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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

ORGANIZATION

Plan of Selecting Conference Officers

THE plan first adopted in selecting conference officers was the same as that recommended in organizing a church. The minister organizing was to select a committee of two or three consecrated brethren of ability and good judgment, and unitedly they were to look over the membership seeking wisdom from God as to who were best qualified to fill the offices of the church. The names were then put in nomination before the church, who were to consider them, and elect these, or others, if in their judgment there were others better qualified. The same plan was pursued in selecting conference officers, save that the president named a committee to act aside from himself. As the work enlarged, and numbers increased, the nominating committees were usually five in number, instead of three.

The first public objection to this plan known to the writer occurred Feb. 15, 1872, in Bloomfield, Cal., at the organization of the California State Conference. There three professed Sabbath-keepers publicly raised objections to the chairman of the meeting—who had been chosen by delegates present—appointing the committee on nominations, credentials, and resolutions. In a stormy manner, and with a bitter spirit, these men claimed that such naming of committees and in fact, the naming of men for office, should be left open to the whole church, for them to name candidates, as was done in political meetings; then let all have a chance to speak, and ballot to see who got the highest number of votes, etc.

These men in a turbulent manner pressed their views, hardly giving opportunity for either Brother or Sister White, who were both present, to say anything. In their remarks these men often said they "did not believe in one-man power." Finally Brother White obtained the floor, and calmly said to the leading one of the three, "I see you do not believe in one-man power, unless you can be that one

man." Brother and Sister White openly condemned the course these men proposed in the matter of nominating and electing officers, and indorsed the plan our people were then pursuing.

To show how the Lord regarded the opposition of these men to the system of church order established among this people, we quote the following from a message sent to the leading one, "You will one day realize what you have lost by placing yourself in a defiant position, warring in spirit against the servants of God. Your bitterness of feeling toward Elder H—— is astonishing. He has endured, and sacrificed, and toiled on this coast to do the work of God. But in your blindness, while unconsecrated in heart and life, you have ventured, in connection with I—— and J——, to handle the servant of God in a cruel manner. . . . Satan has been using you as his agent to insinuate doubts, and to reiterate insinuations and misrepresentations which have originated in an unsanctified heart, which God would have cleansed from its pollution. But you refused to be instructed, refused correction, rejected reproof, and followed your own will and way."—"Testimonies for the Church," vol. 4, page 229.

This testimony clearly indorses the position of the Lord's servants in the conference at Bloomfield, and as clearly condemns the course of the three men who there set themselves in battle array against it. The point involved in this part of the "system" of order, is in having committees to nominate officers, etc. The mode of selecting such committees has varied from time to time. The plan which has seemed to give the best satisfaction, both in the General Conference and in the State Conferences, has been for the whole conference committee to select a list of various committees to be announced by the chairman.

In one or two instances where "one-man power" was feared, the conferences have adopted the laborious plan of having all the delegates ballot for a committee who should select and announce the nominating committee. During the past year the writer learned of one church which had been well

equipped with good officers; but some of its members were pressing the sentiment of no nominating committees, choosing rather to "let the Lord guide without man's judgment or reasoning in the matter. To do this, it would not do to even ballot for officers." They decided that the names of each and every member of the church must be written on separate cards. After the cards were all placed in a hat, while praying, one brother should take from the hat the first card touched. The Lord left them to learn the folly of "leaving to him what he had left to them." Why would he give us the qualifications of officers, if he would choose them independently of our thoughts? This church wanted five officers, including the officers for the Sabbath-school and missionary society. Out of five drawings from the hat, four times the name of a little girl was drawn, who had not the ability for filling even one of the offices.

That church learned a lesson, and decided best to have the old plan carried out, and called for a minister to come and set them in order. This was done in the usual way. The last report from that company was, "All harmonious and prospering now."

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

\$150,000 FUND

[THE following letter has been received by the Conference Treasurer. We print it thinking it may be an incentive to those churches where the full quota has not yet been raised.—ED.]

