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Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

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Elder H. H. Burkholder said, "We have a motion now before the house as a substitute for the first. Let us keep our hearings, and decide whether we will accept this substitution."

Elder Kirkendall remarked, "Brethren, we should be very careful. We are not angels. We are still men. In unity there is strength. In division there is weakness. I believe that such an influence should go out from this conference as would move the whole State; and that every one should go from this meeting feeling free to give this last warning Message to the world. I believe that everything that would draw our attention away from this should be left out."

Elder Haughey: "I am somewhat familiar with the history of the Ohio Conference. I have seen the working of this principle. It is not wisdom on the part of the delegates to cast aside, when they come to the business of the Conference, the men who have been guiding their ship of state up to the present time. No business man would work on such a principle. It is not a good principle in business of any kind. You are here to transact the Lord's business, and would it not be poor policy to cast aside the men who have been leaders in the business?"

Doctor Ferciot expressed himself as having no objection to the brethren on the conference committee, but said, "I believe that a committee from the delegates would better express the sentiments of this people." Elder J. O. Miller was in harmony with these remarks.

N. S. Miller spoke again to the motion, and Elder B. L. House followed, also favoring the motion, but added, "I am in favor of electing the officers of the Conference by ballot; that the nominating committee, when they bring in their report, bring in the names of two persons for every place, and let the delegates decide which of the two persons they will have."

Elder Curtis: "I am very much interested in the discussion this morn-

ing, and yet my heart is very sad. . . . I think I am in a position to look at both sides of the question. It seems to me, from these arguments, that the whole thing is turning on the question of who shall be the officers of the Conference. Your committee should be men and women of prayer. The influence of this conference will be felt throughout the eternal ages, and shall we sit here and work over the question of a man, or men, or a set of men? . . . I pity the man or woman who has not the moral courage of his convictions. . . . God has placed in our midst the gift of prophecy, and through his servant has been leading this people. When we have made mistakes, God in his love and mercy has shown us our wrong. Has he shown us that the plan for organizing is wrong? . . . I am not in favor of this balloting system at all. When God wants us to begin to ballot for the officers of the Conference, he will tell us about it. I believe that a man should have the courage of his convictions everywhere, and if I have not the courage to say what I think, I do not believe I ought to have the privilege of writing it on paper.

"It is better to have the conference committee on the committee of counsel because of their experience. . . .

"You should be very careful in selecting your committees. You should not name a person because he is your personal friend. It is the question of his eligibility. We are not attending to our business. It is the Lord's work. Before we bring in radical changes, let us seek God. I believe the old paths are the better."

Brother F. M. Fairchild spoke of his experience on the conference committee.

Brother Stahl said, ". . . These things will go on as long as Satan lives. We cannot expect that everyone will be satisfied with what we do. Do your work before God, and bear your responsibilities. Never mind if you do not receive the approbation of everyone. If you are clear before God, go ahead."

Elder Stone: "I have listened with a great interest to this discussion. It has been twenty years since I have

met with the Ohio Conference. I believe, brethren, that when we come into a meeting like this all selfishness should be put aside. It is very evident that there is selfishness here this morning. Have our honorable conference committee been conducting themselves in such a way that you are suspicious of them?

"I will tell you that I believe that God is leading in this great work in which we are engaged. God has not commissioned a few men outside to plan a reformation as to how to elect the officers of the Conference.

"Why cast aside the men who have had charge of the work all through the year? Who is best acquainted with all your men here in conference? . . . They have had the burden and responsibility of the work during the year, and when they come up to the business of the conference, shall they cast aside all interest in the matter, and say, 'Now you go ahead and appoint the committee for the coming year?' . . .

"We are in a crisis, in a time when there are influences in motion to abolish organization. I tell you, we would have the biggest Babylon the world has ever seen if we should abolish organization. . . . Brethren, when do you expect you will have the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message? 'And when the day of pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly'—something happened, and they all spoke with one voice. I tell you we want men of experience and integrity at the wheel. We are in a time when Satan is working with all power and signs and lying wonders and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness."

