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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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MINUTES OF OHIO CONFERENCE MEETINGS.

(Continued.)

Third meeting—Third meeting of the Ohio Conference, Aug. 12th, 1902, 9:30 a. m., Elder A. G. Haughey presiding. Brother C. C. Webster offered prayer.

The minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. The treasurer reported the tithes received since January 1st, 1902, from the three churches admitted into the Conference in the last meeting.

Reports of labor given by Brethren Webster, House, Kennedy, J. P. Gaede, J. O. Miller, Redfield, Francis M. Fairchild, Bidwell, Kirken-dall, Henderson, Thurber, Fisher and Fred M. Fairchild.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., August 13th.

Fourth meeting—Fourth meeting of the Ohio Conference, Aug. 13th 1902, 9:30 a. m., Elder A. G. Haughey, chairman. Prayer offered by Brother G. P. Gaede.

The minutes of the third meeting read and approved. The Missionary Secretary presented the following report:

Statement of Object Lesson Fund Dec. 31, 1900, to July 1, 1902:

Object Lessons received...\$16,340.00
Donation 1.35

Total\$16,341.35

Discount allowed to canvassers\$ 284.42

Expense, (freight, express and mail)..... 129.66

Paid Academy 4,300.00

Books in field not paid for. 7,552.27

Books on hand 4,075.00

\$16,341.35

Paid Academy since July 1 \$ 700.00

Paid Academy before July 1 4,300.00
Total\$ 5,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE OHIO TRACT SOCIETY DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE, AS SHOWN BY THE BOOKS, FEB. 1, 1902.

Resources.

Real estate\$ 1,358.30
Merchandise 2,548.28
Furniture and fixtures ... 280.00
Expense 9.80
Bills receivable 167.80
Accounts receivable 6,090.52
Cash in hands of treas.... 1,221.88

Total\$11,676.58

Liabilities.

Accounts payable\$ 7,739.19
Present worth, Feb. 1, 1902 3,937.39

Total\$11,676.58

Present worth Jan. 1, 1901 6,709.85
Net loss for year 2,772.46

Present worth, Feb. 1, 1902 3,937.39

Cause of Loss for the Year.

Lost accounts placed in loss June 30, 1901.....\$ 2,144.46

Shrinkage on real estate in Cleveland placed in loss. 800.00

Total\$ 2,944.46

Present worth, Feb. 1, 1902 3,937.39

What present worth would have been Feb. 1, 1902, if the above had not been placed in loss.....\$ 6,881.85

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1901 \$ 6,709.85

Net gain for year..... 172.00

Total\$ 6,881.85

STATEMENT O. T. S. DEP'T.

The present worth of \$3,937.39 on February 1, 1902, is based on the Ohio Conference owing the Ohio Tract Society Dept. \$2,436.19, which amount the Tract Society Depart-

ment loaned the Conference in building the Mission property in Cleveland; and \$167.80 bills receivable, which are uncollectible; and \$990.30 lost accounts; and probably other uncollectable accounts, \$674.81. Total, \$4,269.10.

Real estate should be increased \$280.84 to correct shrinkage June 30, 1901. This amount added to the present worth of \$3,937.39 on February 1, 1902, would make \$4,218.23, which would show the Ohio Tract Society Department has liabilities exceeding its resources to the amount of \$50.87.

By vote of the Conference Committee, the books were ordered changed to agree with the above, which would make the showing given below:

REAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE OHIO TRACT SOCIETY DEPT.

Liabilities.

Accounts payable\$ 7,739.19

Resources.

Real estate\$ 1,639.14
Merchandise 2,548.28

Furniture and fixtures.... 280.00

Expense 9.80

Accounts receivable 1,989.22

Cash in hands of treas.... 1,221.88

Additional amount necessary to meet liabilities.. 50.87

Total\$ 7,739.19

Elder Lindsey: The last testimony from Sister White in regard to the keeping of records and the way in which to transact business is timely. Thousands of dollars have been lost on account of not following proper business methods. You can see another thing in this report and that is the sooner we get down to a cash basis the better it will be for us. If the representatives of the different churches will go home with this in mind, it will help materially in lifting the Tract Society Department

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out of its present condition. The margin of profit on the books is so small that it does not take long to eat it up, and after awhile we will eat up the capital too. Let every one of us see to it that we don't make the Society the loser by any transaction of business that we may have. It is very clear to my mind that this report is correct.

