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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"Let all things be done decently and in order."

CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

THIS organization shall be known as the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.—*Purpose.*

The purpose of organization shall be to economize our time, energy and means for the speedy heralding of the Third Angel's Message to all within our borders, and to assist as far as possible in giving the same to the world in this generation.

ARTICLE III.—*Bounds.*

This Conference shall include the counties constituting the State of Ohio, with any territory that hereafter may be added.

ARTICLE IV.—*Representation.*

a. All ordained ministers, with all others in the employ of the Conference, and one delegate from each local church, with one delegate for each fifteen members of the churches severally shall constitute the representation in the Conference sessions.

b. The delegates representing the local churches shall be elected, and the church shall certify the same, sending the names of the delegates to the Recording Secretary of the Conference.

ARTICLE V.—*Officers.*

The officers of the Conference shall be:—

a. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Auditor, Recording Secretary, Missionary Secretary, Medical Missionary Secretary, Educational Secretary, Field Secretary, and an Executive Committee of seven, of which the President and Vice-President shall be members.

b. The several officers shall be elected at the regular session of the Conference for one year or until the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VI.—*Trustees and Agents.*

a. The members of this Conference at each regular session shall elect

boards of management for such incorporated institutions and enterprises as are, or may be, connected with this organization, in accordance with the rules governing each of the same, and the laws of the State wherein the same are situated.

b. This Conference shall employ such ministers, missionaries, committees, agents, or other persons as are necessary to carry on its work.

ARTICLE VII.—*Duties of Officers.*

a. *President.*—The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to that office.

b. *Vice-President.*—In the absence of the President, or vacation of the chair for any reason, the Vice-President shall fill the vacancy as President.

c. *Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all funds of this Conference, such as tithe, tract society funds, Sabbath-school collections, and all other donations; to keep accurate and separate accounts thereof; to deposit and disburse the same under the direction of the Executive Committee, and make a full report of all the receipts and disbursements, at each regular session of this Conference, and at such other times as may be required by the said Committee. The Treasurer shall collect from the different churches embraced in this Conference such financial and statistical reports as said Committee may require; receive and file the laborers' monthly reports.

d. *Auditor.*—The Auditor shall faithfully audit the books of this Conference at such time as directed by the Executive Committee, and make a report of the same to the Conference.

e. *Recording Secretary.*—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the business of the Conference at its regular sessions and the several meetings of the Executive Committee, preserving the same for ready reference by the Conference or its Executive Committee.

f. *Missionary Secretary.*—The Missionary Secretary shall have charge of the books, tracts and periodicals, and shall receive and fill all orders for the same, and keep an accurate account of all business transactions.

g. *Medical Missionary Secretary.*—The duties of the Medical Missionary Secretary shall be to unify the medical work already being carried on in the State, and to assist and encourage the establishment of bath and treatment-rooms in the various cities throughout the State.

h. *Educational Secretary.*—The Educational Secretary shall have the oversight of the church school, Sabbath-school, and young people's work in this Conference, receive and record all church, Sabbath-school, missionary, and church school reports.

i. *Field Secretary.*—The Field Secretary shall have the general oversight of the canvassing work under the direction of the Executive Committee, collecting such statistics and making such reports as the Committee or Conference may require, devoting his time largely to the securing of canvassers, instructing the same to the end that they may be successful in this very important part of the work. He shall receive the reports from the canvassers and file the same.

j. *Executive Committee.*—1. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of this Conference, and have a general oversight of all matters pertaining to the work of this Conference. It shall fill all official vacancies, and audit all accounts of the Conference laborers at least once a year.

2. The Executive Committee may call for donations from the churches or individuals, when in their judgment it becomes necessary. They may also make contributions to the general or Lake Union Conference from the funds on hand, when there is an urgent need, and it seems advisable.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Local Churches.*

Section 1.—Wherever the Executive Committee shall deem advisable there shall be a local church organization under the direction of the said Committee.

Section 2.—The officers of a local church shall consist of one or more local Elders, one or more Deacons, one or more Deaconesses, who shall be inducted into office by the laying on of hands, a Treasurer, and Clerk.

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE KINDERGARTEN AT CAMP-MEETING.

An Experience.

WHEN asked to take charge of the kindergarten work at the camp-meeting this year, I at first felt somewhat reluctant to do so, for the reason that I had charge of this same work at the camp-meeting a year ago, and as a result, did not have an opportunity to attend many meetings.

As I felt my great need of spiritual help at this present time, I did not care to take upon myself any work that would prevent me from attending the meetings and thus keep me from receiving this spiritual help of which I felt myself so much in need.

