

# THE Welcome Visitor

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

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## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

THE autumn months have come, and gone;  
And gone bright summer's fare well smile.  
Ah, and as hours tell departing day,  
So months, the years that go on file.  
On time's sure dial, December tells,  
Another year has passed away,  
And tells us life's brief summer time  
Is surely passing day by day.  
Yes, cold December speaks to man,  
As days and nights do utter speech.  
And wisdom true, from wisdom's fount,  
Would vainly erring morals teach.  
The earth no more is soft and warm,  
With summer sun and summer air,  
But cold and hard as barren rock,  
And fields and woods are brown and bare.  
What read we there in nature's book?  
Eternal truth, for man to heed.  
A tableau plain, and meaning much,  
Is bird and tree and flow'r and weed.  
But seeing do we wisdom see?  
The sands of life cease not their flow,  
Then sow thy field, ere cold its soil,  
And seeds no longer there will grow.

J. E. WALKER, Sr.

Liberty Center, O.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS Concerning the Late Newspaper Re- ports about Adventists in Battle Creek

DURING the past two years, multitudinous have been the press reports respecting Battle Creek Sabbath keepers, and the writings of the servant of God, Mrs. Ellen G. White. These bitter diatribes have been of a very sensational nature, always notoriously false, and of a character calculated to lessen the standing of the Tabernacle congregation in the esteem of the public. These offensive reports always first appear in a scurrilous sheet in this city, and are then taken up by the Associated Press and scattered from ocean to ocean. Here at Battle Creek these maudlin paragraphs do not seem to make any permanent impression, and so after a temporary excitement, all is comparatively quiet again.

But knowing that our loyal people away from Battle Creek must be perplexed by the strange things they read, it has been deemed advisable to make a few statements for their personal benefit. And first let it be noted that false brethren generally have considerable to do in starting those scandalous reports.

Within a short time the press of the land has been agitated with the most atrocious and misleading reports about the Tabernacle people, and a communication that came from the pen of our venerable Sister E. G. White, now past eighty years of age. The present furor started in this way: the pastor of the church, Elder N. N. Campbell, had received a communication from Sister White relating to matters in the church at Battle Creek. This he read at the mid-week prayer and missionary meeting. This gathering was larger than usual, the Sabbath keepers of the district having been invited to be present. And now what followed? Right after the meeting, some Tobiah or Sabbatlet hied away to the news desk of a certain paper in town, and the following afternoon that sheet, with flaming headlines, and a grossly false article underneath, started a story which, for aught the writer knows, has been reprinted in every paper in the country. This did great injustice to the Seventh-day Adventist people. A prominent lawyer remarked to one of our ministers that many persons would give the sheet starting such slanders an opportunity to prove in the court that their statements were true. If the things referred to had appeared under their legitimate heading, "The Liars Department," no one would have been misled. As the matter now stands, there having been no denial of these insolent articles, many of the readers will probably be left to believe what the papers printed. To show how grossly false these statements are, a few of the misstatements are here mentioned. *But note that nothing of this sort is found in the "Testimony" referred to.*

First, that Battle Creek's obliteration is predicted as an event of the immediate future; that Adventists should sell their homes and buy no more furniture here; that the gathering at which the message was read was a secrete one; that the doom of this city is sealed; that those who would be saved from the destruction should leave on the first fast train; that men and women wept at the thought of having their homes swept away from under them, or bought up by the

wicked at great sacrifice to themselves; that the Seventh-day Adventist believers were directed to buy no more food than was necessary to last them until the time of their exodus and so forth *ad nauseam* to the end of the ridiculous tale.

When the misrepresentations above referred to first came out in the public prints, it was felt that as a church we should make a public protest, but finally it was deemed best to write out this statement for publication in our conference papers for the information of our own people.

