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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

As Amended at the 44th Session of the Conference Held at Mansfield, Ohio,
August 11-18, 1905.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

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

ARTICLE II.—*Purpose.*

The purpose of this 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 (25) twenty-five 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, Field Secretary, Religious Liberty Secretary, and Educational Superintendent, and an Executive Committee of seven (7), 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 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.*

Section 1. President.—The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to that office.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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 account 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; also receive and file the laborers' monthly reports.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. Recording Secretary.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the business of the Conference at its regular ses-

sions and the several meetings of the Executive Committee, preserving the same for ready reference by the Conference or its Executive Committee.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. 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 in encouraging the establishment of bath and treatment-rooms in the various cities through-out the State.

Section 8. 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, and 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.

Section 9. Religious Liberty Secretary.—The work of the Religious Liberty Secretary shall be to carefully observe the progress and development of religious legislation in the State, to secure and epitomize such data on the subject for the WELCOME VISITOR, and to report to the Religious Liberty Secretary of the General Conference such information as may be important, and to work in harmony with the plan outlined at the General Conference in Washington, D. C. in 1905.

Section 10. Educational Superintendent.—The Educational Superintendent 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.

Section 11. Executive Committee.—(a) The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power dur-

ing 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 vacancies, and audit all accounts of the Conference laborers at least once a year.

(b) The Executive Committee may call for donations from the churches of 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.—Whenever 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, Clerk, Librarian, and Auditor.

Section 3.—The above named officers for local churches shall be elected at the first quarterly business meeting of the calendar year, to serve one year, or until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

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 the Christian life.

Section 2.—The Elders 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 the membership of the church, and a careful minute of all the business meetings of the same, making such reports as may be called for by the Conference or its Executive Committee.

Section 5.—The Treasurers 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 annual report of receipts and disbursements, to both the church and the Recording Secretary of the Conference.

Section 6.—It shall be the duty of the church Librarian to order all supplies for the church and Sabbath-school from the Missionary Secretary; to keep account of the literature distributed; to take subscriptions for all our periodicals, and make such reports as may be asked for by the Conference or its Executive Committee.

Section 7.—It shall be the duty of the church Auditor to faithfully audit the books of the church at such times as directed by the church officers, and make report of the same to the church.

Article X.—Sabbath-schools.

Section 1.—Whenever 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 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.

God never leads his children otherwise than they would choose to be led if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with him.

Toledo.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: As I am a constant reader of your columns, I regret that I have not seen any report from the Toledo people and their work in advancing the Third Angel's Message. So I feel like telling the dear readers of the WELCOME VISITOR, that we have a live young people's society known as The King's Messengers. All the members are doing some work for the Master. Their work will probably be reported later.

They held their first public meeting at the church on January 20, with a program similar to that published in the Review. If space permits we would be glad to have our program published.*

It is the desire of this society to be active workers until Jesus comes, and then to meet the redeemed from every land, and the isles of the sea, in the earth made new. Yours in His service,
MRS. ETTIE ELSTON.

*We regret that space will not permit the publication of the program. Ed.

Greenspring.

WELCOME VISITOR:—As I am always interested in the reports from other places, I thought that probably others would be interested in hearing from Greenspring.

We held our quarterly meeting on the first Sabbath in January. We have a membership of twenty-six, but more than half live away from here. There were only nine present at the service, as some of the members were sick. All that live at a distance, but three, sent reports. All were of good courage.

Some do not pay tithe, so our tithe is not what I wish it were. We pray and labor on trying to fit our people for the kingdom of God. We seem to be out of "line" of ministers. All the old officers were elected for another year. Pray for us. Ever your brother in the work, J. S. FISHER.

OPPORTUNITIES.

THE great opportunities that little men look for, and the easy tasks the lazy men long for, are not apt to come; and when they do come, they are of little value to any save those who are found doing every day work, and doing it well. Peter and James and John were good fishermen before they became great apostles. The divine call to catch men came while they were doing their best to catch fish.

There were plenty of idle men waiting for something to do about the sea of Galilee, when Jesus passed by looking for twelve to put into the highest and hardest field of work in the world. But he let the idlers lounge in the sun, and he chose the men who were already as busy as they could be. Fidelity in the lower occupation was the best evidence of the fitness for the higher. The idlers, who were waiting for some great opportunity, did not think the call of Christ any opportunity at all.

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MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THE VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS.

(From a talk to the students last Friday morning, given by Elder S. M. Butler, Principal of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Industrial Academy.)

