

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

ENOUGH

LORD, give me help to-day!
So at the dawn I pray,
Not knowing what may be 'twixt morn and
night;
And even hour by hour
The needed gift of power
Comes at my prayer; the dark is changed to
light.

O Lord, I am afraid:
So calls my soul, dismayed
When the fierce sea, storm-lashed, is raging
round;

But presently the calm
Of some sweet evening psalm
Fills my whole being with its soothing sound.

O Lord, it is enough:
Be my life smooth or rough,
Thou art beside me, thou wilt succor me.
Grant thou me help each day:
Thou art my strength and stay;
Living or dying, I am safe with thee.

MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Wednesday 3:30 P. M.

CHAIR.—Yesterday we adjourned this meeting until 3:00 P. M. to-day. It is a little past the time but possibly this meeting will not need to last a great while. You understand that the Conference Association is the legal phase of our work. This is a corporation, and it is prepared to do legal business. The only support it has financially is the gifts and donations of the people, and yet it must stand back of all, and pay the debts of the Conference. I wish we might have some time, but we will not at this session of the Conference, to present to the people some of the reasons why this part of the work should be remembered. There is one thing I will mention. The Association is in debt. It has to borrow money to pay debts when necessary. It had to borrow nearly \$3,000 at one time to pay the laborers of this Conference, but the Conference has been able to pay back all this. I make this brief explanation for the benefit of the delegates who are here for the first time. We have not called upon the people very often to donate to the Association.

The business agent, Elder Kennedy, will now render his report.

Elder Kennedy.—We are all interested in trying to keep our balance sheet up as high as possible. It has been my endeavor as business agent to keep this balance up. I have endeavored to economize in everything and manage the affairs of the Conference so as to incur little expense. I have tried to get in all the money available. One way that we can reduce our expense is for each one to practice economy. Let nothing go to waste. We need not be afraid to take hold, and I am glad that a number took hold faithfully and helped us to save money. I make mention of this that you may do a little more. Whoever is chosen to take this place, let us hold up his hands, knowing that the cash does not come to him, but to the cause of God.

We deposit all moneys with the treasurer of the Conference, and then draw checks on him for our expenses. We need money now, and you who have pledged and have not paid, would do well to send in your remittances at once. Some have already paid all their pledges to the tent fund, and we would be glad if all others would follow their example. Try to meet your pledges promptly. The following is a brief financial report of the Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Resources

Real Estate.....	\$711
Bills Receivable.....	365
Tents and Equipments.....	3,316.89
Furniture and Fictures.....	821.35
Accounts Receivable.....	80
Cash.....	1,424.69
Total.....	\$6,408.93

Liabilities

Bills Payable.....	\$3,010
Accounts Payable.....	700
Total.....	\$3,710
Present worth.....	\$2,698.93

R. R. KENNEDY, *Business Agent.*

Chair.—What is your pleasure in regard to the report?

Moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Treasurer.—The pledges for the tents last year amounted to \$1,200. Of this amount, we have received

\$590, so that about half of this is still due.

Chair.—Four years ago, I think, there was a vote taken by this Conference to the effect that the nominating committee of the Conference should name a board for the Association.

Association adjourned until Thursday at 3 P. M.

Wednesday 4:30 P. M.

Chair.—I will now call a meeting of the Conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Plans and Recommendations was then submitted as follows:—

Religious Liberty

1. Believing that both our own people and others should be fully instructed in the principles of Religious Liberty,—

We recommend, (a.) That a live Religious Liberty Secretary be elected in each church.

(b.) That a canvass be made for *Liberty*, especially among our own people, by the Religious Liberty Secretary.

(c.) That each congressman in the State be furnished with the publication, *Liberty*, for one year by the Conference, and that each church, as far as possible, furnish lawyers and prominent citizens in their vicinity with the same.

(d.) That the Conference Religious Liberty Secretary be free to employ his time, as occasion demands, in educating along religious liberty lines.

2. Whereas, The Scriptures teach governments are ordained of God, and that they are to be a terror to evil doers,—

Therefore, Resolved that we, the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists assembled, express ourselves as believers in obedience to all laws that do not conflict with the law of God.

Medical Missionary

3. In view of the need of instruction in the principles of healthful living,—

We recommend, (a.) That instruction be given on this subject in all our churches.