The President: You will notice from the report that it would appear in the past as though the Tract Society was worth something financially, when the actual fact was that it was involved. We would come to camp-meeting and get a good statement, and think that we had a good present worth. Now this is partially due to the fact that we had separate organizations within an organization, and separate sets of books. One bookkeeper would have an account with another bookkeeper in the Conference, and these various organizations reporting, would show a nice present worth, because its present worth was based upon an account against some other department of the Conference, when the actual fact was this, that as they all were parts of the Conference work, and would all come in as departments of the Conference, it materially changed the whole affair. It is our purpose sometime during this session to be prepared to give the actual financial standing of the Ohio Conference with all its departments.

The Missionary Secretary remarked that the solution of the problem centered in the canvassing work, and made a plea for canvassers.

Moved and supported that the report be adopted. Carried.

The General Canvassing Agent suggested that we not only adopt, but act upon the report.

Elder D. E. Lindsey moved that this Conference select a nominating committee of seven, from the floor. Seconded. On motions properly seconded and carried the following named persons were elected to serve on the nominating committee:

J. O. Miller, C. E. Welch, Francis M. Fairchild, W. H. Granger, Dr. B. J. Ferciot, D. D. Panches and M. C. Kirkendall.

Moved and supported that the chairman appoint a committee of five to act with the Conference Committee and ordained ministers in the matter of credentials and licenses,

and that we dispense with the usual committee on recommendations, and leave any recommendations that may be thought necessary with this joint committee. Carried.

The State Canvassing Agent gave a report of the canvassing work during the year.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Fifth meeting—Fifth meeting of the Ohio Conference, August 14th, 1902, 10:15 a. m., Elder A. G. Haughey in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The President appointed the following persons to act as the additional members of the committee on credentials and licenses:

C. B. Smith, C. C. Webster, W. W. Prescott, W. A. Spicer and W. W. Miller.

The nominating committee presented a partial report as follows: President, H. H. Burkholder; vice president, D. E. Lindsey; missionary secretary, N. S. Miller; auditor, W. H. Edwards; state canvassing agent, G. P. Gaede; executive committee, H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsey, A. G. Haughey, Thos. Thornton, R. R. Kennedy, M. C. Kirkendall.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted by considering each name separately. All were elected to the offices named except Elder A. G. Haughey, who declined to act and remarked, "Brethren, I do not believe that this is a right thing, and I am going to tell you why. I have been acting as president of the Conference for two years, and have been trying to carry into effect plans which are right plans. If I am still put on the Conference Committee, I will try to carry out these plans, and I do not think it would be the best thing for the Conference for me to be on the Committee. I can speak personally, with all due respect, and not wishing to cast reflections on any body, for I have had a trial of that sort of thing. I believe the man was sincere in all he did, and believed it to be right, but brethren I know it is not the proper thing.

Elder Lindsey: I believe just what Brother Haughey says, with all due respect to him. I think it would only complicate matters. We need his counsel and advice until we get the run of things in the Conference, but we can get that without his being on the Conference Committee, so I am in favor of granting his re-

quest. The name was referred back to the committee.