Another report that has just made the tour of the public press is to the effect that our pastor, Elder Campbell, has purloined the stenographic report of an interview between the head physician of the sanitarium and two of our church workers, and made a number of copies of the same. The simple facts concerning this matter, which our foes are trying to make so much capital out of, are as follows:—

On October 7, two of the officers of the church called upon the physician above referred to, to learn how he felt about continuing his connection with the church. This interview lasted seven consecutive hours, and the doctor had the report typewritten, making a ponderous document of 179 pages. This was soon in the hands of a number of persons who were unfriendly to the church. Later it was loaned to a sister in the church who took it to the pastor and he, having permission to keep the same over night, had his stenographer with the assistance of others, make several copies of it. This was done to enable the church officers to reply to the statements made by those who had already read the report and were making public comments in regard to it.

The doctor had previously written twice to the writer suggesting the advisability of printing the report of the interview for the benefit of the public; consequently the furor which he and his sympathizers are raising over this matter is puerile in the extreme.

The foregoing are the plain, unvarnished facts in the case.

G. W. AMADON, *Church Elder.*

## SOURCE AND IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH REFORM

WHENCE did the light of health reform come?

"God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 561.

With what work will it be associated?

"The health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 161.

How closely is it connected with the Third Angel's Message?

"It is as closely connected with the Third Angel's Message as the hand is with the body."—*Id.*, p. 62.

What does that Message enjoin upon us all?

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

Can we keep the moral law while we violate the law of our physical being?

"Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions and not violate the law of God."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 161.

Why has God given the light of health reform?

"He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us that we may see our sin in violating the laws which he has established in our being.—*Id.*

By obedience to this light, what may we escape?

"God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days, that by walking in the light we may escape many dangers to which we will be exposed."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 561.

If we cherish the light, how will it help us?

"If man will cherish the light that God in mercy gives him upon health reform, he may be sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 162.

What will be the result if we disregard the light?

"But if he disregards that light, and lives in violation of natural law, he must pay the penalty."—*Id.*

Has this light been shining long?

"For years the Lord has been calling the attention of his people to health reform."—(Published in 1872.)—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 61.

Should health reform be confined to a reform in any one direction?

"Temperance in all things is to be connected with the Message, to turn

the people of God from their idolatry, their gluttony, and their extravagance in dress, and other things."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 62.

Should we avoid extremes?

"Christians should shun extremes. They should humbly pursue a straightforward course, irrespective of applause or of censure, and should cling to the right because of its own merits." Vol. I, p. 459.

What is our first duty?

"Our first duty, one which we owe to God, to ourselves, and to our fellowmen, is to obey the laws of God which include the laws of health." Vol. III, p. 164.

Can we be excused if we are willingly ignorant?

"If we close our eyes to the light for fear we shall see our wrongs, which we are unwilling to forsake, our sins are not lessened, but increased." Vol. II, p. 70.

Is the violation of physical law sin?

"It is just as much sin to violate the laws of our being as to break one of the ten commandments; for we cannot do either without breaking God's laws." Vol. II, p. 70.

What is our constant tendency?

"Our people are constantly retrograding upon health reform." Vol. III, p. 569.

Why is this so?

"Satan comes to man as he came to Christ, with his overpowering temptations to indulge appetite. He well knows his power to overcome man upon this point." Vol. III, p. 561.

How was man first overcome?

"Satan overcame Adam and Eve in Eden upon appetite, and they lost their blissful home." Vol. III, p. 561.

Does Satan understand the advantage those have who do not indulge the appetite?

"Satan sees that he cannot have such a controlling power over them as he could if appetite were indulged." Vol. III, p. 569.

How may man overcome appetite and thus be free from the control of Satan?

"As Adam fell through appetite and lost blissful Eden, the children of Adam may, through Christ, overcome appetite, and, through temperance in all things, regain Eden." Vol. III, p. 161.

V. L. FISHER, M. D.

THE greatest failure in life is the man who spends so much time wishing he could accomplish big reforms that he has no time in which to assist in minor reforms.

## REPORTS

### Cincinnati

VISITOR READERS: Tuesday, November 26, found me ready to start on my trip to the General Meeting of German workers held in Chicago, November 29–December 9. I took this occasion to stop and visit the company at Haskins, O. I visited them house-to-house, and had one meeting with them. This they appreciated very much, as they very seldom see a minister.