The question was called for, but further spoken to by Elders J. O. Miller and M. C. Kirkendall, when the dinner bell sounded, and motion to adjourn to 2 o'clock was carried.

3 O'clock P. M.

Owing to the number to be served with dinner, it was impossible to call the meeting to order earlier than 3 o'clock.

As the first meeting of the legal association of our conference had been appointed for this hour, a meeting

was called and motion to adjourn until Wednesday at 3 P. M. carried.

The conference meeting was then called, the minutes read by the secretary, and approved.

The committee on the seating of delegates made their report, which was unanimously accepted.

The Chair then introduced the business of the meeting by carefully taking the original motion, and its substitute as offered by N. S. Miller, remarking that "the discussion closed with the consideration of the substitution." The question was called for, and by a raising vote, carried.

The delegates nominated the following persons: A. C. Shannon, F. A. Stall, M. C. Kinkendall, Dr. B. J. Ferriot, R. T. Ragsdale, G. E. Wales, B. B. Francis, C. H. Punches, Dr. H. M. Jump, Coy VanGorder, Thomas Rusk, W. H. Granger, M. V. Downing, B. L. House, L. R. Williams.

The treasurer's report was next in order, and read as follows:—

Since the last session of the Ohio Conference a period of time, nearly two years, has passed, and quite two years have gone since any financial statement of the affairs of the Conference has been presented.

We are pleased to state that the past year has been one in which the Lord has been pleased to entrust with his people much money. To the farmer he has given abundant harvests; and to those who labor in other ways he has provided liberally, thus enabling all to contribute of their income the necessary funds to assist in spreading the gospel of the Third Angel's Message both in the home land and in the regions beyond.

To give you an idea of the steady growth or increase in the receipts of our Conference we will go back to the year 1903, and give you the receipts for that year and the following years;—1904, 1905 and 1906.

For the year 1903 the receipts, in round numbers were.....	\$27,000
For 1904.....	28,000
For 1905.....	32,000
For 1906.....	34,000

Aggregating for four years over..... \$122,600
not including the Tract Society receipts, which, for the same period of time, aggregated over..... \$33,000

Thus we find our gross collections for the last four years to be nearly \$160,000, being an average of \$40,000 a year.

The following statement shows the receipts for the years 1905 and 1906, and, we are happy to state, represents a collection not equalled by any two former years in the history of the Ohio Conference.

	1905	1906
Tithe.....	\$26,001.44	\$27,485.07
First Day Offerings.....	971.94	898.26
S. S. Donations.....	1,323.71	1,647.06
Y. P. Society.....	197.98	349.49
Annual Offering.....	1,593.02	1,552.08
\$150,000 Fund.....		374.28
Other Mission Board Offerings.....	2,447.18	1,901.46
Totals.....	\$32,535.27	\$34,207.65

Making a grand total of collections for the years 1905 and 1906 of \$66,742.92.

The tithe collection for the year 1905 was \$26,001.44, the same being an increase over the year 1904 of \$4,502.26.

For the year 1906, I am pleased to say, we still maintained the gain of 1905 and added to it the sum of fourteen hundred eighty-three dollars, sixty-three cents (\$1,483.63).

A comparative statement for the years 1903 and 1904, with the years 1905 and 1906, shows us the following gratifying result for the last two years:—

Total tithe receipts, 1905-1906.....	\$53,486.51
Total tithe receipts, 1903-1904.....	44,083.60

This, brethren, gives us an excess tithe collection for the last two years of \$9,402.91, for which we praise our Father in heaven who has made it possible.

We have paid out from the receipts of 1906, in addition to the amount paid to our workers in the home field, the sum of \$2,199.26 to the General Conference in full payment of the workers whom we are supporting in the regions beyond; also the sum of \$2,730.57 has been paid to the Lake Union Conference, the same representing our tithe to the Lake Union.

It is pleasing to report that after paying the workers in the home field in full to Jan. 1, 1907, paying in full those supported in the foreign fields, and our full tithe to the Lake Union Conference, we found a tithe balance to our credit Jan. 1, 1907, of \$2,274.

