

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

"GIVE as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door:
Give as you would if the morrow
Found you where giving was o'er.
Give as you would to the Master
If you met his searching look:
Give as you would of your substance
If his hand the offering took"

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE, NOV. 1, 1907*

THE Ohio Conference was organized forty-four years ago, and was one of the six States represented at the organization of the General Conference at Battle Creek, Mich., May 20-23, 1863. While our growth has not been so rapid as some of our sister conferences, yet we have made steady progress, and our past history will, we believe, compare favorably with that of many others.

With an area of 41,000 square miles and a population of over 4,000,000 people, we find many homes where, as yet, the Message of present truth has not entered, and many souls unwarned of the awful doom awaiting the unprepared just a little way in the future. Yet when we look abroad and see the teeming millions who know nothing of God or the power of his gospel, we gladly share with these needy fields both our men and our means. We have unbounded faith in the soon coming of our Saviour and the glorious triumph of the Third Angel's Message. Our present form of organization we hold to be a divine gift, and insist on its preservation without which we cannot hope for future success. I might also add that we stand uncompromisingly opposed to any fanciful or mystical interpretation of any feature of the sacred Message committed to our trust. We confidently believe that our only safety depends upon firmly standing on the platform of eternal truth which God has so wonderfully revealed to this people.

*Prepared to be read at the organization of the Columbia Union Conference.

Membership

We have eighty regularly organized churches with a membership of 2,350, besides several companies of believers and isolated Sabbath-keepers, making a total of about 2,575.

Conference Laborers

The number receiving ministerial credentials at the last session of the Conference was fifteen. Nine were granted ministerial license and twelve missionary license, and four are laboring without papers—a total of thirty-six.

Since our last biennial report to the Lake Union Conference in May, 1906, we have furnished two ordained laborers for the Canadian field, and one for the Southern field, one for Minnesota, one for Northern Illinois, one for the District of Columbia, and one for Korea. Two of our licentiates are also under appointment by the General Conference,—one for South America and the other for China.

Another of our most promising young men was released to serve the East Michigan Conference as Educational Superintendent, but was shortly after chosen as Principal of the Adelphean Academy; and one of our best Bible workers was called to fill an important position in the same conference at Detroit.

This, as you will see, has diminished our laboring force in the home field, but we are endeavoring to fill these vacancies with new recruits just as fast as possible, so that the cause at home may not suffer serious loss. During the past year we have supported eight laborers in other fields at an expense of \$5,300.

Evangelical Department

From four to seven tents have been kept in the field during the summer months, and during the winter, halls and school-houses are used in presenting to the people God's message of present truth. Two annual camp-meetings have been held, and a number of general or district meetings, primarily for the benefit of our own people. The results of all these efforts cannot be reported on paper, but we feel sure that the word of God faithfully ministered by his chosen ser-

vants will not return unto him void, but will accomplish that whereunto it is sent.

Reports from the laborers show 314 baptisms and 344 accessions to the faith. Seven new churches have been organized, and several other companies will be ready for organization soon.

Missionary Department

This department has enjoyed a term of unparalleled prosperity. The book sales for 1906 amounted to \$13,238.80, and for the first ten months of 1907 to \$11,964.08. Our present worth on Jan. 1, 1907, was \$3,603.94. In addition to the salary and traveling expenses of the Field Secretary, this department has furnished the magazine *Liberty* to the governor and his staff, the State legislators, judges of the Supreme, Circuit, and Common Pleas Courts, 284 copies in all; donated 500 copies to the Jamestown Exposition and sixty-nine dollars in cash to the Blind Fund, and distributed 150 copies of the "Proceedings of the Publishers' Convention" among the local church elders. A strictly cash business is conducted with all the local societies in the State, and their missionary work with our literature compares very favorably with other States that follow the pay-when-you-can system.

Educational Department

On reviewing the work of this department, we find much for which to be thankful. At present we have eighty-three organized Sabbath-schools with an enrollment of 1,735. It is encouraging to note that the local schools are endeavoring to limit their expenses to the least possible figure, so that three-fourths of the contributions now go to the Mission Board, and we are steadily working toward the end of giving it all.