Moved and seconded that the Conference be divided up into suitable districts by the Conference Committee and that district elders be appointed over them by this committee. Remarks by W. W. Miller, C. C. Webster, Elders Prescott, Lindsey, Shannon, Wood and Haughey and others. Motion carried.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Sixth meeting—Sixth meeting of the Ohio Conference, August 14th, 1902, 11:45 a. m., Elder A. G. Haughey presiding. The Sabbath-school secretary gave the following comparative report of the Sabbath-schools for the years 1901 and 1902:

	1901	1902
No. of schools....	107	81
Membership	1,945	1,854
Average attendance	1,552	1,278
Total contributions as reported by the schools	\$1,981.39	1,699.98
Donations received for Foreign Missions	816.05	871.54
Donations received from Campmeeting	70.00	61.95
Donations received for the Haskell Home	190.94	265.08
Miscellaneous donations	12.22	96.40
Expense, as reported by schools—		
\$531.60.		
Expense (postage, etc.)—	\$73.38.	
Increase in donations to the different branches of the work—	\$211.27.	

For disbursements, see treasurer's report.

The Educational Secretary gave a brief verbal report of the church school work.

Elders Prescott and Spicer spoke of the importance of circulating our church paper, "The Review and Herald."

Adjourned to call of chair.

Seventh meeting—Seventh meeting of the Ohio Conference, August 15th, 1902, 9:30 a. m., Elder A. G. Haughey in the chair. Prayer offered by Elder C. A. Smith.

The minutes of the fifth and sixth meetings read and approved. The nominating committee presented the following completed report:

Treasurer, C. V. Hamer; educational secretary, Bessie E. Russell;

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additional members of executive committee, G. C. Quillin, Dr. B. J. Ferciot.

W. H. Wakeham moved the adoption of the report by considering each name separately. Seconded by Elder J. G. Wood. Motion carried. All were elected to the offices named. Remarks were made by Elders D. E. Lindsey, A. G. Haughey and C. A. Smith and others.

Elder A. G. Haughey: Now it will probably not be out of place for me to make a few remarks. Brethren, our conference officers for the ensuing year are elected, and we have elected them. Evryone has had the opportunity of speaking either for or against them. Now we have all spoken for them. It has been a unanimous election all the way through. Now I want to say this for the good of the cause of God in the earth, and for the uplifting of Christ in our hearts, let each one of us do what we have said by our actions in these business meetings we would do. The only way that these officers can accomplish the work that God designs to do through them is for every one of us to stand by them, and for them, and with them, and consider ourselves as a part of them because we are a part of the work. I believe God has blessed in this meeting. Further remarks to the same effect by Elders Lindsey, Wood and Kennedy.

A. G. Haughey: We ought, of course, to have a report of the committee on Credentials and Licenses.

For some time I have felt that the work in the Ohio Conference was in a measure crippled, due to the fact that we do not have as many ordained ministers as we ought to have in a Conference like this, and so it has been my motive in the past to try to educate workers up to that point where they would be set apart to the gospel ministry, by giving them as much of an all-round training as was in my power. On coming to this camp-meeting, and in studying the matter over it seemed to me there were some six or seven men, who had been out in the gospel ministry for various lengths of time, who ought to be set apart and ordained to that work. In the reading of this report you will see that I was not alone in my conviction, but that the whole committee was of the same mind, and so a number will be presented to

you for ordination.

I want to explain a little about what I said a moment ago about the work being crippled. A young man in the ministry, until he is ordained and set apart to the ministry so that he can baptize and organize churches, is in a measure crippled, and if those who are working in the field are men who have not been ordained, then of course their work is in the same measure crippled. They cannot baptize and organize churches, and carry forward the real aggressive work that ought to be done. We have come to a time when this work can go forward. We have now at our command nine field tents, all properly equipped, and we will have laborers sufficient to send out with these tents so that there will be properly equipped companies. I believe every tent company ought to have an ordained minister. So we present these names before you, as we believe them fully qualified to take up the work.

The following report was then presented:

For Ministerial Credentials.

A. G. Haughey, R. A. Boardman, E. J. Van Horn, W. H. Wakeham, J. G. Wood, R. R. Kennedy, A. C. Shannon, C. A. Smith, D. E. Lindsey, H. H. Burkholder.

For Ordination and Credentials.

M. C. Kirkendall, N. W. Lawrence, J. O. Miller, C. C. Webster, Francis M. Fairehild, W. H. Granger.

For Missionary License.

