

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

"I CANNOT wish you, as others might please,  
To spend your life in luxurious ease;  
But mine is this: That you shall find  
More pleasure in working for needy mankind.  
In trying to incite them to higher emotion,  
And to instill within them a Christian's devo-  
tion,  
In trying to learn to pass under the rod,  
And patiently bear the afflictions of God."

### HEALTH REPORT

WHILE there is no doubt in our minds that a movement to educate and reform God's people along the line of health and temperance is to accompany the reforms in other lines, it is deeply important that we present the reforming truths in a manner which will effect the greatest awakening to a true and enlightened reform. It is not simply the duty of God's messengers to point out the wrong course of a person or a people and produce discouragement and despondency, but with every lesson given to bring to view and condemn a wrong act or habit, a message of light should be presented. As with warnings and reproofs in all lines which are presented to reform, so it should be in those designed to educate toward healthful living.

Our Saviour came into this world not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. Though often he presented convicting and cutting truths, pointing out sins unhesitatingly, condemning the act to the world, yet we find that he did it with "tears in his voice." He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth. So, as we attempt to state an unknown truth which will prove that wrong habits have been formed, and that an unwise course has been followed, let us be thoughtful in making plain the reward of faithfulness in connection with the same effort.

The message of salvation is not to be neglected. The invitation to a course of action which is unquestionable, to habits which are irreprovable, and to a life which is more noble, should be

the climax in the message of every exponent of true health reform. Then let us who hold this branch of our work to be the right arm of the Message, use this most important member not only to reveal sad mistakes, but to point to the way "cast up" for God's chosen people, the way which, when found, shall be radiant with the glorious truth that God is love.

The field of true temperance embraces the whole life, eating, drinking, working, resting, and "whatsoever we do must be thoughtfully considered in bringing our lives into harmony with true temperance." In the correction of any habit formed, we may be sure that there is something better for us and within our reach, for God will withhold no good thing from those who are diligent in pursuing the pathway of truth. Strenuous efforts and self-sacrifice may be needed, but to be the peculiar, purified people of God will more than justify the greatest effort toward perfection.

DR. V. L. FISHER.

### SPECIAL NOTICES!

THE forty-sixth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Jan. 20-24, 1908. The first meeting of the session will be held Monday, the 20th, at 7:00 P. M. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, at the time of regular annual session of the Ohio Conference, Jan. 20-24, 1908. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, at 3 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

C. V. HAMER, *Sec.*

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Tuesday, January 21, 1908, at 7

o'clock P. M. The election of officers and other important business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

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### Columbus

THE past week was one enjoyed by our people here as it found us not only in need of its ever sure blessings, but to a good degree realizing our need, a condition which always must come before the blessing can be diffused in any church.

The fact of our having sold during the week before, over twelve hundred copies of our literature, consisting of *Youth's Instructor*, special, *Life and Health*, and *Liberty* enabled us to realize, as we could not otherwise have done, the truthfulness of the first reading by Sister White for the week of prayer. And this good beginning proved to bring, contrary to tradition, a good ending.

Services were held in the church each night during the week, and the attendance was encouraging. The Friday evening and Sabbath morning meetings were impressively marked by the deep movings of the Spirit of God.

As a church we purpose by the help of God to keep pace with this great, threefold Message, and have a part in its closing victories, by giving to its sustenance our lives and our means.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice and our hope brightened by seeing the great progress the cause has made the past year. Our prayer to God is to enlarge our hearts that we may "run the way of thy commandments." Ps. 119:32, 151.

C. T. REDFIELD.

### Powell

IT was my privilege to spend two days of the week of prayer here, and enjoy with these brethren and sisters the rich blessing of God.

The readings held were well attended by both the church and the people of the village. On one occasion every one in attendance was compelled to thank God for the progress of the Third Angel's Message. One gentle-

man not of our faith but an earnest church worker, who met with us each meeting, attended for his first time an Adventist service, and became very much interested and stirred over the truth.

One afternoon the faithful sisters who were able to get out joined me in visiting every home in the village with the special *Youth's Instructor*, *Life and Health* and *Liberty* to sell to the people, and to invite them to the evening preaching service. This effort, as God had requested in the first reading, was a fruitful effort. The gentleman above mentioned, with several others deeply interested, were supplied with reading matter containing the Message for this time, and encouraged to attend the meetings. The sisters, although this was a new work to them, enjoyed the experience and gained a rich blessing for having put forth the effort.

I shall plan on looking after this interest in the future as time will permit. Brother E. R. Numbers is located here, and is doing much to encourage the church, notwithstanding his field work takes most of his time.