(b.) That an active campaign for the sale of "Ministry of Healing" be in-

augurated, that our brethren may have in their homes this, the best work ever printed on the subject.

(c.) That the profits on the sale of this book be used in the establishment of suitable treatment-rooms where the students of our College may receive practical instruction in hydrotherapy and simple treatments.

Evangelical

4. *We recommend*, That the work of raising our quota of the \$150,000 be vigorously pushed in all our churches until it be consummated.

5. *We recommend*, (a.) That eight Superintendents be placed over the eight districts of the Conference.

(b.) That they be located, with their families, in their respective districts.

(c.) That said Superintendents be urged to duly visit and encourage in the work each church and company in their respective districts.

Educational

6. *We recommend*, That the faculty of Mount Vernon College, in council with the Conference Committee, formulate plans for the early disposal of the "Christ Object Lessons" on hand.

7. In consideration of what we have heard at this conference relative to the Mount Vernon College, *We Council*—

(a.) The Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College to early consider the advisability of changing the College to an academy.

(b.) That we empower said Board to make any change they may consider necessary.

8. *Whereas*, The efficiency of the work in our primary schools is very apparent, and we note with pleasure and gratitude to our heavenly Father the rapid development of a system of Christian education in our midst; therefore,—

Resolved, (a.) That we pledge our hearty support to the Educational Department in its efforts to raise the standard by requiring teachers to pass regular examination, also to take the teacher's Improvement Course; and further,—

(b.) We approve of the plan adopted at the last session of the Lake Union Conference, of holding semi-annual examinations in all primary schools for the purpose of developing uniformity and system in our school work.

9. *Resolved*, That we hereby endorse the educational system and courses of study adopted at the General Educational Council held in College View, Neb., June 27 to July 10, 1906, and more recently adopted by the Lake Union Conference Committee at its meeting in Benton Harbor, Mich.

10. *Whereas*, Experience has shown that our young people's conventions have done much toward strengthening and unifying the work of our young people, therefore,

Resolved, (a.) That we hereby encourage our young people in holding frequent conventions for the purpose of planning, and carrying out plans developed.

(b.) Further, We hereby endorse the plan of uniting all the young people in the Lake Union Conference in campaigns in the interests of our world wide work.

Missionary

11. *Whereas*, The book work is one of the most important in spreading the Third Angel's Message among the people,—

We recommend, (a.) That our Conference workers and church elders search out and encourage suitable persons, immediately, to enter this work.

(b.) That special efforts be put forth to influence our young people to take up the Scholarship Plan offered by Mount Vernon College.

12. *Whereas*, The Spirit of Prophecy has spoken emphatically that we should educate those who enter this department of our work,—

We recommend, That a united effort be put forth to secure a large attendance at the spring Canvassers' Institute.

Elder Daniels:—I ask your permission to speak a few words at this time, because it appears that I shall have to go on this evening to my appointment. I want to present something.

Now I will say first of all that if I had had the opportunity or time, I would have placed this matter before the Committee on Plans and Recommendations first. I owe this committee an apology. I tried to find them. I searched quite diligently, but could not find them.

A few weeks ago we came to the place in Washington where we found that we were obliged to ask some minister to go to the District of Columbia and help us in our work. We have no minister in the District who is giving his time to local work. All the ministers who are there are doing work of a general character. We have never organized a conference in the District. Elder Spicer was elected elder of the Takoma Park church, but the first thing he did after his election was to spend eight months in South America. I suppose he has been in the church of which he is pastor about four times during the last year.

Now that leaves our District without proper ministerial work as you

can see. We have five hundred Sabbath-keepers in the District of Columbia. We are here to ask that you release Elder B. L. House to take the work in the District of Columbia. There are conditions there which make it necessary to have a resident minister in the place. We need a minister to operate the tent meetings in the summer and visit the brethren and sisters in the winter. Our church is growing. We are adding new believers every month, and we want a good man to come over and help us. I wrote the president of your Conference a week ago. I could hardly get up the nerve to write for about three weeks. I wrote to Elder Burkholder and he replied like this,—at first he felt like saying, No, but after praying about it he said he would not stand in the way. Now I do not think we shall always want to keep Brother House in the District. We want to let him go on to some mission field. We brought two young ministers there, and one is now in China, and the other in Saskatchewan. So that I would make no promise about always keeping Brother House. We cannot make any promises for anybody. God's cause is growing and enlarging all the time, and my position is that I and every other man who claims to be an ambassador for Christ should hold ourselves ready for marching orders.