Arriving at Chicago, I found most of the workers there. One meeting had already been held. I was indeed glad to meet so many workers with whom we were acquainted. Also to make the acquaintance of the new workers. The meetings were enjoyed, and the time profitably spent. Plans were laid to work to a definite end. Also to raise the standard of truth high in regards to the fundamental principles of the Message. The subject of tithing was considered, and also the Spirit of prophecy, etc.

I had the pleasure of conversing daily with Elder and Mrs. Graf, who have labored twelve years in Brazil and have recently returned from that field of labor. Glad indeed was I to once more see and talk with my former Bible teacher. I asked him many questions about the land of the sunny South.

On my way back I visited at Sherwood and Defiance, where I held one meeting with good interest. I believe that meetings could be held there with good results. From Defiance I was driven to Charloe where I spoke twice to a crowded house. Here I found a false report circulated against the Spirit of prophecy. I made mention of it in my sermon, saying that God would deliver us from the scourge of the tongue. At the close of the meeting, a man stepped up, and said he had a confession to make. He said he was the man that had started this false report. I urged him to confess it to the congregation, and he did. Praise the Lord for that victory.

From Charloe I went to Dayton, where I spent the greatest share of the week of prayer. We had some excellent meetings. Hamilton was next on the list. Here I stayed two nights. From there I came to my journey's end, having been gone over three weeks.

The work here in Cincinnati is onward. Several have been taken into the church. One by baptism, others by profession of faith and letters. The Young People's and church school work is prospering. We are of good courage and hope to stir some hearts to accept this Message this winter. JOHN P. GAEDE.

**Pleasant Hill, Coshocton, Killbuck,  
Trinway**

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: During the week of prayer I met with the Pleasant Hill, Coshocton, and Killbuck churches, and also the little company at Trinway. I found these little companies full of courage, and interested in the truth for this time.

Brethren of like precious faith, let us look up and see with the eye of faith just yonder the long promised land in full view before us. We are well able to go up and possess it. Satan is telling us that the "people be strong and the cities walled and very great, and the land one that eateth the inhabitants." But Satan is a conquered foe, and while his followers, the modern sons of Anak, are doing what they can to discourage us, the pillar of cloud is rising, the camp moves on, calling to us that we know the times,—that we have dwelt long enough in this mount, and now in the light of 2 Peter 3:11, let us move forward, putting into practice Rom. 13:11-14.

G. C. QUILLIN.

**Shreve**

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Another week of prayer is in the past, and we feel thankful to our heavenly Father for this privilege of reporting through the medium of your columns the blessings that have attended the little company at this place. We can truly say that the power and Spirit of the Lord were present at these meetings; humble confessions were made and desires were expressed to live nearer to the Lord in the future. I am sure that all felt, at the close of the meetings, that we had made a step nearer to the Lord and that he had richly blessed us.

By the time this reaches you, the new year will have dawned upon us, and I trust this good spirit may not die out, but that it may grow brighter day by day and that we may receive richer and better experiences. For this we know of a truth, that we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we believe in the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we know that our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may be kept faithful and in love of this most glorious truth.

We are thankful for the VISITOR and we enclose twenty-five cents that you may renew your visits to our home for another year. I remain your brother in the closing Message,

E. D. BATES.

**Ravenna**

DEAR CO-WORKER: Having read your suggestion in the WELCOME VISITOR, and being glad to send in a few words of cheer from our Sabbath-school here in Ravenna, I write these few lines.

We all can truthfully say this has been a profitable year for our little company. Our school has enlarged in membership, donations have increased, and with some, I know the desire has increased for a more thorough study of the lessons.

All have seemed to enjoy each lesson of this past quarter, and it is my sincere desire that we all may put forth greater effort at the beginning of this new year, and at the close of the coming year we may see greater results from our efforts.

May the Lord help each one to do their part, is my prayer. Yours in the Masters' work,

MRS. ETHEL SAUDER, Sec.

**New Philadelphia**

OUR hearts are filled with gladness and praises to God for his rich blessings which we are enjoying in his work in New Philadelphia.

