.

Ira J. Gault, Ashland Co.—Great Controversy: 38 hours; value of orders, \$32.50; helps, \$4.75; total, \$37.25.

A. R. Hasemeier, Defiance Co.—Heralds of the Morning: 16 hours; value of orders, \$5.25; helps, \$7.50; total, \$12.75.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Heralds of the Morning: 8 hours; value of orders, \$14; helps, \$1.50; total, \$15.50; deliveries, \$3.50.

E. J. C. Sharp,\* Pike Co.—Bible Footlights: 55 hours; value of orders, \$51; helps, \$9; total, \$60.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$3; total, \$11; deliveries, \$9.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$11.25; deliveries, \$3.

Mrs. Hetty Krabill, Wooster.—Coming King: 23 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2.25; total, \$10.25.

S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 7 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$2; total, \$11; deliveries, \$13.50.

A. L. Bassler, Richland Co.—Miscellaneous: 9½ hours; value of orders, \$8; deliveries, \$32.50.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: 22 hours; value of orders, \$13; deliveries, \$8.85.

Mrs. A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$7.

\*Two weeks.

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MISS MAUD LINDSAY, of Columbi-  
ana, O., has been visiting Miss Ma-  
bel Donnelly.

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

BROTHER N. S. MILLER is enter-  
taining his mother, Mrs. S. L. Miller,  
of Cleveland, and Mrs. Chadham and  
baby, of Conneaut, O.

BROTHER FRED FAIRCHILD writes  
that there is a splendid opportunity to  
begin sanitarium work in Zanesville.  
Any one interested should address  
him at No. 515 Underwood St., Zanes-  
ville, O.

MUCH of the literature referred to  
in Elder Santee's article in last week's  
VISITOR is reaching our Ohio breth-  
ren, and we feel that a word in time,  
from one who has been on the field,  
may avert future mistakes.

WHEN we think that our educa-  
tional work as a denomination only  
began a few years ago and that last  
year there were employed in our  
church schools, colleges and acad-  
emies seven hundred and twenty-three  
teachers with a total enrollment of ten  
thousand six hundred and fifty-three  
students, we should press on in the  
good work and take courage. From  
this hundreds and thousands of work-  
ers are being prepared for the cause.  
—The Kansas Worker.

### MISER—MISERABLE

IT is a remarkable fact that men  
should have agreed to apply the word  
"miser," or miserable, to the man  
eminently addicted to the vice of cov-  
etousness, to him who loves his money  
with his whole heart and soul. Here,  
too, the moral instinct lying deep in  
all hearts has borne testimony to the  
tormenting nature of this vice, and  
the man who enslaves himself to his  
money is proclaimed, in our very lan-  
guage, to be a "miser"; that is, a  
"miserable man."—Trench.

"THE only time for service for  
God in saving the lost is now. No  
word need be spoken on the other shore  
to cheer a brother's heart, for there  
courage will reign supreme. No help-  
ing hand will there be needed to  
strengthen one through a great temp-  
tation, for there temptations will be  
unknown. No orphan's cry nor wid-  
ow's tear will appeal to us for help,  
for there shall be no more crying, and  
'God shall wipe away all tears from  
their eyes.'"

### THE \$150,000 FUND

WE are appending hereto a list of  
churches with the amount each has  
paid toward the \$150,000 Fund, up to  
and including the ninth day of June,  
1907.

While a few of the churches have  
paid their quota in full, and some  
have even over paid, yet a large  
number have fallen short of paying  
even a tithe of what it was confidently  
hoped they would pay.

We learn from a perusal of the dif-  
ferent conference papers that a num-  
ber of the conferences are paying  
their proportion to this much needed  
Fund quite rapidly; indeed several  
have paid the full proportion required  
to make up the whole, and are still  
paying in order that the full amount  
may be paid in the sooner, thus en-  
abling those institutions which are to  
be benefited by this Fund to prose-  
cute the plans for improvements which  
they have been so long confidently ex-  
pecting to bring to a finish.

Shall we, of the Ohio Conference  
longer delay the duty which we owe?  
Shall it be said of the Ohio Confer-  
ence, always among the first in the  
liberality of her donations, that she  
is falling behind? God forbid.

This Conference is to furnish this  
large Fund \$5,000; of this sum we  
have yet to raise over \$2,000. Shall  
it be raised at once? or shall we put  
it off? These questions are pertinent  
and remain to be answered by our-  
selves. What shall the answer be?

"God loveth a cheerful giver."

Akron.....	\$ 28.79
Alliance.....	12.90
Barnesville.....	5.00
Beaver.....	11.70
Bellefontaine.....	61.25
Bellville.....	9.18
Bowling Green.....	64.62
Brokaw.....	2.00
Broughton.....	1.00
Camden.....	7.40
Canton.....	11.56
Chagrin Falls.....	35.81
Charloe.....	.....
Chicago.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	16.20
Cincinnati.....	88.31
Cleveland.....	347.43
Clyde.....	22.95
Columbiana.....	8.82

Columbus.....	98.38
Conneaut.....	18.00
Corsica.....	21.00
Coshocton.....	15.34
Cygnets.....	8.35
Dayton.....	78.88
Defiance.....	27.06
Delaware.....	9.08
Delta.....	4.00
Dowling.....	.....
Dresden-Triway.....	18.24
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	10.03
Elgin.....	101.00
Fairfield.....	.....
Farmer.....	6.00
Findlay.....	86.00
Fostoria.....	.....
Green Spring.....	4.08
Hamilton.....	59.25
Hamler.....	94.91
Haskins.....	.....
Hicksville.....	2.00
Jefferson.....	18.71
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	52.69
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	13.67
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	27.75
Leesburg.....	40.48
Lewistown.....	2.80
Liberty Center.....	19.74
Lima.....	27.83
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	13.64
Marion.....	10.75
Marshfield.....	22.00
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	22.81
Medina.....	12.75
Meigs.....	5.00
Mendon.....	3.00
Middlefield.....	11.82
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	277.18
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	31.03
Norwalk.....	24.19
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	4.00
Piqua.....	20.00
Pleasant Hill.....	2.50
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	10.00
Reedsville.....	3.50
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	1.00
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Shelby.....	.....
Sherwood.....	19.16
Shreve.....	2.55
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	1.00
Springfield.....	126.72
Toledo.....	103.52
Troy.....	13.50
Van Wert.....	4.25
Wadsworth.....	7.00
Walnut Grove.....	53.87
Washington C. H.....	47.50
Waterford.....	26.60
Wellsville.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	1.00
West Mansfield.....	5.06
Wheelersburg.....	97.20
Wilmington.....	35.82
Youngstown.....	35.15
Zanesville.....	10.12
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	86.51
Sent direct to Washington.....	200.23

Grand total of collections to June  
9, 1907.....\$2,911.77

C. V. HAMER, Treas.