OHIO CONFERENCE: Please find order for \$6.12, balance due from the Leesburg church on the \$150,000 Fund. This fund should have been \$300,000 instead of \$150,000. It is so much like giving a person but one day's work in the year. It is idleness that ruins us. The Lord is waiting for us to go forward. Shall we keep him waiting longer? It is very tiresome to wait. Is it possible that we shall have to stand idle until this \$150,000 comes in at the slow rate at which it is now coming?

Waken up, brethren! We poor people want another \$150,000 call this summer. Have you not heard that

this is to be the "banner year" for missions? "Lift up your heads and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh." Ask God where he would have you glean for a few days. Let us prepare the way for our God.

W. H. WRIGHT.

OUR ACCOUNTABILITY

THE need of becoming familiar with the principles of health reform is plainly set forth in the following words of God's messenger:—

"If Seventh-day Adventists practised what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men, and they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth." *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1902.

The time has come for God's people to "practice what they profess to believe," if they ever intend so to do. "Health reform is not a needless appendix to the truth; it is a part of it." "Testimonies" No. 12, p. 67, edition of 1867. Therefore it is a part of the very life of every truth lover. We have a truth that saves the whole man, body, soul and spirit. The world has a right to criticize us sharply, if, when sitting at their tables, when "eating or drinking or whatsoever we do," they find we are not "practicing what we profess to believe." "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing." 1 Cor. 1:10. God, through his messenger has spoken that "in order to strengthen the moral perceptions, the love of spiritual things, we must regulate the manners of our living, dispense with animal food, and use grains, vegetables, and fruits, as articles of food." "Appeal to Mothers," p. 20. How many of us, by our actions, have "spoken the same thing," have dispensed with animal food, and are using fruits, grains and vegetables in their stead? There is a work for us to do in our families. The time has come for us to turn the light of God's truth upon ourselves and see "whether we are in the faith or not."

To strengthen those who earnestly desire to "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God," to comfort those who are afflicted, to give hope to the despondent, God has given us that wonderful book, "Ministry of Healing." It is a part of the Spirit of Prophecy. May he help us to prayerfully search its pages for the precious truths we so much need just now.

H. M. JUMP.

PACIFIC PRESS NOTES

WORK on our new factory has been delayed on account of our not being able to secure material as fast as needed, but the building is now all enclosed and the inside finishing and painting is nearly done. We hope to be able to move in the first of next month. All who have seen the factory pronounce it a model both for convenience and economy. In many respects it will be better than the old building, but will not cost half as much. We are studying how to economize in every way we possibly can.

For the past few weeks we have had very cold, stormy weather, and this has hindered the work more or less. The hills and mountains on either side of us have been covered with snow,—a thing very unusual for this part of the country. It has been impossible to keep the temporary sheds in which our work is now being carried on warm enough to be comfortable, but all seem to be cheerful and are trying to make the best of the situation, hoping soon to be more comfortably housed.

THURSDAY, January 10, steam was turned on the new factory for the first time, and this will help dry out the cement floor.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company and members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association was held here at Mountain View on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1907. At this meeting directors were elected for another term, and plans laid for carrying on the work during the year.

WE are glad to say that the subscription list of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, has been increasing quite rapidly during the past few weeks. The first of November, we were printing only about 14,000 copies weekly; now we print nearly 20,000 copies, but we hope that before the close of the year the list will call for 100,000 copies. This can easily be accomplished if we can have the hearty co-operation of our brethren and sisters, and this we have been promised.

WE have just issued a little booklet setting forth what the next volume of the *Signs* will contain, and we would like to place one of these in the hands of every Seventh-day Adventist. They can be had free for the asking, either from the Pacific Press or the Ohio Tract Society.

WE are bringing out a series of church school readers to be called the "True Education Reader Series," a

full description of which appeared on the second page of the *Signs* under date of January 16. Book No. 2 is now ready, and others will follow immediately. This series was adopted by the General Conference at its educational convention held in College View, Neb., June 29 to July 10, 1906. The books are intended not only for use in our church schools and colleges, but in every family where there are children.