Right here I would like to make a plea for the present financial year, and I know it cannot be too strong. The needs of this year will be great indeed, and it will be necessary for prompt payment of all tithes.

During the past year many of our church treasurers were slow in forwarding their remittances; this should not, and it is hoped will not, be so in the future.

Our needs for this year will be:—

For payment of home workers.....	\$18,800
For payment of foreign workers.....	4,000
For payment of tithe.....	2,700
Total.....	\$25,500

This amount, you will observe, does not include the necessary traveling expenses of the workers during the year.

Tract Society

This department of the Conference, as will be shown by the secretary's report, has had an unusually prosperous year, the total receipts amounting to \$8,001.47.

A cash balance of \$1,618.12 was shown Jan. 1, 1907.

Conference Association

The receipts and expenses of the Association for the past year are as follows:—

Receipts

From Ohio Conference—balance payment in full.....	\$1,200
Deposits.....	1,220
Mount Vernon College—Balance Loan.....	300
Tent Fund.....	896.35
Ministry of Healing.....	59.25
Sale of Old Jewelry.....	75.05
Interest.....	24.90
Bills Receivable.....	150
Donations, etc.....	8.38
Total.....	\$3,438.93

Paid Out

Bills Payable.....	\$700
Loans.....	225
Deposit Account.....	700
Safe.....	180
Interest.....	289.17
Expenses.....	90.77
Advance Payment on Rents.....	175
Total.....	\$2,359.84

On Hand Jan. 1, 1906.....	550.70
Receipts, 1906.....	3,433.93

Total.....	\$3,984.63
Deduct Amount Paid Out.....	2,359.84

On Hand Jan. 1, 1907.....	\$1,624.69
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Mount Vernon College

Amount on Hand July 1, 1905, and Received During Year.....	\$12,633.59
Paid Out During Year.....	12,572.89

On Hand July 1, 1906.....	\$59.70
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Recapitulation

On Hand, Tithe.....	\$2,274
On Hand, Tract Society.....	1,018.12
On Hand, Trust Funds.....	1,558.64
On Hand, Ohio Conference Association Funds.....	1,024.69
On Hand, Mount Vernon College.....	59.70
Total Cash on Hand.....	\$7,135.15

Respectfully submitted,
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

The auditor's statement that he had found the books in first class condition at the audit last June was read.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was unanimously carried.

Elders Stone and Haughey both thought the Lord had wondrously blessed the Ohio Conference during the past two years.

The Medical Missionary Secretary's Report

Resources

Real Estate.....	\$ 366.95
Merchandise.....	3,961.52
Furniture and Fixtures.....	210
Expense.....	14.50
Accounts Receivable.....	2,352.23
Cash.....	1,618.12
Total.....	\$8,426.32

Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$4,822.38
Present Worth.....	3,603.94
Total.....	\$8,426.32

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

Gain

Merchandise.....	\$1,509.11
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Loss

Furniture and Fixture Depreciation.....	\$ 23.75
Expense.....	261.48
Salary and Expense of Field Missionary Agent.....	609.91
Total.....	\$898.14

Net Gain.....	\$ 610.97
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RETAIL VALUE OF SALES

Subscription Books.....	\$9,639.05
Trade Books, Tracts, etc.....	2,559.69
Periodicals.....	972.56
Total.....	\$13,171.30

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS' ACCOUNT

Paid College 1901-1906.....	\$11.400
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N. S. MILLER, *Miss. Sec.*

On motion, this report was unanimously accepted.

The Field Secretary's Report

We have every reason for praising God for the guiding hand he has placed over us in the circulation of the printed page which bears the last warning message that will ever be given a dying world.

Like the other branches of the Lord's work in Ohio, and in fact in all the world, our book work has made rapid advancement. Only a few years have passed since this department was at a very low ebb. Few would enter the field, and those who did go out were looked upon by many as engaged in rather a secondary work—a work for those who needed a little experience, or possibly, for those who were thought good for nothing else. In fact this work seemed to be the part of the body which was considered "less honorable." But how times have changed! God has said that "those members of the body which we think less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor." God has placed this work upon an equality with the gospel ministry, and has said "if there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the scriptures."