After taking it to the Lord in prayer and feeling convinced that he was calling upon me to do this work for him, I consented and can truly say that this proved to be the best camp-meeting for me that I ever attended. Often we find that the very thing that would seem a hindrance, proves eventually to be the greatest blessing. Now I can truly say, I am indeed thankful that the Lord permitted me to have some part in the work at our camp-meeting.

It is not by getting the most for ourselves that we have the greatest enjoyment; but I firmly believe that as we are a help and blessing to others, or as we fill any place in the Lord's vineyard, we receive those blessings which we could not receive under any other circumstances. As the Lord blesses us we must willingly and gladly impart to others that which he so graciously bestows upon us. I hope we may all learn the lesson, that when we do cheerfully the work that he has for us, we never are losers, but on the contrary, always gainers.

The Lessons.

The attendance and also the interest of the little ones was very good from the first to the close of the meeting. As we had our lessons from day to day, we could feel the presence of the sweet Spirit of God impressing the blessed truths upon the little, tender minds. Especially was this true the morning we had the study of the Cross. While we beheld, as it were, the bleeding, suffering Saviour upon the cruel cross, and presented to them the great love of Jesus to fallen man, many little hearts were softened and tendered, and some were even moved to tears.

The "busy work" (clay modelling, stitching, weaving, etc.) that was done each day to illustrate and impress

upon their minds the Bible truths, seemed greatly to be enjoyed by the little ones.

O, that we as teachers and parents might more and more realize the great importance of training and educating our little ones for Jesus. It is at this tender age that we should train them for his service.

Let us take heed unto the admonition given in the eleventh chapter of Deuteronomy: "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth."

My prayer is that some good seed may have been sown during this meeting that shall, in due time, spring up and bring forth fruit for the Master.

MRS. C. V. HAMER.

Killbuck.

DEAR VISITOR: Our hearts go out in gratitude and praise to God for our safe arrival home from camp-meeting, and to welcome your weekly visits once more. My heart is made to rejoice to report through your columns of the good meeting held here on Sabbath, August 22. It will be one long to be remembered by us all, for it was one of great spiritual awakening. Those who attended camp-meeting from this place were able to testify to the others of our company and tell of the great outpouring of the Spirit of God at that time, and of the spiritual refreshing they themselves received. Truly our hearts were touched and made tender by the Spirit, confessions were made, and lives were consecrated anew to the Lord.

The Lord moved one of the brethren to suggest that we pray for one family, who had seemingly grown cold and indifferent. So then and there we held a warm season of prayer. The Lord came very near, and we believe that the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Surely, Jer. 20:9, last part of the verse, was made manifest at this time. We thank God for the words found in Rev. 3:19, and are grateful to him for the many blessings we received during camp-meeting. For this we know of a truth, that we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we believed in the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we know that our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. E. D. BATES, Clerk.

GOD'S WAYS ARE BEST.

HAS God a plan for everything in the world?

Yes, in all his works he has a well-defined plan.

In what do you think God is the most interested in this world?

The plan of salvation, the carrying of the gospel to every creature.

Has God a plan for doing this?

Surely he has. The tithe or tenth of what he gives us is his, is holy to the Lord.

What use is made of the tithe?

It is for the support of those who are giving all their time to God's work and have no other way of support.

Is it right they should have it?

"They who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." These are the words of the Scripture.

When we pay the tithe, has God promised a blessing to us?

Yes, he has promised that the windows of heaven should be opened and a great blessing should come to his people.

When we hold back the tithe and offerings, what are we doing?

We are robbing God.

Is it wrong to rob God?

Surely this is a great sin, as it shows a lack of appreciation of what God has done for us, encourages covetousness in our hearts, delays his message in the earth, hinders the coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven, and brings distress upon God's servants who are giving all their time to God's work.

Are any who are reading these lines robbing God?

Each one must answer this question for himself, but it is indeed a serious one.

Can we expect the blessing, power, and light when we are using the Lord's portion, and thus robbing him?

Surely we cannot. God will not bless and sanction sin in his people.

When should the tithe be paid?

When the money comes to our hand, then the tenth should be sacredly laid aside for God.

Can we not borrow it for a time and pay it later?

This is not best. We may fail in our calculations and have hard work ever to pay it again; and again, if one has the right to use it for a time, all have; then how would the cause of God be supported and the laborers kept in the field? No, brethren, let us be honest with the Lord, and his blessing will be ours. When we get money let us remember that the tenth is holy unto the Lord, and put it aside, and not use it for ourselves.—*Missionary Worker.*

HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

AN ALLEGORY.

IN a huge oak tree in a forest grand,
In the heart of a balmy Southern land,
A pair of mated lovers dwelt;
And they cooed and called, and they often sang

Till the corridors of the old woods rang:
Their blithesome spirits seemed to melt
With all the happiness they felt.