Although the results thus far have not been all that we had hoped for, yet several have taken their stand for the truth.

There are others who are interested, with whom we are holding readings. We have reasons to believe that a number of these will yet take their stand for the Message. During the past three months, the ministers have been extremely active in their efforts to hinder our work.

December 28, we organized a Sabbath-school with eighteen members. We have been holding Sabbath-school in our home for several months with a good attendance.

I remained in New Philadelphia during the week of prayer, holding Bible readings and conducting meeting with our company at this place. Sabbath, December 21, was a precious day. The dear Lord came near by his Spirit. Almost all present took part in the service, and thanked the Lord that he had sent Mr. Campbell and me to this city to give the last Message of mercy.

My heart was touched as I listened to their good testimonies, thanking and praising the Lord for this wonderful truth. Personally I am thankful for a part in this great work.

We are of good courage, and rejoice in the Lord for the manifestation of his Spirit here.

MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

**COLLEGE SPRINGS SANI-  
TARIUM**

IT is truly a source of encouragement to those connected with our work and to every one interested in the medical missionary movement, to be able to receive a word of courage from the College Springs Sanitarium. The interest expressed by faithful and earnest efforts speaks well for our helpers as they labor day and night for the relief of those who come for help. And as we close this year's service it is with a feeling of gratitude to the Great Physician for our pleasant sanitarium home, and the degree of success which has attended the opening month of this institution. Now as we are about to enter upon a new year's experience we are encouraged to request that all our people shall join us in asking that God's Spirit and power shall use this institution to strengthen this branch of our work and bring relief and light to all within its influence.

V. L. FISHER, M. D.

**Massillon, Alliance, Canton**

WELCOME VISITOR: It was my privilege during the week of prayer, to visit the companies at Massillon, Alliance and Canton.

December 14 and 15, I spent with the Massillon church. The meetings were held at the homes of Sisters Russell and Wheeler. The Lord came near by his Spirit as the beautiful truths were studied.

From Massillon I went to Alliance, where I spent three days. During the few days I remained in this city, I visited the members of the church and found them encouraged, and in good spirits. All in attendance at the meetings testified of the goodness of God to them, and expressed a determination to press forward and help finish the work.

At the last meeting held, two young men from Sebring came in inquiring for more light. It delights our souls to meet with those who are hungering to know more of God's word.

From Alliance I went to Canton where I spent three days. As I visited the company there, I found earnestness and devotion to the Message. The dear Saviour came very near in each service. Our hearts were touched with the good testimonies that were borne.

Let us pray for the latter rain, and also that the Lord will speedily finish his work in the earth.

W. M. CAMPBELL.

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ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER spent last Sabbath with the Clyde church.

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

MR. WILL DANIELS, of Tiffin, O., spent several days during the vacation with College friends.

MR. A. S. BASSLER, of San Francisco, Cal., spent the holidays with his aunt, the editor, and family.

MR. AND MRS. LINDSEY, of Columbiana, O., attended the wedding of their son, Mr. Roscoe Lindsey.

MISS ELLA TALMAGE made a pleasant call at the office last Tuesday, as she was returning to her field of labor.

BROTHER JAMES E. SHULTZ and wife have a fine new boy, born November 6, and who now bears the name of Gerald Emerson Shultz.

DR. H. M. JUMP was called to Lagrange to conduct the funeral service of Brother Levi Johnson who died New Year's morning, after a long illness.

LOOK for the blue pencil mark. If there is one on your paper, remember this is the last WELCOME VISITOR you will receive until your subscription is renewed. Please attend to this at once.

EARLY last Thursday morning Dr. Fisher was called to attend Sister Mofett who had fallen downstairs. Aside from a badly bruised shoulder and gash on the scalp, she received no serious injury. It was indeed a miraculous escape.

CARDS announcing the marriage of Miss Margaret Haughey, formerly of Mount Vernon, and Mr. Seymour Hilliard, at Otsego, Mich., Dec. 31, 1907, have just reached the editor's desk. The VISITOR, of which Miss Haughey was editor at one time, most heartily joins in the many good wishes for the future.