We are dealing with a very difficult matter in Washington just now. Elder Sheaf is trying to separate from the denominational work and take his church with him. He denies that he is trying to do this, but a short time ago that church voted to separate, and sent us notice of it. They believe that the church is a supreme body, that it is put here subject to no other authority, or tribunal, or committee, or anything of the kind. This is a church of 180. It is a colored church. I am going to meet the church immediately on my return.

This is the doctrine that A. T. Jones is teaching. There is a tract of about seventy-seven pages advocating this doctrine, and trying to overthrow absolutely all conference organization. So Elder Spicer and I are preparing a tract to send out. We understand that ten thousand of those tracts are to be distributed among our people. Then I am preparing a history of the development of organization in this denomination.

Moved and carried that Elder House be released for the work in the District of Columbia.

Elder Daniels:—I wish to thank the delegates of the Ohio Conference for this quick and cheerful response. In

doing so I wish to say that we have drawn some good workers from the Ohio Conference, young men who are doing good work out in the mission fields.

As Elder Burkholder has said, he has never approached us; we have always taken the initiative. Elder Burkholder has never blocked the way of any of our workers.

You see, brethren, we are practically helpless there. We are compared to the papacy. What is the General Conference President but a companion of the pope? And what is the union conference president but a cardinal? And what is a local conference president but an archbishop?

But there is no pontifical power in this denomination. The General Conference Committee has not an atom of power over a union conference more than advisory. You could send us down with a bang. It is all in your power. We can come with our requests, and you can grant or decline just as you please.

We try to be careful in our expenditures, and in the distribution of laborers. We have to ask for everything we get, and we have come to the place where we nearly expect to get what we ask for. And we try to give what you ask of us. This beautiful co-operation is the strength of our body. The strength of our whole administration lies in this mutual confidence and co-operation that exists among us.

We sincerely hope that God will raise up others here, and bless you with strong young men to carry forward your work.

IT is surprising to note what advancement has been made in this cause since the re-organization in 1901. Only six fleeting years, and yet many of the Union Conferences then formed, or since that time, have grown to proportions almost equal to the General Conference at that time, in actual work being accomplished. This remarkable development is made manifest in the report of the Australasian Union Conference proceedings as published in a special number of the *Union Conference Record*, of Oct. 1, 1906. As one reads these reports, from the superintendents of mission fields, presidents of conferences, and heads of sanitariums and printing houses, he is reminded of the *General Conference Bulletin* of a few years ago. All this goes to show that steadily, grandly and rapidly, as foretold in the Bible and "Testimonies," this truth is being hastened to the nations of the earth.

ARE YOU COMING?

BY the time this issue of the *VISITOR* reaches its readers, our Canvassers' Institute will be in progress. Classes will open Thursday, February 21. Nearly every day we are receiving word from persons throughout the State who are planning on coming. Prospects are good for a large attendance.

Some may feel that because they can not be here the first day, it will not pay them to attend at all; but please do not view it in this way. Although classes will open Thursday, very little advancement will be made before the first of next week, as persons will be coming in during the first two or three days of the session.

Brother Blosser, *Field Secretary of the Lake Union Conference*, will be present with his good supply of valuable pointers and suggestions.

The book work is coming to the front in all our conferences. Signs that foretell our Saviour's coming is near, are so rapidly fulfilling that voices are heard everywhere saying, "What do these things mean?" We can tell them; it is our privilege to tell them. We will not stand guiltless before God if we fail in our duty at this time.

What line of missionary effort could be more effective than this house to house labor, talking with the people in their homes, and leaving one of our good denominational books with them that will stand as a witness to the truths of the Third Angel's Message?

Come in, brethren and sisters, and spend these few days with us in preparation for this work, and help us in making 1907 a banner year in missionary effort in Ohio.

The following is a poem for canvassers, written by Elder Albert Carey, who was one of our Ohio laborers:—

Song for Canvassers

Lives of canvassers remind us
We may make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Books of truth in every clime.