C. T. REDFIELD.

#### Newark

WELCOME VISITOR: I spent the first part of the week of prayer with the Newark church. We met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for special prayer, and in the evening at 7 o'clock for regular reading as outlined in the *Review*. I believe all will agree with the writer that it proved to be a real spiritual blessing. The first Sabbath was spent in fasting and praying. The church pledged themselves at the first meeting to re-consecrate themselves to do all in their power to advance the truth, and allow nothing to stand in their way.

F. H. HENDERSON.

#### Zanesville

OUR little company was not so fortunate as to meet twice each day, owing to the fact that we have no church building. But I believe the days during the week of prayer were well spent by most of the members. Many of the sisters engaged in selling the special number of the *Watchman*, and turned the profits into the annual offering. Thus it proved to be a three-fold blessing: (1.) Placing the message it contained in the homes of the people. (2.) By the experience they gained in this way. (3.) It enables them to make an offering to missions. I believe God is pleased to give us all

just such an experience as these dear, timid sisters had.

O, may we as laborers for Christ lead out in a full consecration to him. Not only does God expect this, but those whom we are trying to lead need to know it. Your brother in the Message,  
F. H. HENDERSON.

#### Delaware

DEAR VISITOR READERS: Inasmuch as it has been a long time since a report from this place has appeared in the VISITOR, we venture a few lines to inform you that there are still a few faithful souls in Delaware who are rejoicing in the hope that has buoyed the faltering footsteps of many a weary saint,—the glad return of our Saviour to the earth.

The week of prayer just past has been an eventful one with us. We were made glad by the presence and help of Brother Fred M. Fairchild, the first half of the week. Throughout the week the deepest interest was manifested, some coming regularly a distance of seven miles.

All seemed more thoroughly awakened than ever before to the fact that the history of the present world is soon to close,—that God is to cut short his work in righteousness.

We are more thoroughly awakened to the needs of, and our duty toward the dying souls around us for whom Christ died.

Many in the city are already deeply interested in the gospel as centered in Rev. 14: 6-12. And we have faith to believe that with the carrying out of the campaign planned for the winter, more souls will rejoice in the glad hope that brings joy and peace to our hearts.

We have determined to make a more strenuous effort in helping to make the year 1908 a more prosperous one in the history of the denomination,—one in which more shall have been achieved for the Master, at home and abroad, than in any like period in the past. We solicit your prayers in behalf of the work at Delaware. Yours in the blessed hope,

L. H. AMORE, *Local Elder*.

#### HELP ONE ANOTHER

"HELP one another," the snowflake said. As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed:

"One of us here would not be felt,  
One of us here would quickly melt,

But I'll help you and you'll help me,  
And then what a big, white drift we'll see."

#### A WORD FROM ELDER AND MRS. J. E. SHULTZ

MANY readers of the VISITOR will be pleased to hear a word from Brother and Sister Shultz. From their latest communication to me I glean the following:—

"Your good letters were received while I was in Korea. I sent you a postal from that place, and when I received your letter, I expected to write to you at once, but you have no doubt learned why we have been unable to write. . . .

"We will stay at the sanitarium this winter, and you may address me as directed on the envelop."—Kobe Sanitarium, 42 Yamamoto-dori, Nichome, Kobe, Japan.

"Living here is more expensive than in the States. A heating stove, such as I threw away when I left Ohio, costs fifty dollars. I am learning what it is to be a missionary, but when I see the desperate need of these people, I can only reproach myself for thinking of trials as hardships."

"The weather here is delightful, and will continue so until Christmas, when winter will begin and last about two months. Of course it never gets very cold, but in Korea the weather is about like it is at home, save that the air is dryer, and the atmosphere much more bracing.

I think of you many times a day, perhaps more than you of me, as I am out in a strange land where I can not talk, and can do a great deal of thinking. I shall appreciate your letters ever so much. . . . Give my regards to all. Tell my friends that I have a Korean worker with me here who is teaching us the language, and we are already beginning to read."

I am sure that a good missionary letter from those with whom Brother and Sister Shultz associated while in the home land would be greatly appreciated by them now. Let us pray for our missionaries and write to them occasionally.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

#### TOO LATE!

WHEN we were collecting the \$100,000 Fund in Washington, very often near the close we would receive letters asking, "Is it too late for my donation to go into the \$100,000 Fund?" There may be some now who are asking that question in regard to the \$150,000 Fund. There are but a few more days before the end of the year. We trust that these will be busy days for our people and that every pledge will be paid and many others who have not given or who desire to give

more will forward their donations immediately. Surely you wish to have a part in this just now.

We are anxious to see the Southern Union Conference on the *Review* list with the \$6,000 credited. That was the amount the General Conference desired us to raise. We are certain this will be done by January 1.