MRS. W. H. WRIGHT of Leesburg, O., and Mrs. H. A. Weaver of Detroit, Mich., have been visiting their mother, Mrs. E. J. Miller, at Springfield, O.

WE wish to call attention to the January *Life and Health*, which as usual is full of useful and seasonable recipes, advise, and instruction. One especially good feature about *Life and Health* is that its instruction is along practical lines, and suited to the conditions which obtain in the majority of homes.

Many persons have been heard to say, "I believe in these rational treatments, but cannot afford the expense of equipment." All such should read *Life and Health*, and introduce it to their friends. Price, 75 cents. Address *Life and Health*, Takama Park Station, Washington, D. C.

A VERY pretty wedding occurred at the home of Sister G. A. Donnelly on the evening of December 24, when her daughter, Miss Mabel, became the wife of Brother Roscoe Lindsey. As the clock announced the hour, Miss Ethyl Ross began the wedding march. Elder F. D. Starr met the happy couple as they took their place in a bower of potted plants, and pronounced the impressive service that made them man and wife. About forty invited guests were present to offer congratulations and partake of the delicious refreshments served. Many beautiful and useful presents were left as tokens of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey are held. After a pleasant evening the friends sang, "Goodnight," and left for their various homes, leaving many good wishes for a happy future.

## 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 necessary business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*  
C. V. HAMER, *Sec.*

## NOTICE TO DELEGATES

THE Columbus church is located on the northeast corner of Ohio and Fair Avenues. The delegates arriving on the steam railway running into the Union Station, to go to the church should take a State and Oak Street car to Ohio Avenue, then walk one block and two doors North on Ohio Avenue.

The Ohio Central Railroad has its station on Broad Street. To reach the church from this station, take any street car going east, transfer at the corner of Broad and High Streets to a State and Oak Street car, going south, and go to Ohio Avenue, thence one block and two doors north, as above stated.

The Columbus & Springfield Electric line, the Eastern Division, the Grove City Division, and C. D. & M. Electric lines have their stations on Gay Street. From this depot walk one-half square east to High, take State and Oak car on High Street, going south to Ohio Avenue, then walk north on Ohio Avenue as before stated.

Scioto Valley Traction Co. station is on the corner of Third and Rich Streets. Going to the church from here, walk two blocks north on Third to State Street, take State and Oak Street car going east, and stop at Ohio Avenue, then walk again one block and two doors north on Ohio Avenue to the church.

The C. N. A. & J. traction line comes to the corner of Long and High Streets. Here take State and Oak Street car going south on High Street to Ohio Avenue as above stated.

The C. U. & W. Traction line comes to the corner of Gay and Water Streets. Here take Mound Street car, transferring on High Street to a south bound State and Oak Street car, which will take you to Ohio Avenue and only one square distance from the church.

The delegates are requested to bring a heavy woolen blanket and pillow.

C. T. REDFIELD.

316 S. Wash. Ave.

# Supplement

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## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### MUCH ADO

IN the stern presence of the greater trial,  
Who taketh thought for some small self-  
denial?  
When breeding clouds the precious home in-  
vests,  
Who grieveth for some trivial unrest?  
We are "too ready with our discontent."  
Too soon our store of quietness is spent.  
We might win flowers where gathering thorns  
and rue,  
We, who o're trifles make so much ado.  
Stronger are they who wear as coat of  
mail  
The shield of faith, which vainly fears as-  
sail.  
Wiser are they who lift their voice in prayer,  
And win the help that lightens daily care.  
MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

