

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

PRAY while the moments tarry—  
The year is turning gray—  
Soon with its burden heavy  
'T will pass from earth away.

Pray for the Holy Spirit  
To come in quickening might—  
Come and arouse from stupor,  
Come and anoint our sight.

Pray the Lord of the harvest  
That his work be quickly done.  
Pray that he send the reapers—  
Pray for the reapers gone.

Mount like eagles heaven ward—  
Strong on the wings of faith—  
Till out of our lukewarm dreaming  
We learn what the Master saith.

O for the quickening Spirit  
That waits our earnest cry!  
Not in vain shall we seek it—  
Pray while the days go by.

P. ALDERMAN.

## THE NEW HEADQUARTERS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

AT the close of the recent conference at Philadelphia, the Ohio delegation concluded to return by way of Washington, D. C., and visit the new headquarters.

We first called at the sanitarium and were warmly greeted by Dr. Kress and Sister Irwin, who took us from room to room, pointing out the advantages in the construction of the building and the improved facilities with which it is operated. Later in the day, the presence and hearty welcome accorded us by Elder Irwin made the place appear all the more home-like, and the many courtesies shown us by those in charge of this institution will not soon be forgotten. The building is a beautiful cement structure which from without and within is a credit to the cause for which it stands.

We next visited the College where Professor and Mrs. Salisbury, Dr. H. W. Miller, and others did everything possible to make our visit both pleasant and profitable. We greatly enjoyed visiting Dr. Miller's class who

are in training for China, and we listened with intense interest to their singing and recitations in the native tongue.

The General Conference office building located at Takoma Park was the next point of interest. Here the president of the General Conference, Elder A. G. Daniells, showed us the plan of construction which we consider an ideal one. The president and vice-president occupy offices side by side with folding doors between, while the different departmental secretaries and other officials have their private offices so arranged that everything is convenient and easy of access, an essential feature in the successful administration of a work that embraces every continent and has to do with every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

The General Conference Committee room is so seated that by a slight movement of the body, without inconvenience or noise, the committee can face any part of the room. The walls are adorned with various maps of the world so that one seated here can in a moment's time get a good view of the entire field. The different color and shadings on these maps illustrate to the beholder the condition and needs of the people in all parts of the one great field. This may account, in part at least, for the enthusiastic appeals we often hear from Elder Daniells in behalf of the fields beyond. In fact it would be difficult for any lover of present truth to visit this place and not be deeply impressed, for the atmosphere of the entire building seems charged with a spirit of missionary enterprise.

From here we went to the Review & Herald Publishing House, which is located a few rods to the right. The same spirit of congeniality was as noticeable here as at the former places just visited. Passing into the press room we found three large presses of the best and latest improved variety at work, one turning out the *Youth's Instructor*, another, *Life and Health*, the third, the good old *Review and Herald*. On stepping forward we picked up a copy of the latter paper, warm from the press and

bearing the date Nov. 28, 1907. As we looked at both the paper and the press, we thought of the changes that have taken place since the *Review and Herald* made its first appearance fifty-seven years ago.

Before leaving the office building we had the privilege of seeing a bound copy of Volume 1 of the *Review and Herald*, the first number bearing the date of November, 1850, while the last issue was dated June 9, 1851. This volume was published as a semi-monthly and consisted of thirteen numbers.

It was indeed gratifying to find this dear old friend so comfortably situated in a new home at the capital of our nation, from which it is making weekly visits to thousands of families in all parts of the world. No Seventh-day Adventist family who wishes to keep pace with the progress of the Third Angel's Message, and who desires to triumph with it, can afford to be without the visits of the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

The stupendous task of changing our denominational headquarters is now a finished fact. And from what we have seen and felt during this visit, we have every reason to believe that this move will prove a great blessing to the cause of God and hasten the day of final rewards.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### Killbuck

FROM November 7 to 10 I enjoyed the privilege of being with the Killbuck church. We held two evening services with a good audience, and some expressed themselves as being desirous of more meetings. This is the first time I ever met with this church, and I believe that a short series of meetings could be held here with profit.

On Sabbath we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, with most of the members present. All seemed to enjoy the service. Sister Kaser, who was baptized at camp-meeting, was taken into the church and she now stands beside her husband, united with him in the faith. May she be, with him, a blessing to the church and the cause of truth.