Among the church schools, we find an earnest spirit of preparation for better service. Although this work is new, the people are beginning to realize something of its importance. Fourteen schools were opened this fall—an increase of four above last year—but the number of pupils in attendance remains about the same. The enrollment for this year is 120,

while at the beginning of the school year 1906 it was 117.

The work of our schools embraces eight grades, and every effort is being put forth to obtain uniform work throughout the State. We have held summer normals each year for the teachers, and as the standard set before them is not a low one, the work gains strength as they earnestly endeavor to reach it. Regular examinations are given. These, with careful records of the work done in the school rooms, determine the qualifications of those engaged in dealing with the minds of the little ones.

The Young People's work is not the least to be considered. There are now fifteen organized societies in the Conference with a membership of 216. These societies have been doing excellent service. Besides active missionary work at home, they have contributed to Africa, China, Korea, and other mission fields, since our last biennial report, the sum of \$683.74.

Financial

Our financial growth for the past four years will be best understood by comparing the following:—

Receipts for the Year 1904

Tithe.....	\$22,499.18
First Day Offerings.....	847.14
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1,060.52
Annual Offerings.....	1,575.02
Other Foreign Donations.....	100.32
Southern Field.....	244.63
Haskell Home.....	411.19
Other Donations not to Foreign Mis- sions.....	226.68
Mount Vernon Academy.....	1,502.86
Washington, D. C.....	179.93
Total.....	\$28,647.37

Receipts for the Year 1905

Tithe.....	\$26,001.44
First Day Offerings.....	971.92
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1,323.71
Annual Offering.....	1,593.02
Other Foreign Donations.....	604.67
Southern Field.....	371.29
Haskell Home.....	200.72
Other Donations not to Foreign Fields.....	190.76
Washington, D. C.....	668.47
Total.....	\$32,526.30

Receipts for the Year 1906

Tithe.....	\$27,485.07
First Day Offerings.....	838.28
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1,647.06
Annual Offering.....	1,562.08
Other Foreign Donations.....	951.68
Southern Field.....	313.57
\$150,000 Fund.....	374.23
Orphans' Home.....	271.55
Earthquake Fund.....	302.54
Other Donations not Foreign.....	406.61
Washington, D. C.....	5.00
Total.....	\$34,207.65

Receipts for the First Ten Months of 1907

Tithe.....	\$21,545.45
First Day Offerings.....	668.97
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1,623.55
Annual Offerings.....	641.56
Other Foreign Donations.....	840.88
Southern Field.....	449.20
\$150,000 Fund.....	4,726.84
Orphans' Home.....	241.29
Other Donations not Foreign.....	182.22
Total.....	\$33,919.96

Average Receipts per Month, 1904-1907

	Tithe	Other Offerings
1904.....	\$1,874.93	\$512.35
1905.....	2,166.78	544.55
1906.....	2,290.42	560.22
1907.....	2,454.54	937.85

To our heavenly Father we give praise for all the good accomplished, and with renewed courage and determination in our hearts we mean to press on till final victory is won.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

A UNITED EFFORT

AS we draw near to the close of the year 1907, it becomes more and more evident each day that it will take a determined and united effort to raise the balance of the \$150,000 Fund by that date. It seems perfectly clear that every individual, no matter what has already been done, should stand ready to help if they are able to do so. The writer knows one or two conferences that may not be able to raise the amount specified by the General Conference by the first of January. It therefore seems necessary that some conferences, whose names are now adorned by a star in the *Review* list, should be willing to help in this work. There are two such conferences in the Southern Union. The Georgia Conference has passed its apportionment by nearly \$100. The president writes as follows;—

"I well remember when the matter was first mentioned to me, my first thought was, we can never raise the amount here; the amount required of us, again I said, God is in this work and he does not require impossibilities. And God be praised, the money that was required was raised and more.

"At our camp-meeting, — came and made another pull, I told him before he came that we had already raised our share, but if he desired to come and try, I would help him all I could. He made a few remarks, and then I made another plea, and the money came in, with pledges, to the amount of about \$75, so when we get this all in it will swell our amount nearly to the \$500 mark.