## TO ELDERS AND CHURCHES IN WEST PENNSYLVANIA

I HAVE not been able to respond by a personal letter to all the cheering words that came to me during the recent campaign on the \$150,000 Fund. I take this opportunity of speaking to you all through the columns of the WELCOME VISITOR, and giving you the story of the campaign and the blessed victory that resulted. Christmas day I went over the matter, carefully, asking the Lord to help me and divided the balance of our Conference quota among the churches according to the number at each place, as near as I could estimate the active members. A letter was then prepared asking each church in addition to what it had already done, to raise the amount assigned to it that our Conference might stand clear when 1907 closed. With each letter I enclosed a card requesting that it be mailed to me as soon as the Sabbath was over, telling me whether I could depend upon that church to do its part. I felt from the start the success of the plan; but what joy came to my heart as Sunday and Monday the cards showered back assuring me that the church would gladly do its part, and often containing the cheering news, "The money is on the way," or "Money will be sent in a few days," etc. Then I realized that God had put it into the hearts of all to finish

this work. Monday evening Brother Williams figured the amount of the balance of our pro rata share and sent it on to the Union treasury. It was indeed a grand victory, coming as it did immediately after the week of prayer, and the gathering of the Annual Offering. I know what it meant to some who have heavy local burdens to bear at this time, but I am sure that God's blessing will reward your sacrifice, and I want to thank you all for the loyal support and the willing response. C. F. MCVAGH.

P. S.—The laborers all want to keep in touch with you through the VISITOR. No one can afford to miss its weekly visits. The price is only twenty-five cents per year. Canvass your church thoroughly and send in a good list of yearly subscriptions to the Conference office.

## INDIANA CHURCH SCHOOL

PERHAPS our people in Western Pennsylvania will be interested to hear how the church school work at this place is progressing. We are thankful to say that we are now using our new school building, although it is not fully completed. We are thankful to God and grateful to our brethren and sisters for the financial help they have given us to assist in the erection of this church school building. We shall need more than one hundred dollars yet to complete the house. There are quite a number of pledges that were made at camp-meeting last June that have not been paid; if these could be paid soon the money would be greatly appreciated as we are in debt some seventy-one dollars for lumber. The school has sixteen students this winter, six more than we had one year ago.

The week of prayer was a blessed season for the little church at this place, and the children were much interested in their part of the program. Two families of our people located near the school this fall and others are thinking of coming this way. When we consider the fact that less than two years ago the writer and his family moved to this place where there were none of our people at all, and the truth was unknown in this

part of the field, many of the people knowing nothing at all about us or our work, and now we have a nice company with a school of sixteen students, surely a good beginning has been made. The Lord has blessed our efforts. To him be all the praise. Many have heard the truth, and will be without excuse in the judgment. There are at present calls for labor in several different places in this and adjoining counties, and we hope to see a goodly harvest of souls in this part of the field in the future. Brethren, pray for the work at this place.

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Penn., R. F. D. 8.

## NOTES

C. F. MCVAGH expects to hold quarterly meeting with the Port Allegany church Sabbath and Sunday, January 4 and 5.

BROTHER GUY HEAD of Corydon, who met with a severe accident December 26, is getting along as well as could be expected, and the doctor holds out good hopes of his recovery. We ask all to remember this brother and family in prayer that they may be sustained by God's keeping power.

WITHIN a short time we hope to see our portion of the \$150,000 more than paid. Our churches are taking hold of this with a right good will. A few have already overpaid the amount requested of them. May this fund soon be raised that we may rejoice together as a people over a finished work.

SISTER MARIAN TEATES writes encouragingly of the Bible work in Erie. She says that three new places were opened for her to hold readings last week, and that she starts the New Year with twelve regular places to hold weekly readings among a good class of people. Many of them being deeply interested, some seeming about ready to accept the truth for these times. May the Lord bless in this work and give these interested ones the courage to take their stand.

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

### THE 1908 COLLECTION FOR THE GENERAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT

THE annual Religious Liberty collection for the General Religious Liberty Department will be taken Sabbath, Feb. 1, 1908, in all of our churches. There will be a special religious liberty program that will be carried out that day in our churches in the United States. This program will be published in the *Review* of Jan. 16, 1908.

It will be remembered that this annual collection is the only resource of the general department, hence it is important that the offering shall be a liberal one. The rapidly increasing efforts of those who are seeking for Sunday legislation should arouse the most indifferent to take hold of this work as they never have before.