W. E. BIDWELL.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE COLUMBIA UNION CON- FERENCE

### ARTICLE I.—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT

The object of this Conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this conference and the mission fields of the world.

### ARTICLE III.—TERRITORY

The territory of this Conference shall include the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, and any other territory that may come under its supervision by mutual arrangement with the General Conference.

### ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP

*Section 1.*—This Conference shall be composed of such local Conferences of the Seventh-day Adventists as are or may be properly organized in any part of the territory under the direction of the Executive Committee, such Conferences having been accepted by vote of the Union Conference.

*Section 2.*—The voters of this Conference shall consist of the following duly accredited delegates,—

(a.) In addition to its president, one representative from each local Conference for every one hundred and fifty church members therein, chosen by vote of the Conference or appointed of the Conference Committees.

(b.) Such representatives from the mission fields as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Union Conference in council with the members of the mission fields.

(c.) To representatives from each organized denominational institution located in the territory chosen by the managing boards of said institutions, in addition to the regular Conference delegation.

(d.) The officers of the Columbia Union Conference, and such others as may be granted delegates' credentials by vote of the Union Conference at any duly convened session.

(e.) Such members of the General Conference Committee as may be present at any duly convened regular or special session of the Conference.

### ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS

*Section 1.*—The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Vice-

President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the president and vice-president and treasurer, of the Union Conference, the president of each local Conference in the Union, and five persons to be elected at regular sessions.

*Section 2.*—The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular session of the Conference, and shall hold their office for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

*Section 3.*—The Executive Committee shall have power to create such departments of Conference administration as may appear necessary for the best interests of the cause, and to appoint such chairmen, and secretaries, and committees of these departments as may be required.

*Section 4.*—During the interim of the sessions of the Conference, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in offices or on Boards.

### ARTICLE VI.—SESSIONS

*Section 1.*—This Conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years at such date and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in the *Review and Sabbath Herald* at least three weeks before the date of meeting.

*Section 2.*—The Executive Committee shall call extra sessions, if the occasion require, by a like notice, and the transactions of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

### ARTICLE VII.—TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES AND AGENTS

*Section 1.*—The delegates of this Conference, at each regular session, shall elect the boards of management of such institutions and such enterprises as are and may be connected with, and operated by, this organization according to the By-Laws, in such cases made and provided.

*Section 2.*—This Conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and employees as may be necessary, according to the By-Laws in such cases made and provided.

*Section 3.*—This Conference may issue proper credentials to the duly accredited workers in its employ.

### ARTICLE VIII.—FUNDS

*Section 1.*—The funds of the Columbia Union Conference shall consist of such tithe as it shall receive from the several local conferences within

its determined bounds, with such gifts, legacies, bequests, devices, and other donations as shall otherwise be made to it.

*Section 2.*—The tithe shall be used for such purposes only as the word of the Lord directs, all other means to be used according to the best judgment of the Executive Committee, and the specifications of the donors.

### ARTICLE IX.—BY-LAWS

The voters of this Conference may make By-Laws, and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and the scope of such By-Laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the Constitution.

### ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS

This consolidation may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any session, provided that if it be proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special session.

### By-Laws

#### SECTION 1.—President and Vice-President.

The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be such as usually pertain to such offices.

#### SECTION 2.—Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the sessions of the Conference, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

#### SECTION 3.—Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the conferences, to keep an account of the same and to distribute it by order of Executive Committee, and to make a full report thereof at all sessions of the Conference and at such other times as may be required by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also collect from the Conferences in the territory such financial and statistical reports as are required by the Executive Committee.

#### SECTION 4.—Auditor

(1.) It shall be the duty of the Auditor thoroughly to examine all accounts of the Conference, and of its several departments, of local conferences, and to report upon the same to the Committee, and to the Conference at its next session.

(2.) The account books of the Conference and of its several departments shall be carefully audited not less frequently than once each fiscal year.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

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## CHESAPEAKE CONFER- ENCE, NOTICE

AT the Union Conference meeting held in Philadelphia, Nov. 14-24, 1907, it was decided to divide the Atlantic Union and form a new union conference, namely, the Columbia Union Conference. This division comprises the following conferences: Ohio, West Pennsylvania, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, and Chesapeake Conference.