There is a day, however, when it will be forever too late to invest anything in this cause. Just a few days before the passing of the time in 1844 the people came with their money asking the privilege of investing something in the great Advent movement of that time. The brethren replied, "We do not need your money. We have enough to last until the Lord comes. We have sufficient to close up the work." With anguish that can hardly be described these friends who had brought their money too late to have a part in the work turned away. There was a mistake in the time then, but the day of the Lord's appearing will surely come, and soon. There are many among our people whose money is invested in worldly property and plans who will bring their offerings when it is eternally and forever too late. The banks and other earthly institutions may crumble to ruin, but the mighty work of the Third Angel's Message cannot fail. There is but one safe investment, and that is the cause of God, and now is the time to invest. We fear that thousands and perhaps even millions of dollars of gold and silver held by Seventh-day Adventists will be thrown with indescribable horror and despair "to the moles and to the bats," in that hastening day when the Lord "shall arise to shake terribly the earth." It is not now too late, but O, it soon will be, forever and forever.

J. S. WASHBURN

### A VERY DIRECT APPEAL

THAT all the property and money we possess is the Lord's is a principle clearly laid down in the Scripture, for we ourselves are his. He has bought us and all that we have with the price of his own life-blood. How thankful we may be, too, that as a people we have a voice, the voice of the Spirit of God, which speaks to us so clearly and definitely in regard to any special work which the Lord would have us do.

We are admonished "to unite in carrying to successful completion enterprises that have been undertaken in the council of God, and that are waiting for their portion of the \$150,000 fund which has been called for by the General Conference Committee.

J. S. WASHBURN.

## WEST VIRGINIA

THROUGH all the land, from young and old,  
There comes the merry Christmas cry.  
The air vibrates with sound of joy,  
Yet 'mid it all, within I sigh.  
And not because some seem so glad,  
That smiles, and gifts make bright their way,  
But sigh that all men are not glad,  
That some do mourn and weep to-day.  
I sigh for universal joy,—  
Complete, and mingled not with tears  
Of grief or pain or poverty,  
That mar these merry Christmas cheers.  
But O, I hear celestial strains,  
That tell to earth, good will and peace!  
Yes, heaven sends to earth a gift  
That maketh all its sorrows cease.  
Then haste, glad time, we wait thy morn,  
When joys that stay will fill the earth.  
With angels, men in worship true,  
Unite to praise our Saviour's birth.

J. E. WALKER, Sr.

Liberty Center, O.

## WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

AT the last meeting of the West Virginia Conference Committee, in Philadelphia, it was voted that the writer be requested to visit our churches and companies located along the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. in the northern part of the State. For want of time, many of these companies are as yet unvisited, yet thus far, we feel that the good hand of the Lord has been with us, and our meetings with the brethren have been a real blessing to all.

### Rio

It was our privilege to spend about ten days with our brethren here. We believe the church at Rio has a bright future. Our services were held in the church. The attendance from the first was large and a real live interest was manifest on the part of the audience at every meeting. In the afternoon the members came together for prayer and study, and to speak of the goodness of the Lord. As we studied the Message, and our relationship to it, and then turning our attention to the position God has called this people to occupy just now, our hearts were filled to overflowing, and truly we could say,—

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee."

We have an excellent class of youth in this church. We hope to see these dear children soon laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. May the dear Lord keep this little flock, and when Jesus comes we will clasp glad hands once more in a land, "A better land than this."

### Morgantown

Tuesday, December 17, it was our privilege to meet with our church at Morgantown. Our brethren were meeting each evening for prayer and reading. We could see that the week of prayer was a real blessing to this company, and a spirit of love for one another and the Message prevailed. We met with this church twice. We found the brethren very ready to cooperate with any plan we might suggest for the furtherance of the cause in their city; and at our last meeting a club of eighty-five of the *Signs of the Times* was ordered to be sold each week by the members of this church. We are glad to say that the Morgantown church is a live, working church and God is blessing them in the service

### Clarksburg

It was our privilege to spend one day with the Clarksburg church. This church numbers about twenty-six. As their meetings were held during the day, it was our privilege to attend one meeting at the home of Sister Cain. During the afternoon we accompanied the elder from home to home visiting our brethren scattered throughout the city. While we could step but for a moment, yet each call was a sweet season of prayer, and the Lord drew very near and blessed the little visits from place to place. Here we again met an excellent class of young people. We rejoiced to know that these dear youth still love the cause, and long to prepare themselves for a place of usefulness.

In order to prepare for the general meeting at Parkersburg, it was now necessary that we should hastily return to our office, and thence homeward. We are now at Charleston preparing for this meeting, answering correspondence, and doing what we can to assist our workers here.

For the report of this important meeting, watch the columns of the *WELCOME VISITOR*.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

"THE greatest critic of he who can  
is he who can't."

LET all our people who desire the Morning Watch Prayer Calendar send in their orders at once to Bessie E. Acton, secretary of Young People's work.