VOLUMES 6, 7 and 8 of the Testimonies are just off the press, and orders can now be filled. The other volumes will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

It must be remembered that we have only two cylinder presses in operation at the present time, and the *Signs* and *Little Friend* have to be printed on these, as well as all the book work. For several weeks—yes, nearly all the time since the fire—we have kept these presses running night and day, but have been unable to meet the demand. Soon we will have more presses in operation (those being restored from the effects of the fire) and then we can get out work more promptly.

BRETHREN H. H. HALL and E. E. Palmer have just left for Walla Walla, Wash., to attend a canvasser's institute and bookmen's convention to be held at the college January 15 to 22. After this convention Brother Hall will go east, attending meetings in Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota and returning by the way of Alberta and the Canadian Pacific Railway, stopping at points of interest on the way. This northern territory is becoming quite an important center for our book work. C. H. JONES.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

THE following letter will be read with interest by the people of Ohio. We trust that the earnest request will be granted.

TAKOMA PARK STATION,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: February 13, Sister Sheafe started for Jacksonville, Fla. She has been failing in health for more than a year, has had a very bad cough, and at times her life has been despaired of; but with prayer and faith she has been able to go where she hopes, together with the prayers of God's people and the climate, to be able soon to resume her work in Washington, where she is so much needed.

She desires the prayers of all the dear people of Ohio in behalf of herself and her daughter Clara, who has gone with her for the same purpose.

Mrs. G. A. CEMER,

Ava

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Last fall Brother Fred C. Webster held meetings in a school house one and one-half miles west of Ava, Noble County. After three weeks the house was closed against him, but one lady is still keeping the Sabbath as a result of his effort.

Early in January the writer began a series of meetings in the miners' hall in Ava. It rained most of the time, the roads were impassable on account of the mud, and the attendance was confined to the inhabitants of the little village. Elder Bidwell returned with me from conference and the meetings were continued nearly two weeks. Since they closed, I have been visiting, holding Bible readings, and placing literature in the hands of the people, having sold since coming here \$25 worth of books filled with the Message, besides giving away a large quantity of tracts. In this way, some who did not attend the meetings have become interested.

In addition to the sister mentioned above, the Lord has caused two others to take their stand for the truth, and a Sabbath-school has been started. I am of good courage and desire the prayers of God's people that the work may go forward in this new field. Any papers or tracts sent to me at Ava will be used to good advantage.

WALTER C. MOFFETT.

Chillicothe

ON Sabbath, February 23, I had the pleasure of meeting with the little church at Chillicothe. The brethren there feel the need of a public place to hold their services, yet they are by no means discouraged. They have carefully districted the city and are placing literature in each home. They leave on their first visit the tract, "How Esther Read her Bible." This is followed by copies of the *Family Bible Teacher*. They have many precious experiences to cheer them in their work. They believe that they have reached the time when "there shall be delay no longer." "Go thou and do likewise."

R. R. KENNEDY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

DEAR VISITOR: I feel as if you would be interested to hear from the Young People's Society at Elgin. We have had an organized society for some time with a membership of about sixteen, and until recently held our meeting on Sabbath afternoon.

We observed Young People's Day and carried out the program in full as suggested in the *Youths' Instructor*. All took an active part and worked to make the day what it should be,—a day of blessing, and our efforts were repaid by material results, for it has now become an active society working for the salvation of those outside our faith.

Different members were appointed to lead out in the several lines of work, such as distribution of literature, Bible work, Christian help work, Sabbath-school work, etc., and when the leader sees openings for work the individual members respond and are appointed to answer the call. We are thankful that in our weakness the Master can use even us to help carry the most solemn and important Message the world has ever known.