Over hill and dusty roadway,
Footsore, and from men alone,
Truth more precious than earth's millions
Carry they to every home.

Lonely they, but God is keeping;
Angel footsteps go beside;
And while many souls are sleeping,
They, awake, in God abide.

Speed ye then to every household:
Hold aloft the light so clear.
Fruit of heaven crown your labors
Throughout all the coming year.

CARL E. WEAKS.

A LETTER

COLVILLE, WASH., Jan 23, 1907.

Elder H. H. Burkholder,
Belleville, O.

Dear Brother Burkholder: We desire to have a part in the Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund. We responded with several dollars to the Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund of some time ago. At first it did not seem possible for us to do so, as the little property we have cannot be turned into money for sometime. Our desire, however, to help a little was so strong that while studying our Sabbath studies and the call for means to advance the Master's work, the dear Lord impressed my wife to say, "Our rings, why not give them?" At the same instant, and without previous thought I exclaimed, "Yes, we will send them to Brother Burkholder; he knows their history at our baptism." We have not worn them since that day. Take them, Brother Burkholder, get out of them what you can and put it in the fund, and may God bless our mite. Your brother and sister in Christ,

HARPER RITTENHOUSE,
GEORGIA RITTENHOUSE.

I well remember that on May 16, 1897, Brother and Sister Rittenhouse decided to give themselves unreservedly to the Lord. Just before the time when they expected to receive the sacred rite of baptism by the writer, they discovered from a study of the word of God that the rings they had worn on their fingers many years, and which were held to be sacred on account of the place they occupied in connection with their marriage contract, would have to be removed. This was a real test: a mental struggle in the experience of this dear brother and sister. After an earnest season of seeking the Lord, however, for wisdom to know and power to do; they cheerfully obeyed, and the blessing of God rested richly upon them.

I cannot express in words my feelings of joy that after almost ten years, I still find in my brother and sister the same spirit of willingness to help forward to final victory the cause to which they dedicated their lives on that day. I am truly glad to have part with them in now dedicating to the closing work of God the worth of these rings, and join with them in asking the blessing of God upon the offering.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

PROSPECTS are growing brighter as the time draws on for the opening of the Institute. We expect to see the largest attendance that we have witnessed in years at these gatherings.

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Sabbath begins Feb. 22 at 5:44 P. M.

N. S. MILLER is visiting relatives
in Cleveland.

DR. H. M. JUMP called at the office
while en route to Piqua.

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

WE are glad to announce that the
condition of Miss Russell is improv-
ing. Since the publication of our last
issue, she has had a desperate strug-
gle for life. Her symptoms gradually
assumed the form of a most severe
case of pneumonia, but we believe
God has heard the united pleas of
his people in her behalf, and that her
recovery is assured.

Charloe

DEAR VISITOR: On the evening of
January 26, after having continued
one month, the meetings at Charloe
were brought to a close.

It was December 26 that the writer
was joined by Elder Bidwell for the
purpose of holding up truth's banner
in the place where its right to float
had been so sharply contested.

For nearly one week the meetings
continued with increasing attendance;
then the elements seemed to enter into
a compact for the purpose of defeat-
ing our cause. Although this con-
tinued long, the Lord did not forget
his work, and we do not forget to
thank him that his word never fails,
but ever accomplishes that whereunto
it is sent.

Though the mud, rain and wind
united to keep some away, their time
came to an end, and for several even-
ings before the meetings closed, we
were privileged to see the house well
filled and a little fruit gathered as the
result.

We believe the Lord has still other
honest souls here who will yet be
added to the number "who keep the
commandments of God and the faith
of Jesus." JOHN W. SHULTZ.

DISTRICT MEETING

THE meeting appointed for District
Number 3 will be held March 1-3, at
Akron. It is expected that the at-
tendance at this meeting will be ex-
ceptionally large, the subjects for
consideration being those that con-
cern us to-day. We have the promise
of valuable help, as several of our
State workers will be present.

The brethren and sisters of Akron
are planning on entertaining and pro-
viding comfortable quarters for all.

All are cordially invited to attend
and will be most heartily welcomed.
Let us seek earnestly the blessing of
God upon this meeting and come ex-
pecting to enjoy much of his Spirit.