N. S. Miller, W. E. Bidwell, Jas. H. Smith, Ella M. Talmage, Anna E. Smith, Flora McCollister, W. S. Huffaker, Dr. B. J. Ferciot, Fred M. Fairchild, K. R. Haughey, C. T. Redfield, Ida M. Walters, Cora Petithory, Bessie E. Russell, Mrs. W. S. Huffaker, R. B. Thurber, Almeda Haughey, G. P. Gaede, W. W. Miller, B. L. House, Nellie M. Stephens, Hortense Howell, John P. Gaede, Mrs. Cynthia Bush, Margaret Haughey, F. H. Henderson.

Voted to refer all other cases to the Executive Committee of the Conference.

A. G. Haughey, chairman; J. G. Wood, A. C. Shannon, Thos. Thornton, G. P. Gaede, D. E. Lindsey, C. A. Smith, R. R. Kennedy, W. W. Prescott, H. H. Burkholder, W. A. Spicer, C. C. Webster, W. W. Miller, C. B. Smith, W. H. Wakeham, secretary.

Elder D. E. Lindsey moved its adoption by the consideration of the names separately. Seconded by Brother Andre. Motion carried. They were passed and credentials and licenses were granted accordingly. Moved and seconded that all other names be referred to the Executive Committee. Carried.

The President presented the following report:

FINANCIAL STANDING

Of the Ohio Conference, including Mt. Vernon Academy, the Conference Association, the Tract Society, and the Sabbath School Departments and excluding any valuations upon the various church buildings in the Conference.

July 1, 1902, present worth of Mt. Vernon Academy	\$10,442.00
July 1, 1902, present worth of Association	2,901.87
Aug. 1, 1902, present worth of Ohio Tract Society	648.10

Total present worth of the Ohio Conference	\$13,991.97
July 1, 1902, actual debt on the Academy	\$13,976.16
Aug. 1, 1902, actual debt on the Ohio Tract Society	698.97
July 1, 1902, actual debt on the Association	1,800.00
Feb. 1, 1902, actual debt on the Tithe fund, above deposits	1,000.00

Total debt of the Ohio Conference \$17,475.13

There has been paid on the debts in the various departments of the Conference during the past two years as follows:

Ohio Tract Society	\$ 491.20
Mt. Vernon Academy	5,343.55
Ohio Conference Tithe Fund	5,000.00

Total Amount Paid on Debts in the Past Two Years \$10,934.75

Besides this there has been \$2,500.00 paid by the Ohio Conference to support laborers outside of Ohio.

A. G. HAUGHEY,
Chairman.

It was moved by Elder D. E. Lindsey that the Ohio Conference donate a tent and transportation, to the Academy so long as they wish one, and that they be allowed to select their tent. Seconded. C. V. Hamer moved to amend that

the Conference also donate the flooring. Seconded. J. W. Loughhead and R. R. Kennedy made some remarks. Motion carried.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that no Recording Secretary had been elected. Moved and seconded that N. S. Miller be Recording Secretary. Remarks were made by N. S. Miller that he did not think this was the proper move, and that a member of the Executive Committee should be elected to this office. Motion carried.

Adjourned sine die.