Through the "Testimonies" we have been told that it is largely through our publishing houses that the Message of Revelation 18 is to be given to the world. These statements have carried weight, and our people as a body have arisen to the support of this work. I wish to thank our president and his committee for the way they have stood by me in my effort to bring this work more prominently to the front during the past seventeen months. I certainly could wish my successor nothing better than that he have the co-operation of those at the head of our Conference as I have had.

A few statements might be in place as to the number of sales made during the past few months:—

	1904	1905
September.....	\$110.40	\$700.95
October.....	159.55	693.25
November.....	91	982.70
December.....	301.60	598.30

For some years very few books had been sold during the winter season, so when the year 1906 opened we began to fear lest our sales would drop to a low figure; but our noble workers in the field stayed faithfully by their post of duty and when January and February had passed, we had reports for nearly \$1,200 worth of orders for these two months. As very few students from the College entered the field last year during the vacation, our sales were not quite as large during June and July as for the same months in 1905, but much larger than they had been for the few years preceding 1905. The largest month's sales for 1906 we made during October, amounting to \$1,423.70 against the \$693.25 for October, 1905, and \$159.55 for October, 1904.

We now have a permanent work established. We mean by this that we have those engaged in the field who are making book work their business for twelve months in a year, and not simply engage in it during a few weeks or possibly months when conditions are most favorable. We honor our profession, and think it a high and royal calling, an appointment from heaven's throne. Our daily prayer is, "Send me anywhere, only go with me: lay any burden upon me, only sustain me: sever any tie, save the one that binds me to thy love and service."

Although the past year has been blessed richly of God, yet these past blessings do not suffice, and we are hoping to see the year 1907 go far ahead of anything that has yet been done.

We will soon see another Canvasers' Institute, and we trust that many, even of the delegates here assembled, who are almost persuaded

to enter this work, will arise to the situation and say, "Here am I; send me," and that they will buckle on the armor, and not lay it down until the victory is won, and the Master comes to call home those who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

C. E. WEAKS, *Field Sec.*

On motion this report was unanimously accepted.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY REPORT

To the delegates of the Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Conference, to the officers and laborers in the precious truth, greeting.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Permit me to present the report of your Medical Missionary Department for year ending Jan. 28, 1907.

In harmony with our Lord's plan that our people be instructed in the sacred principles of healthful living that we may indeed be a spectacle to angels and to men, your secretary has devoted no inconsiderable portion of his time to this branch of his work—having given 132 lectures, taken part in 101 other meetings and made 440 visits into the homes of our brethren where he has been many times privileged to demonstrate in a practical manner the principles he is teaching.

For six weeks, from June to July, I was engaged in teaching physiology and healthful living to the teachers at the normal school held at Mount Vernon College.

Following the Troy camp-meeting, I was connected for six and a half weeks with the tent company in Troy, where we had the blessed privilege of being used of God in bringing precious souls into a knowledge of the truth. As a result of these meetings we have a small but healthy Sabbath-school, made up of persons who did not know of the truth prior to these meetings.

After the close of the tent season your secretary was connected with Elder Fairchild in gospel work at Lagrange, after which he has devoted his time to active medical missionary work at Dayton, Liberty Center, Defiance, and elsewhere.

Your secretary is pleased to acknowledge his appreciation of the support of the ministering brethren, the members of the Ohio Medical Missionary Society, and those loyal brethren who are conducting treatment rooms and sanitariums in our State.

I may here state that while our Conference has no sanitarium of its own, we hope to establish treatment rooms in the cottage owned by the Mount

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Sabbath begins Feb. 9 at 5:30 P. M.

WE are glad to inform the brethren that Elder Burkholder is improving and hopes soon to enjoy his usual health.

THE brethren of the Clyde church deserve all the good words we hear in their behalf. Every body was well pleased with all the arrangements.

FURTHER reports of the Conference will be published next week. All who desire a full report of the meetings should send in their subscriptions *right away*.