C. T. REDFIELD, *Dist. Supt.*

ERRATA

IN our February 6 issue, the sen-
tence in the fourth paragraph, first
column, second page, which reads,
"It was at this time that Elder Wag-
goner came to Clyde and organized
the Tract and Missionary Society
with Oliver Mears, *President*," should
read, "It was on March 16, 1872, that
Elder S. N. Haskell came to Clyde
and organized the Tract and Mission-
ary Society with Oliver Mears, *Pres-
ident*."

In the same paragraph the sentence
which reads, "In 1871 the first an-
nual camp-meeting was held in Clyde,"
should read, "In 1869 the first an-
nual camp-meeting was held in
Clyde." The mistake was in the
manuscript.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For two weeks ending Feb. 1, 1907.)

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Dau-
iel and Revelation; 34½ hours; value of
orders, \$25; helps, \$9.50; total, \$34.50;
deliveries, \$66.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great
Controversy; 45 hours; value of or-
ders, \$30; helps, \$16.75; total, \$46.75.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great
Controversy; 42½ hours; value of or-
ders, \$55; helps, \$11.75; total, \$66.75;
deliveries, \$2.50.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Com-
ing King; 20 hours; value of orders,
\$12; helps, \$6.75; total, \$12.75; deliv-
eries, \$65.50.

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Com-
ing King; 41 hours; value of orders,
\$59; helps, \$6.50 total, \$65.50

Wm. C. Degarmo, Summit Co.—
Coming King; 39½ hours; value of or-
ders, \$15.50; deliveries, \$1.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-
ing King; 68½ hours; value of orders,
\$24.50; deliveries, \$8.

Mamie Telschow,* Defiance.—Com-
ing King; 7½ hours; value of orders,
\$6.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscel-
laneous; 25½ hours; value of orders,
\$29.25; deliveries, \$14.50.

*Week ending January 25.

(For week ending Feb. 8, 1907.)

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—
Great Controversy; value of orders,
\$7.50; helps, \$3; total, \$10.50.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great
Controversy; 20 hours; value of or-
ders, \$10; helps, \$9.75; total, \$19.75.

R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Her-
alds of the Morning; 36½ hours; value
of orders, \$15.75.

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Coming
King; 13 hours; value of orders, \$23;
helps, \$4.50; total, \$27.50.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—
Coming King; 10 hours; value of or-
ders, \$4.50; helps, \$3; total \$7.50.

L. R. Williams, Paulding Co.—Com-
ing King; value of orders, \$7; helps,
\$4.50; total, \$11.50; deliveries, \$20.

W. H. Gosset, Middlefield.—Com-
ing King; 1 hour; helps, \$3.50.

Wm. C. Degarmo, Summit Co.—
Coming King; 21 hours; value of or-
ders, \$7; helps, \$5.50; total, \$7.50; de-
liveries, \$1.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-
ing King; 31 hours; value of orders,
\$13; deliveries, \$5.

L. A. Holobaugh, Chillicothe.—
Coming King; 39 hours; value of or-
ders, \$24.50.

Mrs. R. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Com-
ing King; value of orders, \$10.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscella-
neous; 13 hours; value of orders, \$9.50;
deliveries, \$11.25.

OBITUARY

VAN SICKLE.—On January 19, Ira Van Sickle
died suddenly on the street in Perrysburg, O.
He was the son of Sister Susan Parker, of the
Dowling church. We extend to Sister Parker
our sympathy in her sorrow.

H. M. JUMP.

EYSTER.—Died at his home in Boardman, O.,
Feb. 5, 1907, of lung trouble and a complication
of diseases, Elias Eyster, aged 73 years.
Brother Eyster was a charter member of the
Youngstown church which was organized July
15, 1882. Subsequently he held positions of
trust and was a faithful member for a number
of years, but later he became cold and indiffer-
ent, and was finally disfellowshipped, though
our efforts to reclaim him did not cease. At
times the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress
him, and later, as he approached the hour of
death, he was calm and passed away peace-
fully. We trust he will come up in the first
resurrection. He leaves a wife, who is a
faithful member of our church, and a large
family who are all grown. Remarks were made
by Elder Stockman, Methodist.

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.