A Methodist lady who was very bitter against the truth attended our meetings on Young People's Day. She said she had been in several meetings of young people but she never has seen the spirit manifested before that she did that day. Your sister in Christ,

DESSIE ADAMSON, Sec.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

ENCLOSED find \$36 for the \$150,000 Fund from the Findlay church. Almost all of this was made by selling books. We all did what we could. We have not sold all our books, but the work is still going on and the dear Lord is blessing us. We will send in our money as soon as we can and try to do our part. We are most all poor, but we can sell books.

MAMIE MACKIN,
Treasurer Findlay Church.

NOTICE

ANOTHER canvassers' institute will be held in northwestern Ohio during the early part of April. We hope to announce the exact time and place in the next issue of the VISITOR.

We trust that many of our people in that part of the State will plan on attending this important gathering, and prepare themselves for service in the Master's vineyard. Your brother in his service, CARL E. WEAKS.

OUR INSTITUTE

IT is with pleasure that I again visit the Mount Vernon College, and see so large a number of enthusiastic young people entering the canvassing work. The success those have had in past years is like heaven among the rest; it inspires others to action.

Numbers of these young people who have had experience in this work are developing into efficient laborers. Some are being called upon to take responsibilities in the work. Our able field secretary, Carl Weeks, has resigned to further prepare for work, and one of our tried, faithful men, Brother E. R. Numbers, has been selected to take his place and is getting hold nicely. Others are being called to distant fields. Shall we not encourage our young men and women to enter this work? Over thirty are now drilling at the Institute and others will enter later.

J. B. BLOSSER,
Lake Union Conference Gen. Agent.

DISTRICT MEETING

DISTRICT meeting for District No. 1 will be held at Chillicothe in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Paint Street near Second. The first service will be held on March 22, at 7 P. M. Services will be continued until Sunday evening as per announcement in printed program. We give a cordial invitation to the following churches to assist us in these meetings: Columbus, Washington C. H., Beavertown, Wheelersburg, Leesburg and Marshfield. Let there be a good attendance. There is a good opportunity to do missionary work in this city, and encourage those who are endeavoring to carry the Message into the homes of all the people.

R. R. KENNEDY.

DISTRICT MEETING

A GENERAL meeting for the Lima district (Number 6) will be held at Elgin, O., March 15-17, 1907. Questions of importance will be considered. Several of our State workers will be present to assist. A goodly representation from the churches in this district is desired.

W. E. BIDWELL, Dist. Supt.

OBITUARY

EIS.—Died at his home in Defiance, Feb. 25, 1907; of angina pectoris, Adam Eis, aged 66 years, husband of Sister Sarah Eis, who with her son and two daughters mourn their loss, which came very suddenly. The writer spoke to a full and overflowing house from the text in Ps. 90:10.

JOHN P. GAEDS.

TAYLOR.—Died at her home in Columbus, O., Feb. 26, 1907, Sister Mary W. Taylor, aged 54 years, 10 months, and 16 days. Through a long and painful illness, she suffered patiently, and expressed a firm and abiding faith in a Saviour's love. We laid her away to rest in Greenlawn to await the coming of the Life-giver. Words of comfort and consolation from the Scriptures were spoken by W. H. Granger.

STEPHEN A. CRAIG.

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BROTHER CLYDE MITCHELL is
again able to resume his work in the
office.

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

WE have several interesting re-
ports, but will hold them over until
the next paper.

ELDER C. T. REDFIELD, of Mans-
field, is enjoying a visit from his
mother who lives at Charlotte, Mich.

ELDER W. H. GRANGER has re-
moved with his family to Minneapo-
lis, Minn. He expects to engage in
city work in that place.

THE Sabbath-school secretaries who
have not sent their quarterly reports
to the office will assist us greatly if
they will do so immediately.

A VERY profitable district meeting
has been held at Akron. All who at-
tended were encouraged. We hope for
a complete report of this and other
meetings later.