"I hope this will be raised before the year passes, and you may depend

upon us doing all we can to have this done."

"The president of the North Carolina Conference writes: 'Will say that though a star now adorns our name in the list of States, we are not ceasing to press our efforts at every reasonable opportunity. Am glad to give assurance of our *continued interest, energy, and attention* to this, until the people shall be restrained from giving.'"

We believe this to be the right principle, and if all the conferences and individuals will work energetically on this line, the whole of the \$150,000 Fund can easily be made up before the first of January, 1908.

J. S. WASHBURN.

OF GOOD ADDRESS

A BUSINESS firm advertised for a man to take an unusually desirable and lucrative position. The requirements were stated at some length, and among other things it was said that the man must be "of good address." This requirement was emphasized by the words in italics: "This is imperative."

One day last winter a man tried to secure for a friend fresh from school a position in which he could support himself and a widowed mother. The gentleman to whom he applied heard his statement of the young man's abilities, and then asked, "Is the young man of good address?"

The friend was compelled to state that the applicant for the place was somewhat lacking in polish, and that, while he "meant well," he did not always create a pleasing impression on strangers. He was a trifle boorish, and indifferent to many of the small courtesies of life.

The merchant shook his head and said, "Then he would not give satisfaction here. I am very particular regarding the address of those in my employ. A great deal can often be gained by mere good address. It is in many cases a sure passport to the good opinion of others. I have learned that this is true in my business life."

Most men who have succeeded in life have discovered the great value of good manners, and all boys should early learn that a good address is one of the most pleasing accomplishments. Some one has written, "A fine courtesy is a fortune in itself. The good-mannered can do without riches, for they have passports everywhere. All doors fly open to them, and they enter without money and without price. They are as welcome in every household as the sunshine. And why not?"

They carry light, sunshine, and joy everywhere. They disarm jealousy and envy, for they bear good will to everybody. Bees will not sting a man covered with honey."

Good address is something more than an affectation of fine manners of others. One may observe all the rules of good form and still lack good address, for the reason that genuine kindness, friendliness, and warmth of heart are necessary to really good address.—*Wellspring.*

BOOKS WANTED

LAST week we set before the readers of the VISITOR the needs of the College Library, and solicited cash with which to purchase books. We are glad that some are already responding, and hope that many more will esteem it a privilege to help the College in its effort to help the students.

It may be that there are some who do not care to make a cash donation, but would donate some books. These will be thankfully received. The books that would be of use to us we would place on our shelves, and all others could be turned into cash, and thus the Library be benefited. We are in a position to dispose of any book at a reasonable price.

If you want to make a book donation, please correspond first with the Librarian. No doubt there are many books on your shelves that are doing you no practical good. These books we could use, or turn them into cash with which to purchase others. We hope to hear from many friends who can donate books.

D. D. REES, *Librarian.*

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

IN harmony with the recommendation of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention held at Mount Vernon, O., last summer, the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a calendar adapted for the daily morning prayer and Bible study. There is a Bible text for every day in year, and suggestions for supplementary reading in the Spirit of Prophecy for those who can do it. There are also recommended subjects for special prayer.

This plan has brought great blessings to our young people wherever carried out. Systematic Bible study and prayer are two of the daily essentials to a successful Christian life. What a power it would bring into the lives of our young people if they would conscientiously devote thirty

minutes or more every day to quiet communion with God. This calendar will help you.

Send to the Conference secretary of Young People's work for a copy at once, that you may begin on New Year's morning. Price, six cents. Stamps accepted. The directory of all our Conference Young People's secretaries in the United States was given in the *Instructor* of December 10. BESSIE E. ACTON,
Secretary Ohio Conference M. V. Dept.

Springfield

ANOTHER year is nearing its end, and we are one year nearer our going home. The record of the old year as it passes from us and is recorded in the books above, will have to be met in the final reckoning day. The question that concerns us is, how shall we stand in the judgment of the great resurrection day? The Third Angel's Message is fast closing. The angel of mercy is folding its wings and will soon leave the earth never to return.