I WISH to call your attention to the statement of Christ, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." The Twentieth Century New Testament renders the text something like this: "He that is faithful in a very little matter, is faithful also in much." It seems to me that here is stated a principle which is worth our while to consider carefully. It frequently happens that young people undervalue the things which lie nearest them. The most of us desire to accomplish something in the life that will make our influence a positive factor for good; but in our efforts to carry out our plans, we are too apt to give most attention to the greater things that come to us. This is a mistake. If we stop to reflect we shall, I think, be able to see that life is made up of things which appear on their face rather unimportant.

I have no desire to inspire any young person with an ambition to emulate the example of the world, but sometimes we may learn a lesson in our work from the way worldlings do. If you will study carefully the career of the great financiers of the day, you find that they have amassed their fortunes by giving careful attention to the small details of their business. A great railroad corporation, for example, saved something like \$5,000 in one year by gathering up the small scraps of iron scattered along its right of way. The man who gives thought as to how he spends his pennies will save the dollars.

The same principle holds good in all of the affairs of life. To apply it to your own situation: if you are neglectful of the small things in your student life, you are doomed to failure when it comes to the larger things. It is easy to generalize on the lesson, but it requires close application to master the details; and yet it is the details rather than the generalization that will make the lesson useful when you come to apply it to the problems which will confront you in later years. There are many people who are making failures of their work, not because of a lack of good natural abilities, or for want of educational opportunities, but because they did not acquire the habit in youth of mastering the "very little things."

Some of you are studying the common branches. Let me impress it upon you that it will be a serious

mistake if you treat these as of small consequence. They are the foundation of all education. The young person who has thoroughly mastered these has a good equipment for almost any calling. Yet the temptation will constantly beset you to fix your eyes upon the college course, and undervalue your present work. I would not dissuade you from taking up the college work. Let every young person who can get a college education do so. But I wish you to understand that if you undervalue your present work, you will prepare yourself for inefficient work when you come to take up the higher branches. "He that is faithful in a very little matter, is faithful also in much." The converse of that is equally true; "He that is unfaithful in a very little matter, is unfaithful also in much." That law is as inflexible as the law of gravitation.

The same rule holds good in regard to your deportment here in school. It is an easy matter to violate the rules of the institution. That will not materially affect the school. It will survive and continue to hold its influence even though you should go astray; but the evil results will surely be seen in you. You can not do wrong in little things here in school without being the loser thereby. The habits which you are thus forming are giving a mold to your character which you can not change at will, and if larger responsibilities should come to you, you would be incapable of properly discharging them.

It is doubtful, however, if anything very important will be intrusted to one who is neglectful of the little essentials to success. Teachers and conference authorities are watching you, and knowing how important these matters are, they will be very slow to place you in a position of much responsibility. On the other hand, if a spirit of faithfulness characterizes you in all your conduct, they will know that you are training yourself—mark that I say, "training yourself," for no teacher can give you that part of your education—for a larger sphere of usefulness, and they will not hesitate to place you in the way of it when the time arrives.

I wish, therefore, to leave this word with you for your careful consideration: "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much."

DOES A COLLEGE EDUCATION PAY?

PRESIDENT Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, looking at the subject of a college education

purely from the standpoint of worldly success, has this to say in favor of the college man:—

"No doubt there are many who believe a college education is a hindrance to the necessary business wisdom of the age. There are merchants down-town who will tell you how they started at ten or fourteen to sweep out the office, and rose by virtues and industry to become members of the firm. This is true. But you follow the career of the office boy who began his utilitarian studies with a broom, and the college boy who began with his books, and you will find that when the office boy reaches thirty he is still an employee, whereas the college graduate is probably his employer.

"Statistics show that out of 10,000 successful men in the world, taken in all classes of life, 8,000 are college graduates. Look at the tremendous increase of educational effort all over the United States in the last few years. Why, I have parents come to me with tears in their eyes and ask me to tell them how they can get their boys through college with only the small sum of money they can afford to do it with. Even your self-made man isn't satisfied unless his son can go to college."

COLLEGE NOTES

TOTAL enrolment for the year thus far is 121.

THE seventh month of the school year begins this month.

THE attendance at the College is the largest of the present year, and a good grade of work is being done throughout the classes.

PUBLIC services are now being held by our young men in two places nearby. School houses in which to hold them have been freely opened, and interested audiences attend and listen to the presentation of the Message. Pray for the success of these meetings, and also that these young men may quickly grow into faithful, efficient workers.

THE College has been favored the past week with a visit from Elder A. G. Haughey, President of West Michigan Conference, and Elder S. M. Butler, Principal of the school at Cedar Lake, Michigan. Brother Butler spoke to the students at chapel one morning and visited the class work a day or two. His talk was much appreciated, and in order that others may share it with us, it is partly reproduced in this paper. Elder Haughey spoke twice to the church on Sabbath, giving timely instruction much appreciated by the people.