"NEVER you mind the crowd, lad,  
Or fancy your life won't tell;  
For work is work for a' that  
To him that doeth it well.  
Fancy the world a hill, lad;  
Look where the millions stop;  
You'll find the crowd at the base, lad,  
There's always room at the top."

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

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MRS. ALFRED GAULT of Jeromeville, O., was visiting her son Ira Gault and family, and daughters who are attending the College.

SISTER N. S. MILLER whose health has been very poorly of late has returned to the College Springs Sanitarium, and will undergo an operation shortly. Brother Miller asks that all the brethren and sisters unite with him in asking the Lord to come very near in sustaining and healing power, and that his wife may be restored to health and to her family. "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much," and "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."

### RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE

NOVEMBER 5, 1896, the WELCOME VISITOR made its first appearance in the Ohio Conference, and was issued semi-monthly until Oct. 10, 1901, when it became a weekly. It has served well the purpose for which it was started and become a fixture in the administration of the Conference.

I have just finished reading number 50 of volume XI and am reminded that with this issue the present volume closes,—also its mission as a local conference paper. Were it not for the hope of rendering assistance to others outside of our own local borders, and thus helping forward to a speedy finish the Message so dear to our hearts, we would consider with much reluctance the proposition to give up our WELCOME VISITOR. But seeing an opportunity of enlarging its sphere of usefulness, we cheerfully accept the invitation to turn over this tried friend that has so well and so faithfully served us for the past eleven years, to its new relations formed by the organization of the Columbia Union Conference, and bespeak for it

the same hearty support from these new acquaintances that it has enjoyed from its Ohio friends in the past.

If each local conference embraced in this new Union will take a lively interest in regularly furnishing proper matter for its columns there is no reason why the Columbia Union Conference paper should not become one of the best of its kind in all the world. Shall we not all labor unitedly to this end?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### NOTICE TO DELEGATES

ALL persons intending to be present at the next session of the State Conference at Columbus, Jan. 20-24, 1908, are requested to report at once to Elder C. T. Redfield, 316 South Washington Ave., Columbus, O. The church is busy making preparations to entertain the delegates and would like to know at an early date the number likely to be present. If you have a choice of room-mate state your preference in answering this request.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### DELEGATES' ENTERTAINMENT

THE entertainment of all accredited delegates, representing local churches at the coming conference at Columbus, will be free. Conference employees and visitors will be expected to pay for their meals the same as last year. Every possible provision will be made for the comfort and convenience of the delegates in attendance, and it is to be hoped that a large delegation may be present to participate in the deliberations of this important meeting.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, ATTENTION

AT the session of the Atlantic Union Conference, held in Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 14-24, 1907, it was decided to divide the Union, and form a new union conference, namely, the Columbia Union Conference, of which our State is a part. The new conference comprises the following conferences: Ohio, West Virginia, West Pennsylvania, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Chesapeake, and Virginia.

The WELCOME VISITOR will be the official organ of the Columbia Union Conference in place of the Atlantic Union *Gleaner*. Sample copies are being sent out to our people for a time, and we are in hopes the paper will indeed be a welcome visitor into each Sabbath keeper's home in the

State. The price is only twenty-five cents a year. Send all subscriptions to our tract society secretary, A. M. Neff, New Market, Va. Now let each family in the Conference order the paper at once. We will endeavor to keep you informed of what is going on in the Virginia Conference. We request our laborers to send in reports to the VISITOR, and would also like to have reports from our different churches from time to time.

H. W. HERRELL.

### CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Dec. 13, 1907.)

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 36 hours; value orders, \$8.50; helps, \$10.45; total, \$18.95.

J. B. Reichenbach, Columbus.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$8.50.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Bible Footlights: 31 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$1.40; total, \$19.40.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$2.25; total, \$32.25.

Mrs. Carrie Rankin, Cleveland.—Coming King: 6 hours; value of orders, \$6; deliveries, \$4.

Total value of orders.....\$71.00

Total value of helps ..... 14.10

Grand total .....\$85.10

Total deliveries..... 4.00

(For week ending Dec. 20, 1907.)

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 22 hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$1; total, \$13 50; deliveries, \$24.50.

Mary Hubble, Perry Co.—Bible Footlights: value of deliveries, \$55.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Bible Footlights: value of deliveries, \$108.70.

Florence Carter, Perry Co.—Bible Footlights: 1 hour; value of orders, \$3.50; helps, \$3.35; total, \$3.85; deliveries, \$23.

N. O. Coffman,\* Miami Co.—Bible Footlights: 43½ hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$11.05; total, \$41.05; deliveries, \$1.80.

Total value of orders .....\$ 46.00

Total value of helps..... 12.40

Grand total.....\$ 58.40

Total deliveries.....\$213.00

\*Two weeks.