A. G. Haughey, Pres.

N. S. Miller, Sec. pro tem.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABORERS.

- Springfield—Elder J. G. Wood.
 - Cincinnati—Elder W. H. Granger, Hortense Howell, Fred H. Henderson and wife.
 - Toledo—Elder D. E. Lindsey, W. S. Huffaker and wife.
 - Cleveland—Elder A. C. Shannon, Almada Haughey, Mamie Wells.
 - Canton—Dr. B. J. Ferciot, Ella M. Talmage, Cora Petithory.
 - Columbus—Elder H. H. Burkholder, Ida M. Walters, Flora McCollister, Cynthia Bush.
 - Portsmouth—Anna E. Smith.
 - Tent Companies—No. 1, Elder C. A. Smith, Jas. H. Smith, Butler Co.
 - No. 2—Elder R. R. Kenndy, Robt. Thurber, Lawrence Co.
 - No. 3—Elder C. C. Webster, John P. Gaede, Geauga Co.
 - No. 4—B. L. House, W. W. Miller, Elder A. G. Haughey, Coshocton, Coshocton Co.
 - No. 5—Elder J. O. Miller, W. E. Bidwell, Warren Co.
 - No. 6—Elder M. C. Kirkendall, Elder C. A. Watkins, Washington Co.
 - No. 7—Elder Francis M. Fairchild, Fred M. Fairchild, Fulton Co.
- On account of ill health Elders E. J. Van Horn and R. A. Boardman, also K. R. Haughey are deprived of actively engaging in the work with us at present. We hope, however, that they may soon join us again and help hasten the final victory and the glorious coming of the blessed Lord.
- Elder W. H. Wakeham and family will soon leave for their field of labor in far off Egypt; and Sister Nellie Stevens will go to Canada to engage in the Bible work. May the richest blessings of God attend the

efforts of all the dear laborers and precious fruits be garnered as the result of the labor bestowed.

H. H. Burkholder,
For Committee.

CAMP-MEETING ITEMS.

With the hope of interesting the people of Coshocton in the work of S. D. Adventists in a larger degree than was thought possible by advertising with bills, it was decided to serve a strictly healthful dinner to some of the leading business men of the city. Accordingly, something over one hundred invitations were sent out, and many responded to this invitation to take dinner at the camp-ground Thursday evening, Aug. 7.

The people first assembled in the large pavilion, where Elder W. H. Wakeham gave them a short talk on Health and Temperance, when they were ushered over to the dining hall where the following menu was served to them:

- SOUP
- Tomato Bisque
- ENTREES
- Broiled Protose Tomato Sauce
- VEGETABLE MEATS
- Relishes and Salads
- Sliced Tomato
- Vegetable Meat and Potato
- Mayonnaise Dressing
- VEGETABLES
- Baked Beans Green Peas
- BREADS
- White Bread Graham Bread
- Granose Biscuit
- Zveiback Fruit Crackers
- Graham Crackers
- DESSERT.
- Lemon Pie Peach Tapioca
- Granose Fruit Pie
- Fresh Fruits
- Bananas Oranges
- Watermelon
- BEVERAGES
- Carmel Cereal

It is needless to say that all did justice to what they found before them, and expressed much appreciation. As the different foods were served, Elder W. H. Wakeham explained to all the composition and nutritive value of each. One of the prominent business men of Coshocton then extended to our people the thanks of the Coshocton people for the dinner, and stated that he believed we would be repaid by the in-

terest which would be taken in our meetings.

The following Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Elder Wakeham again gave an interesting health talk, and after this practical demonstrations were given of some of our simple treatments and our health foods, by Doctors Ferciot, Ruth Merritt, Maud Bull, Brother Ralph Mackin and wife, Miss Ella McEntyre, Brothers John Kennedy and John P. Gaede and others.

Elder R. A. Boardman was on the camp ground but was not able to attend any of the meetings.

Prof. N. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Shepherd and daughter, Miss Clare Shepherd, the new members of the faculty of Mt. Vernon Academy, were all present at the meeting.

The reports of the laborers were stenographically taken; and portions have been taken from them for the Visitor. They will appear from time to time as we have space for them.

Among those present from without the state were Elders Flaize, W. W. Prescott, W. A. Spicer, William Covert and Brother J. B. Blosser. All rendered valuable assistance in carrying on the work of the camp-meeting.

Sister Lucy Post, who went from Ohio seven years ago to engage in the Bible work in South America, has returned to the States for a short rest, with the hope that some one may be found with such a burden for the work as to be willing to go with her to that field. She was in attendance at the Coshocton camp-meeting.



"For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

"Brethren, if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

"See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil."

"Let no man deceive you with vain words."

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth."

"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."