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" 3 and 8.	Eld. C. C. Webster, Middlefield.
" 5 and 6.	Eld. A. C. Shannon, Sidney.

Sabbath begins Feb. 23 at 5:45 P. M.

ELDER J. O. MILLER spent a few days with his family at Academia.

THE friends of Elder Allen Moon will regret to learn that it became necessary to amputate his injured foot.

FOR ADOPTION. —A baby boy twenty two months old. Call on or address, Mrs. Carrie Ott, No. 48, Worden St. Cleveland, O.

ELDERS A. G. HAUGHEY, President of the West Michigan Conference, and S. M. Butler of the Cedar Lake Academy, spent several days with friends in Academia. Elder Haughey preached a timely sermon Sabbath morning, and read extracts from unpublished testimonies in the afternoon.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK.

WE are pleased to announce to the readers of the VISITOR that at a meeting of the Conference Committee Feb. 5, Dr. Howard M. Jump was appointed to serve the Conference as Medical Missionary Secretary. This department of the Conference has been without an aggressive Secretary for sometime; but we believe this need will be well supplied in the appointment of Brother Jump. H. H. B.

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DISTRICTS NO. 4 AND 7.

DISTRICT meetings will be held in districts No. 1 and 7 as follows:—

The meetings for district No. 1 will be held at Wheelersburg, March 9-11. The one for Springfield the following Sabbath and Sunday March 16-18. The first service will be held on Friday evening. An excellent program has been prepared for each meeting. The local talent will be assisted in each district by Elder H. H. Burkholder, J. E. Shultz and Dr. Howard M. Jump.

Let there be a determined effort put forth to attend these meetings. District No. 1 will embrace the churches at Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Beavertown, Marshfield, and Reedsville. District No. 7 embraces Columbus, Dayton, Wilmington, and Washington, C. H.

A cordial invitation is extended to all isolated Sabbath keepers to attend the meeting which will best suit their convenience.

R. R. KENNEDY.

SAVE THE BOYS.

THE February number is the best of all. It tells "How Abraham Lincoln Signed the Pledge, and How He Kept It." "Experience of a Teetotalar." "How Paul Kept His Pledge." In fact the paper is brimful of good things. It should be in every home. Will you help put it there? If not, why not? 40 cents a year. Single copy, five cents. 100 for \$1.50. You can sell them too. Why not help us? Address, Save the Boys, Washburn Park, Minneapolis, Minn.

"TALKS WITH MY STUDENTS."

OUR young people will find much valuable instruction in "Talks with My Students," by Professor Frederick Griggs. This book contains, stenographically reported, the chapel talks at South Lancaster Academy, which were given on principles essential to success in life. They are full of advice and essential encouragement, as is illustrated in the following quotation from the book.

"I think it is a good thing for a young man or a young woman, to have a hard time getting through school, or entering any occupation, I think it is a good thing for them to work their way and not be carried on flowery beds of ease. I was talking with a young man the other day about this matter. He was saying that he

owed the school. I said to him, 'Turn the tables; make the school owe you something instead of you owing the school.' I know that it is hard work. It means energy; it means determination, but I want to tell you that this energy, this determination thus expended, is but working up your muscle for the greater battles of life. So then be enthusiastic in your work. Be determined. Learn to be quick-witted, and it will result in your enjoying your work, and being good natured in it."

The book can be ordered through the state tract society, cloth binding, 40 cents, pamphlet form, 25 cents.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Feb. 8, 1906)

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$21; helps, \$3; total, \$24.

F. B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: 29½ hours; value of orders, \$40.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$41.

H. A. Weaver, Columbus.—Bible Readings: 19 hours; value of orders, \$30.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$21; deliveries, \$1.50.

E. R. Numbers,* Lancaster.—Coming King: value of orders, \$39.75; deliveries, \$40.

*Two weeks.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION.

OF late a number of very clear and pointed Testimonies from Sister E. G. White have been received, in which it is repeatedly stated that the time has come to make known to our people the cause of, and the special dangers in, the crisis through which we are passing at the present time.

Communications have just been printed in a pamphlet of 64 pages, designated as "Series B, No. 7." It follows "Series B, No. 6" recently published, and contains a message to the Battle Creek Church entitled, A Warning and Appeal, A Message to our Physicians, A Solemn Warning to Come Out and Be Separate, The Result of a Failure to Heed God's Message, A Solemn Appeal, A Warning Against Present Dangers, A Great Opportunity Neglected, Unity in Christ, etc.

This pamphlet is now ready to be mailed, and it should have an immediate extensive circulation. It may be secured from the state tract societies or any of the publishing houses. Price, 5 cents postpaid.