It was voted that we make the WELCOME VISITOR the official organ of the Columbia Union Conference in place of the *Atlantic Union Gleaner* of the old Atlantic Union Conference.

Sample copies of this paper will be sent to all our people for a time, and it is hoped that all will subscribe for it, the price to be only twenty-five cents a year. MORRIS LUKENS.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Pittsburg, Penn.

THE committee on location of headquarters for the Columbia Union Conference will meet at Pittsburg, Jan. 14, 1908, to look over the city with the view of locating there. The committee is composed of Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, President of the Union, Elder H. H. Burkholder, Vice-President, Elder Morris Lukens, of the Chesapeake Conference, and the writer. In addition to the above mentioned brethren, several ministers of the West Pennsylvania Conference will be in attendance, and a general meeting will be held in the church on Rowan Avenue, January 15-19. Details will be announced in future issues of the VISITOR.

C. F. McVAGH.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 22, 1907.)

I. R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 12 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$1.50; total, \$6.50; deliveries, \$2.50.

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 16 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$2; total, \$4.50.

Mary Hubble, Perry Co.—Bible Footlights: 14 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$4.15; total, \$13.15.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$35; helps, \$4; total, \$39.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Bible Footlights: 35 hours; value of orders, \$22; helps, \$3.35; total, \$22.35.

Florence Carter, Muskingum Co.—Bible Footlights: 13½ hours; value of orders, \$5.50; helps, \$2.75; total, \$8.25.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King; 1 hour; value of orders, \$3; helps, \$2.50; total, \$5.50; deliveries, \$5.75.

Total value of orders..... \$82.00  
Total value of helps..... 17.25

Grand total..... \$99.25  
Total deliveries..... 8.25

## TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER, 1907

Akron.....	\$.....
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	19.06
Belleville.....	46.22
Bellville.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	66.00
Broughton.....	.....
Brokaw.....	6.00
Camden.....	.....
Canton.....	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	61.98
Charloe.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	.....
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	.....
Clyde.....	89.78
Columbiana.....	12.50
Columbus.....	111.40
Conneaut.....	.....
Corsica.....	4.18
Coshocton.....	67.79
Cygnut.....	15.28
Dayton.....	97.13
Defiance.....	.....
Delaware.....	1.17
Delta.....	.....
Dowling.....	5.50
Dresden-Trinway.....	17.53
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	1.30
Elgin.....	13.00
Fairfield.....	.....
Farmer.....	.....
Findlay.....	4.60
Forstoria.....	11.00
Geneva.....	.....

Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	17.98
Hamilton.....	.....
Hamler.....	.....
Jefferson.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Kilbuck.....	40.68
Kirtland.....	1.00
La Grange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	1.00
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	20.01
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	26.59
Marion.....	9.43
Marshfield.....	.....
Marysville.....	2.55
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	5.11
Middlefield.....	3.36
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	136.59
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	.....
Norwalk.....	58.04
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	22.38
Pleasant Hill.....	25.95
Plimpton.....	.....
Powell.....	15.64
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	11.50
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	4.15
Shreve.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	12.16
Springfield.....	11.18
Swanton.....	.....
Toledo.....	68.93
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	6.50
Unionport.....	5.45
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	9.00
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	182.47
Waterford.....	2.00
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	32.20
Wilmington.....	.....
Youngstown.....	.....
Zanesville.....	26.22
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	32.40

Total.....\$1,431.89  
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

November, 1907

Tithe.....	\$1,431.89
Ohio Tract Society.....	552.37
Weekly Offerings.....	26.36
Sabbath-school Donations.....	44.37
Y. P. Society.....	23.40
Blind Fund.....	4.50
\$150,000 Fund.....	618.68
West Indian Training School.....	10.37
Southern Field.....	74.54
Total.....	\$2,786.48

SECTION 5.—*Powers of Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals of the sessions of the Conference, and shall exercise a general watchcare over all matter pertaining to the work of the Conference and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its elected membership, or in the boards or committees, which are appointed or elected by the Conference. It shall direct the movements of the employees of the Conference, and settle their accounts for labor at regular intervals, from the funds of the Columbia Union Conference.

SECTION 6.—*Auditing Committee*

The Executive Committee shall appoint annually six persons, not in the employ of the Columbia Union Conference, who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an auditing committee for auditing all accounts against the Columbia Union Conference.