The last court is in session. The great Judge of earth and heaven is now examining the record books and with him are heavenly beings, also some who have lived in this dark world of sin, and know what it is to struggle beneath the heavy burdens and disappointments of life, but thank God for a Saviour who understands all that we have to bear, and although we are called to suffer, he suffers with us, and will not allow us to be tempted above his grace that makes us able to bear what he permits. Thank God for the man of Calvary, who fainted beneath the heavy cross as he neared Golgotha. He knows and understands. Praise God for the word that says, "Whom the Lord loveth, he chastens and scourges every son of his."

And in Zeph. 13:9, "I will bring the third part through the fire and will refine them as silver, and will try them as gold is tried." Then adds, "They shall call on my name and I will hear them. I will say, 'it is my people': they say, 'the Lord is my God.'"

The work in Springfield is prospering. The Lord is adding to our number and is blessing our feeble efforts. We rejoice that we have a part in the giving of the last Message to a sinful, dying world. Your brother in Christ,
FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

"WHEN trials arise that seem unexplainable, we should not allow our peace of mind to be spoiled."

"THAT CERTAIN SOUND"

AGAIN and again we are encouraged to "give the trumpet a certain sound." There is only one sound that can be called "certain" at this time, and that is the sound of alarm. It is the warning to all that the "Battle of the Great Day" is at hand. No "taps" are now to be sounded. We are to arouse and "cry aloud, spare not, and lift up our voice like a trumpet."

Multitudes are in the valley of decision to-day, and to them the Message should come, "Jehovah will be a refuge unto his people and a stronghold to the children of Israel." (Joel 3:16, A. R. V.) In the same connection comes the message to us, "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe."

At the Bookmen's Convention which just closed, it was suggested that we should have a "Gideon's Band" of canvassers in the Columbia Union Conference. Is this too many to "scatter the truth like the leaves of autumn," and bring the Message to every home? I can almost hear you say, "No." Then it is for you *right now* to make up your mind to join this company.

"A Gideon Band" in the Columbia Union! Think what this means, three hundred earnest workers "for Jehovah and the truth." Three hundred to break the pitchers and let the light of this Message shine upon men's hearts and lead them to the stronghold. Baptized with the Spirit of the living God, the walls of difficulty will fall before them.

My brother, my sister, it is for you to help make this company a reality. We have now fifty-two regularly reported canvassers. Let those who are working report and join the "Band." Send your name to the State agent or tract society and be sure and get a membership card with your number on it. If the Spirit is pleading with you to-day to enter the work, do not say, "Wait until a little later,—until I have something ahead," etc. Many are being cheated out of daily blessings in this way. The Lord says, "Go, work to-day in my vineyard," and "whatsoever is right that will I pay you." Take the Lord at his word and let him take care of everything else.

Give both hands to the service. God says, "All day long have I stretched forth my hands unto thee." Do not try to enter the services with one hand holding to the temporal things of the world and the other reaching for the eternal. Nothing but failure can result from this method.
S. N. CURTIS.

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For two weeks ending Dec. 6, 1907.)

A. L. Bassler, Richland Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 31½ hours; value of orders, \$22; helps, \$18.80; total, \$40.80.

I. R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 66 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$7.50; total, \$17.50; deliveries, \$6.

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 8 hours; value of orders, \$2.50.

W. W. Goss, Geauga Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 24 hours; value of orders, \$22.50; helps, \$1; total, \$23.50.

Mary Hubble, Perry Co.—Bible Footlights: 4 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$2.05; total, \$7.05; deliveries, \$25.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 26 hours; value of orders, \$23; helps, \$9.75; total, \$32.75.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Bible Footlights: 36 hours; value of orders, \$21; helps, \$1.05; total, \$22.05.

Florence Carter, Perry Co.—Bible Footlights: 4 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$1.55; total, \$3.55; deliveries, \$12.50.

Hettie Krabill, Stark Co.—Coming King: 28 hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$2.75; total, \$13.75.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King; value of helps, \$5.15; deliveries, \$25.