BROTHER WILSON BABCOCK, of
Clyde, who for some time has been
confined in Charity Hospital, Cleve-
land, suffering from ulceration of the
stomach, is again able to be at his
home.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I see by
the blue mark, I must renew my sub-
scription or lose your friendly visits,
and I do not want to miss one num-
ber, so I send twenty-five cents for
your visits for another year. I take
a goodly number of our papers but I
welcome none more than the dear little
VISITOR. MRS. A. M. KREASE.

ELDER B. L. HOUSE and wife who
have been called to connect with the
work in Washington, D. C., have been
visiting friends in Cleveland prior to
their departure. They expect to go
on to Washington this week.

MISS RUSSELL is continually im-
proving. She has been able to sit up
for a few minutes each day, during
the last few days. We thank her
many friends for the expressions of
sympathy which have been received at
this office. We believe that with
proper rest she will soon be able to
resume her work.

ADDRESSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Charles C. Lewis, President of
Union College, College View, Neb.

A good book full of good ideas writ-
ten by a man whose whole life has been
devoted to the helping of young peo-
ple to see, appreciate, and attain to
the highest ideals. The work abounds
with apt illustrations and references,
and wholesome teaching.

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Ohio Tract Society, Mount Vernon, O.

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ing Reading" is being introduced in
the most progressive schools of this
country. It successfully combines the
virtues and avoids the faults of the
old methods. The new readers that
were recommended by the Educational
Convention held at College View,
Neb., last summer, and now being
published by the Pacific Press Pub-
lishing Co., were prepared in the
light of this method.

Brother O. J. Graf, Educational
Secretary of the Northern Union Con-
ference, has prepared an outline of in-
struction on this method, which should
be a great help to every teacher of
reading. The outline comes in pam-
phlet form. Prices, postpaid: Single
copy, 5 cents; twenty-five copies, \$1;
one hundred copies, \$3.50.

Order of the Educational Depart-
ment of the Northern Union Confer-
ence, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Feb. 15, 1907.)

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Dan-
iel and Revelation: value of orders,
\$30.

R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Her-
alds of the Morning: value of orders,
\$8.75.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Com-
ing King: 6 hours; value of orders,
\$2; helps, \$2.50; total, \$4.50; deliver-
ies, \$1.50.

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Com-
ing King: 29 hours; value of orders,
\$42; helps, \$7; total, \$49.

Howard W. West, Muskingum Co.—
Coming King: 10 hours; value of or-
ders, \$2.50; helps, \$4.75; total, \$7.25.

W. H. Gosset, Geauga Co.—Com-
ing King: 9 hours; value of orders,
\$2; helps, \$3.25; total, \$5.25; deliver-
ies, \$1.50.

Wm. C. Degarmo, Akron.—Com-
ing King: 25 hours; value of orders,
\$7; helps, \$2.25; total, \$7.25.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-
ing King: 25 hours; value of orders,
\$11; deliveries, \$12.50.

Mamie Telschow, Defiance.—Com-
ing King: 5 hours; helps \$3.25.

Mrs. R. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Com-
ing King: value of orders, \$11.50.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscella-
neous: 12½ hours; value of orders,
\$8.75; deliveries, \$11.25.

(For week ending Feb. 22, 1907.)

* Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great
Controversy: 30 hours; value of or-
ders, \$5; helps, \$8.25; total, \$13.25;
deliveries, \$41.50.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great
Controversy: 21 hours; value of or-
ders, \$15; helps, \$5.50; total, \$20.50;
deliveries, \$25.50.

R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—Her-
alds: 25 hours; value of orders, \$8.75.

Wm. C. Degarmo, Summit Co.—
Coming King: value of deliveries,
\$13.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Com-
ing King: 25 hours; value of orders,
\$1; helps, \$15; total, \$16; deliveries, \$2.

L. A. Holobaugh,* Chillicothe.—
Coming King: 54 hours; value of or-
ders, \$27.50; deliveries, \$13.

Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Seneca Co.—
Coming King: 9½ hours; value of or-
ders, \$11.50.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscel-
laneous: 19 hours; value of orders,
\$15.60; deliveries, \$21.50.

*Two weeks.