They sang and chirped in their innocent glee,
Of the peaceful home in the huge oak tree.
And the tiny ones in the nest,
Till a glistening snake crawled up one day
To where the tender nestling lay,
A vandal, uninvited guest,
With terror in his creeping quest.

Of haughty, wise and consequential mien,
High up the tree a gray owl sat serene:
Sat safe upon a sturdy limb
And saw the anguish of the parent pair,
With cold and careless, pity-barren stare;
So self-possessed, and stern, and grim,
Their misery is naught to him.

A busy, brown-clad, hardy little bee,
Among the flowers, underneath the tree.
Beheld the thrilling scene by chance,
And rising on his honey-laden wing,
Drove whizzing at the horrid, hissing thing,
Till, writhing from the brown bee's lance,
Death checked the monster's dread advance.

'Tis often thus in human life,
That lowly ones, in hard, unequal strife,
Are left to sorrows armed to kill,
While pond'rous wisdom chooses not to see;
Or coldly saying, "This is naught to me,"
Dentes a neighbor's woes, until
An humbler brother stays the ill.

WILL L. VISSCHER.

OHIO MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DURING the recent camp-meeting held in this State, several interesting Health and Temperance meetings were held by the nurses and doctors present. Those conducting treatment rooms in various parts of the State related their experiences, and told how they were prospering and how the Lord is blessing their efforts. It was quite evident the Lord's directions for carrying on this work were being followed as nearly as the Creator could work through his human agents. Among other interesting talks, Dr. H. W. Miller gave a discourse on his future work in China, and his plans of carrying forward the work in that needy field.

A permanent society was organized with constitution and by-laws as follows:—

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the Ohio Medical Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

The objects for which this Society is organized, are to unify the medical missionary work already being done in the State; to encourage all sanitary, dietetic, dress, and other hygienic reforms; to discourage the use of tea, coffee, tobacco and other narcotics, as well as alcoholic liquors; to disseminate the principles of social purity; to engage in and encourage the training of other workers along this line and to assist in every effort to spread the gospel to all the world in this generation.

ARTICLE III.

Persons becoming members of this Society shall sign the Declaration of Principles and pay an annual membership fee of twenty-five cents. Active members shall be physicians, nurses, and such others as are actively engaged in medical missionary work. Honorary members shall be those who, though not actively engaged in medical missionary work, give their support and influence to its advancement.

By-Laws.

SECTION I.

The officers of this Society shall be a president, secretary-treasurer, and field correspondents.

SECTION II.

The duties of the president shall be to act as presiding and executive officer and to call such meetings of the Society as he deems expedient.

SECTION III.

The duties of the secretary-treasurer shall be to keep reports of meetings of the Society, to correspond with other secretaries and to care for and expend the funds as directed by the executive officer.

SECTION IV.

The duties of the field secretaries shall be to send such reports of their work as will keep the Society in touch with the needs of other fields.

SECTION V.

A quorum for transaction of business shall consist of seven active members.

SECTION VI.

Any article of the Constitution or By-Laws may be changed by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

A. J. KENNEDY, Sec.

WARM WEATHER COOKERY.

FRESH fruits, vegetables and greens are easily procured during the summer months. Let these take the place of some of the hardier foods used during the winter and spring. The system is not in need of so much fatty or heat producing food during the warm season. Light, cooling, refreshing foods are needed. During the warm weather the digestive organs are not able to digest the hardy winter meals.

Nature understands well the needs of her children in providing them so liberally with fruits. Fresh fruits are especially suited to form a large part of the diet in summer. Cherries, peaches, apricots, bananas, tomatoes, etc., are perfectly wholesome, and if well ripened may be used freely. Fresh pears, beans, and greens are within the reach of all, and may be prepared in a variety of wholesome ways. It is not advisable to exhaust strength, or overheat the body by bending over hot kitchen fires during warm weather. Keep cool, and help to keep your family cool.

Cool drinks are better than hot or warm drinks. Refreshing drinks may be made from the small fruits, the grapes, berries, etc. Orange drinks, or lemon drinks, with the addition of some natural home-made fruit juice, is also refreshing.

Let fresh fruit appear upon the table at every meal. Do not think it will injure the little ones. See that the fruit is ripe, and do not allow the children to swallow the seeds or skins, and no harm can result.

LAURETTE KRESS, M. D.

A QUICK LIQUID YEAST.

Boil 12 medium sized potatoes, and when done thoroughly scald 1 qt. flour with the water; pass potatoes through a colander or ricer, and add to the flour mixture; then add 1 cup salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and sufficient water to make a good batter as for bread sponge. When cooled to lukewarm, add one cake yeast foam dissolved in a little warm water, and keep in a warm room over night or until light, then cover and set away in glass or stone jars in the ice box or cellar.