## ELDER W. D. CURTIS

FUNERAL services over the remains of Elder W. D. Curtis were held Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1907. Elder W. E. Videto offered the prayer at the house after which the funeral cortege formed and proceeded to the College Chapel where a large concourse of people had assembled to pay their respect and sympathy. The following remarks were made by Elder Lamson:—

We have met this day to perform the rite of Christian burial for our brother, Will DeForest Curtis, who was born May 10, 1851, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and died, of organic heart disease, at his home at Berrien Springs, Mich., Nov. 23, 1907. He was therefore at the date of his death, 56 years, 6 months and 13 days old.

His father was an Adventist, but the son did not embrace the doctrines of Adventism until about twenty-seven years ago. Giving his whole heart to the work, he soon entered the ministry, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held in Battle Creek, in 1886, sent him and his wife as missionaries to Australia. They sailed in January, 1887, stopping en route for two months at Honolulu, assisted in establishing the work there, and later assisted Elder Daniells in New Zealand.

They were gone from this country six years, returning on the missionary ship, Pitcairn. On the way back, they visited the islands of Pitcairn

and Tahiti. After his return to this country, Elder Curtis labored in Illinois and Indiana for several years.

Four years ago next spring, Elder Curtis was chosen Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, to fill a vacancy, and at the last session of the Conference, he was elected for the full term of two years to the same position, which he held at the time of his death.

He seemed to enjoy the service of Sabbath forenoon, although no one knew that he was suffering somewhat from the exertions put forth through his earnestness. In the evening he was at home, visiting with his family and talking with a neighbor on some matters of business, when his heart refused to perform its usual functions, and in the short space of half an hour, his lifework was closed.

A wife, a sister, two sons, and two daughters remain. As one who has been personally associated with Elder Curtis along educational lines of work for six or seven years, it affords me an unusual degree of gladness to be able to witness to the earnestness, fidelity, and Christian character of our brother. Many questions of intense importance in the denominational educational work have been up for discussion and settlement in meetings in which we have been together. His remarks were always worth considering; his conclusions, as a rule, correct; but whether he was with the majority or the minority, he was the same affable, courteous, Christian man.

Elder Kauble spoke feelingly, adding his tribute to the departed in the following words:—

In offering the humble tribute of Emmanuel Missionary College to the solemn services of this occasion, were I expected to do justice to our deep feeling, I would rather invoke the expressiveness and dignity of silence than to attempt the command of words, for there are times when emotion disdains the literature of speech.

Elder Lampson officiated at the grave, the casket being lowered while the choir sang, "Nearer My God to Thee."

## NOTES

THE little daughter of Brother and Sister Jump, who has been quite ill of typhoid fever, is convalescing nicely.

WE regret that it was impossible to send sample copies of last week's VISITOR to all the names received at the office. In the future we will see that the supply equals the demand.

## THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

Two years ago the College made a special effort to raise some funds for the purchasing of needed books for the College Library. As a result of this effort, several valuable and much needed volumes were purchased. Since that time we have bought no new books, because the school has had many heavy obligations to meet, and has not seen its way clear to expend any of its funds for Library purposes.

We desire to thank all those who assisted us in our former effort to benefit the Library; and now we are going to renew our effort, and hope this will be a subject of much interest to you.

Our College Library is still very small, and every day our school work is hampered and the progress of the student is hindered because of our inadequate Library. We have about one hundred students this year, all of whom ought to have the very best fitting for life's work; but with a Library as small as ours, it is impossible to give these students all they ought to have. We feel sure, therefore, that the friends and patrons of the College would like to see in the institution a good library of well chosen books, and we know of no other way in which to secure this library other than to appeal directly to you. And if all whose attention is called to this worthy cause will assist even a little, much for the College and students can be done, and we will assure you that every cent of the money will be expended for such books as will help to make nobler and more useful men and women of our students.

Any amount you feel free to give will be thankfully received. Some can give a dime, some twenty-five cents, some fifty cents, some one dollar, and others can send still more. We felt that the school must not be hindered longer because of its lack of proper books with which to carry on its work, and we trust you will be glad to have some part in this worthy cause.

While this matter is fresh in your mind, will you not help the College and its students by sending an offering? Please do it NOW. Make remittances to C. V. Hamer, the College treasurer.

D. D. REES.

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