Total value of orders.....\$119.00
Total value of helps 49.60

Grand total.....\$168.60
Total deliveries..... 68.50

BROTHER FRED M. FAIRCHILD, who has had a call to labor in the State of Maryland, desires to sell his property which consists of ten acres of land all tiled. There is a good orchard, fine barn for three head of stock, and wagon shed for three vehicles. The house has eight rooms and pantry; with both well and cistern water in the house. A living spring supplies water for the stock. Gas can be had by piping to the house. Brother Fairchild will sell cheap that he may answer this call. Address, Fred M. Fairchild, R. F. D. 1, Mount Vernon, O.

FOR lack of space several obituary notices have had to wait over for a couple of weeks. Whenever any communications, obituaries, notes or reports do not appear as soon as expected, do not get anxious, for they will be published as soon as possible.

The columns of the VISITOR, however, are not for the "airing" of personal grievances, real or otherwise, or insinuations against or criticism of any Conference officer, worker or lay member. And the editor takes the privilege of changing or expunging anything that savors of such intent. Brethren, we need to draw close together in love and charity. If we sow evil surmising and speakings, and dissension, we shall surely reap the same.

OUR NEXT CONFERENCE

WE are just in receipt of a cordial invitation from the church at Columbus to hold the next session of our State conference with them. This generous invitation we have accepted and from our acquaintance with the brethren and sisters of this church we have every reason to believe that no pains will be spared on their part to make every preparation possible for the convenience and comfort of the delegates. The time appointed for this important meeting is Jan. 20-24, 1908. Further information later.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

ATTENTION!

Greater New York and New Jersey Conferences

A WORKERS' meeting for the Greater New York and New Jersey Conferences will be held at Beacon Light Tabernacle, 535 West 110th St., New York City, Dec. 23-29, 1907.

There will be a union meeting for the churches of North Jersey at Jersey City, December 28. More particulars next week.

B. F. KNEELAND.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE regular mid-winter committee meeting will be held at Clearfield Penn., Jan. 8-12, 1908. All the conference laborers are requested to attend this council. The location of our next camp-meeting and other important plans for work in West Pennsylvania will be discussed at this meeting. In addition to all the ministers in this conference, Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, president of the Columbia Union Conference, will be in attendance. A regular general meeting will be held in the Clearfield church at the same time. I hope that all our people will begin to pray definitely that the Holy Spirit may direct all the plans, and I am sure the members of the Clearfield church will work to make this important meeting count for the advancement of the truth in that city.

C. F. MCVAGH.

OBITUARY

DAVIDSON.—Miss Ada May Davidson died at her home near Wapaboneta, O., Nov. 18, 1907, aged 23 years, 8 months, and 11 days, of tuberculosis. During her long illness, she was a patient sufferer, no word of complaint being uttered. When about thirteen years of age, she was baptized by Elder E. J. Van Horn, and united with the Walnut Grove church, of which she was a member at the time of her death. She made all the arrangements for her funeral, which we carried out as nearly as possible. Elder E. J. Van Horn, her choice of ministers, could not be present, so the services were conducted by Rev. Carpenter (Baptist) at the chapel of Elm Grove Cemetery, where we laid our dear sister to rest and await the call of the Life Giver. Her words were, "God's will be done. I am willing to live or die. I feel assured my sins are forgiven."

LILLIAN LUTZ.

TUTTLE.—Died at Defiance, O., Nov. 22, 1907, Julia H. Tuttle nee House. Sister Tuttle was born Sept. 20, 1880, and died Nov. 22, 1907, aged 27 years, 2 months, and 2 days. She was united in marriage to Percy J. Tuttle, Dec. 25, 1906. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in August, 1902, and remained a faithful member to the day of her death. During the twelve days of her sickness that preceded her death, her suffering was untold, but she bore it all with Christian fortitude, being resigned to the will of her God. She was a woman of the highest Christian virtues, and a faithful, devoted wife. Her friends were many, and varied. In whatever circle of society she moved she was loved and respected.

"None knew her but to love her,
None named her but to praise her."

Sister Tuttle closes her short and useful life with bright hopes of immortality when the Life-giver shall come. She leaves a husband, father, mother, five brothers, and three sisters to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 11:25.

F. H. HENDERSON.