We are far behind already in our work of enlightening the people. Already three Sunday bills have been introduced into the present session of Congress. A special campaign has been started here in Washington by the Protestant ministers and the Roman Catholic clergy to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

We are planning a most vigorous counter-campaign to the one referred to above for the purpose of placing literature concerning the Third Angel's Message in the homes of the citizens of Washington, D. C.

You are without doubt aware of the almost universal demand for the enforcement of Sunday laws that is now prevailing all over the country. We certainly need your earnest prayers and free will offerings, in order to make the work effective. Please begin to plan for this offering at once.

K. C. RUSSELL,

*Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.*

### SUNDAY LAWS

THE editor of the Mansfield (O.) *News*, Hon. W. S. Cappeller, is a fearless advocate of civil and religious liberty. For the benefit of the *VISITOR* readers I will present an editorial from Tuesday's issue, Dec. 31, 1907:—

"Perhaps one of the best ways to make a good people more liberal in their ideas about many things, especially Sunday laws, would be to absolutely restrict them from doing what they want to do and what they do in their own homes and elsewhere on Sunday, which same things, under

only slightly different conditions and degrees, they would restrict other people from doing.

"It is a good idea for all people to remember that we are living in the twentieth, and not in the seventeenth or eighteenth, century, and that the only thing said by the Master about the Sabbath was that 'the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath,' and that if everybody will attend strictly to minding his own business the great mass of the people will not go far wrong in a rational observance of the Sabbath in worship, or rest, or relaxation, or amusement, and in such manner as will in no wise interfere with the rights and privileges of others.

With that complete separation of church and state that should exist, nobody ought to desire to have his particular religious beliefs made the rule of conduct for other people whose religious belief may be entirely different, and who do not attempt or desire to make others think and do as they do.

"It has taken us a long time to get away from the stake, the block, and the intolerance of the darker ages and any disposition toward measures, the logical conclusion of which would be a restoration of 'blue laws,' should be discouraged by people who have enough confidence in their mental capacity to do their own thinking."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER, 1907

Akron.....	\$ 60.81
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13.50
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	53.25
Bellville.....	25.65
Bowling Green.....	65.00
Broughton.....	5.00
Brokaw.....	4.00
Camden.....	80.06
Canton.....	28.16
Chagrin Falls.....	16.59
Charloe.....	21.30
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	162.24
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	683.27
Clyde.....	26.00
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	25.83
Conneaut.....	16.18
Corsica.....	80.00
Coshocton.....	30.73
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	139.05
Defiance.....	19.00
Delaware.....	3.00
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	6.30
Dowling.....	27.00
Dresden-Trinway.....	13.14
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	15.15
Elgin.....	47.15

Green Spring.....	15.07
Hamilton.....	72.4
Hamler.....	.....
Jackson.....	8.30
Jefferson.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	30.46
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	27.24
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	7.30
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	13.63
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	46.06
Marion.....	84.55
Marshfield.....	28.00
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	4.44
Medina.....	.....
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	12.60
Middlefield.....	18.51
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	178.14
Nashville.....	47.79
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	102.03
Norwalk.....	.....
Ohio City.....	4.18
Olivett.....	.....
Pemberville.....	25.10
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	24.05
Plimpton.....	.....
Powell.....	4.87
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	1.53
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	4.50
Shreve.....	2.09
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	224.98
Swanton.....	.....
Toledo.....	156.20
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	15.16
Unionport.....	4.12
Van Wert.....	12.11
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	6.30
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	.....
Wilmington.....	.....
Youngstown.....	22.27
Zanesville.....	25.50
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	57.17

Total.....\$3,139.50  
C. V. HAMMER, Treas.

### TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES,

December, 1907

Tithe.....	\$3,139.50
Ohio Tract Society.....	1080.81
Weekly Offerings.....	72.34
Sabbath-school Donations.....	250.14
Y. P. Society.....	26.55
Annual Offering.....	623.85
\$150,000 Fund.....	169.82
Foreign Workers.....	26.20
India.....	1.56
Southern Field.....	31.20
Total.....	\$5,411.97