Thus treated the yeast will keep two weeks, when a fresh amount must be made according to the foregoing recipe. With this yeast, always start bread in the morning, never over night, as it would become too light before morning.

F. O. RAYMOND.

PLEASANT words are as an honey-comb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones.—Prov. 16:24.

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BROTHER JAMES SMITH occupied the Academy pulpit Sabbath, giving a stirring discourse on The Love of God.

THE church at Academia have employed Brother James Shultz, of Clyde, O., to teach their church school this year.

BROTHER HAROLD H. COBBAN, a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy last year, has just accepted a call to assist in the Treasury Department of the General Conference at Washington, D. C.

THE Canvassers' Institute closed Friday, August 28, and the Teachers' Institute the Monday following. A good interest has attended all the work of these institutes, and good results are expected in the work of the coming year.

THE church at Dayton have invited Brother Robert Thurber to conduct their church school this year; the Akron church have engaged Sister Flora Evans for their school; and Sister Clara Gates will teach in the Columbus church.

OUR readers will note with interest the organization of the Ohio Medical Missionary Society, as reported in this issue of the VISITOR. Its declared purpose is in every way worthy, and we trust that the message of truth for our day may have in this organization a true and strong "right arm."

MEETINGS in the interests of the church school work are now being held by the Mount Vernon church. It is purposed to make a study of how a church school should be carried on, and what should be expected from such a school, so that parents and teacher may co-operate intelligently, working to the same end, looking for the same results, thus avoiding unnecessary confusion or difficulty. This is a move in the right direction.

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Section 3.—The above named officers for local churches shall be elected at the first quarterly meeting of the Conference year, to serve for one year, or until the election of their successors.

ARTICLE IX.—*Duties of Local Officers.*

Section 1.—The Elders shall have the general care of the church, as under shepherds feeding the flock committed to their care, and by a godly example encourage the members to faithfulness in all the duties and privileges of Christian life.

Section 2.—They shall also administer the ordinances of the church they serve; to-wit, baptism, the ordinance of humility, and the Lord's supper.

Section 3.—The Deacons and Deaconesses shall assist the Elders in preparing for and in celebrating the ordinances, and have a general watch and care over the worthy poor of the church.

Section 4.—The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of all the business of the church, order all supplies for the church and Sabbath-school from the Missionary Secretary, and furnish such reports of the work as may be required by the Conference, or the Executive Committee.

Section 5.—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements for all purposes, and send all funds on hand to their respective places at least once each month. He shall also make a quarterly and an annual report of receipts and disbursements, to both the church and the Recording Secretary of the Conference.

ARTICLE X.—*Sabbath-schools.*

Section 1.—Wherever it can be done the churches are advised to organize Sabbath-schools for a more perfect study of the Word of God and a unifying of the people in the Third Angel's Message, and especially for the salvation of the youth and children.

Section 2.—The officers of the Sabbath-school shall consist of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary, who shall be elected semi-annually.

ARTICLE XI.—*Duties of Sabbath-school Officers.*

Section 1.—The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent shall have the general care and direction of the school, and shall labor faithfully to secure the object of the school, which is the thorough study of the Word, and the unifying of the body, and the salvation of the youth and children.

Section 2.—The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the school and be ready to make such reports as will be

necessary and for the interests of the school.

ARTICLE XII.—*Sessions.*

The Conference shall hold regular annual sessions at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall designate.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

SPECIAL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

At a recent meeting of the members of the General Conference Committee, a new Committee on the Relief of the Schools was chosen. This Committee consists of W. C. White, Frederick Griggs, W. T. Bland and W. A. Spicer. In the future our brethren and sisters having donations to send to the Relief of the Schools Fund, or desiring to pay pledges which have been made in the past, and which are not yet paid, will kindly send the same to the treasurer of the General Conference at 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C. All pledges and special records relative to this business have been transferred from my office to the new General Conference office at Washington.

All contributions to the Missionary Acre Fund should still be sent to P. T. Magan, Berrien Springs, Mich.

NOTE THIS APPOINTMENT.

Sabbath, Sept. 12, 1903, has been fixed by a joint meeting of the Conference Committee and the Academy Board, as the definite time to consider the final step in forever wiping out the school debt. The glorious beginning made at the recent camp-meeting has inspired hearts all over the State with the thought that God has set his hand to this work, and that it is to be accomplished at once. It is expected that every interested member in the Third Angel's Message—man, woman, youth, and child—will plan to do his very best at that time by way of cash donation, pledge, or both.

Definite arrangements will be made so that each church may have the help and counsel of some of the workers as far as is possible. The time has now fully come when a *wholesome zeal* for the work of God, manifested in a *united effort*, will place our beloved Academy where it can perform its part in the closing of the Message. Plan, work, pray. And may God bless in the DOING.