As the Conference offices were closed during the Conference session, there was no WELCOME VISITOR issued last week. However, we are sending a four page supplement this week. We feel that those who remained at home are interested in all the proceedings, and so endeavor to give our readers the gist of the business transacted.

WE ask the brethren in the State to be patient with those connected with the office, if you do not receive your usual prompt acknowledgements to your orders and remittances. We are all passing through a siege of la grippe. Brother Clyde Mitchell was confined to the house, and some others likewise. However, every body in the office is as good natured as ever, and hope soon to get everything in good order.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Jan. 18, 1907.)

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 17 hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$3.50; total, \$14.50.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 10 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$4.25; total, \$6.75.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 8 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$2; total, \$16.50; deliveries, \$2.50.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$2.20; total, \$16.70.

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Vernon College, that the students of that worthy institution may receive needed instruction in hydrotherapy and simple treatments; and I plead with the delegates here assembled that at this session of our conference plans be made for an active campaign for the sale of "Ministry of Healing." The profits from the sales of these books, as you know, are to be used to defray the expense of establishing these treatment rooms.

We have in Ohio five independent sanitariums—at Cleveland, Newark, Bowling Green, Mount Vernon, Findlay and Cincinnati; and ten treatment rooms located in as many cities, which are demonstrating in a practical manner the efficacy of this department of the Message.

Praying heaven's richest blessings upon the delegates here assembled, I am faithfully, your servant,

H. M. JUMP.

On motion this report was unanimously accepted.

(To be continued.)

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Coming King: 26½ hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$16; total, \$29.

L. R. Williams, Paulding Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$4; deliveries, \$1.

W. H. Gossett, Paulding Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$4; helps, \$1.50; total, \$5.50; deliveries, \$2.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$1; helps, \$2.50; total, \$1.25.

Wm. C. Degarmo, Summit Co.—Coming King: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$5.50; total, \$14.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; deliveries, \$4.50.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 17 hours; value of orders, \$14; deliveries, \$4.50.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

DECEMBER, 1906.

Akron.....	\$ 31.57
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13.90
Beaver.....	1.70
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	10.11
Bowling Green.....	65.14
Brokaw.....	12.91
Broughton.....	7.00
Camden.....	53.25
Canton.....	13.49
Chagrin Falls.....	10.24
Charloe.....	.....
Chicago.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	54.82
Cincinnati.....	81.63
Cleveland.....	549.13
Clyde.....	67.56
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	146.07

Conneaut.....	14.13
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnut.....	.....
Dayton.....	56.18
Defiance.....	3.43
Delaware.....	6.85
Dowling.....	12.23
Dresden-Trinway.....	31.25
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	37.83
Elgin.....	89.06
Fairfield.....	1.00
Findlay.....	26.81
Green Spring.....	16.93
Hamilton.....	27.52
Hamler.....	.....
Killbuck.....	18.42
La Grange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	4.00
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	5.70
Liberty Center.....	46.63
Lima.....	31.80
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	9.16
Marion.....	79.40
Marshfield.....	.....
Marysville.....	3.50
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Melga.....	9.70
Mendon.....	11.62
Middletown.....	.....
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	186.34
Newark.....	35.32
Norwalk.....	6.92
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	5.52
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Powell.....	.....
Reidsville.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	.....
Toledo.....	138.60
Tray.....	36.51
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	3.50
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	.....
Wellsville.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	1.50
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	12.70
Wilmington.....	3.00
Youngstown.....	.....
Zanesville.....	9.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	68.10

Total.....\$2,127.14

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

December, 1906.

Tithe.....	\$2,127.14
Ohio Tract Society.....	1,225.68
Weekly Offerings.....	32.15
Sabbath-school Donations.....	50.56
Y. P. Society.....	17.97
Southern Field.....	11.90
Collection for Blind.....	5.09
\$150,000 Fund.....	358.23
Annual Offering.....	413.60
International Pub. Assn.....	38.92
West Indian Training School.....	17.00
India.....	2.16
Blind Fund.....	5.09

Total.....\$4,325.40

C. V. HAMER, Treas.