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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"The gospel invitation is to be given to all the world,—to every nation; kindred, tongue, and people." The last-message of warning and mercy is to lighten the whole earth with its glory. It is to reach all classes of men, rich and poor, high and low. . . . The whole world is perishing for want of the gospel. . . . The Lord calls upon his servants to carry his message to the people."

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Ohio Conference.

ANOTHER year is in the past and the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is again assembled in annual convention. As we look back over the past year, there are brought to our minds blessings without number. We have been blessed in that the Lord has given us health, strength, good crops and numberless other things for which we should be and are thankful, and do praise him for his wonderful love to the children of men. That we have been specially blessed is evidenced by the means which he is causing to continually flow into our treasury.

During the year 1902 there was reported, at the last camp-meeting, the sum of \$4,208.79 as donations and offerings to mission work outside of our own Conference. The past year, 1903, the Lord, knowing our needs would be greater, has given to his people the still larger sum of \$5,607.53, which they in turn have given to the mission work in other and more needy fields in donations and offerings. From these figures it will be seen that the missionary work has fared better in the year 1903 than it did in the year 1902, by nearly \$1,400. Praises be to God for this great increase in missionary donations and offerings.

The following detailed statement will be of interest, in that it shows to what different fields the above donations and offerings were given:—

RECEIPTS.

Weekly Offerings.....	\$ 818.32
Sabbath-school Donations.....	970.51
Mission Board Offerings.....	68.08

Haskell and James White Homes.....	388.63
Oakwood School.....	19.22
Annual Offering.....	1,610.41
English Sanitarium.....	144.37
Canadian Sanitarium.....	1.40
Washington, D. C. church.....	112.42
Southern Field.....	56.80
Missionary Acre Fund.....	21.13
Relief of Schools.....	51.00
Academy Debt.....	387.86
Philippine Islands.....	10.00
German Haus Freund.....	5.00
Australia.....	398.79
Gold Coast.....	5.00
India.....	5.00
Washington, D. C. Removal Fund.....	128.86
China.....	334.53
Egypt Tent Fund.....	21.09

EXPENSES.

McIntyre Transportation Fund.....	\$ 100.79
Jamaica Relief.....	3.41

There was paid during 1903 to the Lake Union Conference Treasurer, etc., the sum of \$5,607.53 to be distributed to the fields above named.

While the above sum, my brethren, is quite large, yet it does not represent the whole amount of funds for which this Conference should have credit; many, many dollars have been sent by individual members of this Conference direct to the different fields for which the Ohio Conference gets no credit as a Conference. Consequently the aggregate amount of collections of this Conference is lessened just the amounts of the funds thus sent in. It does seem to me—and I most heartily recommend that it be so—that all money donated to missions should pass through our treasury, thus insuring to the Ohio Conference the credit of the full amount of its donations to the mission cause.

Ohio Tract Society.

I am pleased to say this department of the Conference is in a prosperous condition, the same good showing of 1902 being maintained throughout the year 1903

The following figures will serve to give you some idea of the magnitude of the business of this department, to wit:—

Receipts during the year 1903.....	\$9,904.05
Expenses same period.....	9,137.66
Receipts over expenses.....	\$ 802.39
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903.....	\$1,075.74
Adding receipts over expenses.....	802.39
Leaves cash on hand Jan. 1, 1904.....	\$1,878.13

Tithe.

The payment of tithe has been another evidence of the prosperity with which the Lord has been pleased to bless his children. Notwithstanding the great draft that has been made upon this fund, the Lord has seen to it that his people were furnished with sufficient means to keep the treasury supplied with funds to meet every call that has been made upon this fund during the past year.

The receipts to the credit of this fund for the year 1902 were \$19,240.13. The receipts for the year 1903 were \$22,584.42, making an increase for 1903 over the year 1902 of the sum of \$3,344.29, or an average increase of \$278.70 per month. Surely we have reason to rejoice with exceeding joy over this very flattering result.

You will all doubtless remember that at our camp-meeting held in Mount Vernon last year it was voted to send four of the workers from this Conference to labor as missionaries without the borders of our own Conference. This was done at an expense in round numbers of \$2,300. In addition to this large sum we have paid the tithe of our receipts to the Lake Union Conference, have paid all our workers in full, and still have in the treasury the sum of \$1,073.81.

It has been strongly recommended that our people return their tithe monthly. This, I am pleased to say, is the practice of a majority of our churches, but there are still some churches which return their tithe quarterly. I would urge upon all of our membership to pay a monthly tithe, thus making it possible for your church treasurer to make his return to the State Treasurer monthly.

In conclusion, let me express the thanks which we owe to you all for your valuable assistance in making it possible to present so good a financial statement, to the various church treasurers for their prompt reports and remittances, to the President of the Conference, and to the Conference Committee for their council and advice, and above all let us thank our Father in heaven that he has made it all possible.

C. V. HAMER.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK AT THE CAMP-MEETING.

WE are glad to report the youth's meetings which were conducted each morning and evening for the encouragement and instruction of the young people. We cannot find words to express our gratitude to God for what our eyes have seen, and our ears have heard, and our hearts have felt in these meetings.

The Lord truly came very near to us and touched our hearts, and several among the young people were converted and baptised before returning home, and others were in the valley of decision when camp-meeting closed. O may the Lord help the churches to awake out of sleep, and work for the salvation of their youth now while their hearts are tender!

Valuable and timely instruction was given to the young people by Elder Daniels, Elder Farnsworth and wife, Elder Burkholder, Elder Lawrence and Prof. Loughhead. About half of the meetings were devoted to praise and prayer service. These were spiritual meetings, and brought great blessings to the young people. These meetings were conducted largely by young men and young women who have a burden for the young people's work.

One very interesting feature in the youth's meeting before it closed was the missionary rally to raise funds for India. Among the young people themselves there was raised in cash \$22.22, and in pledges over forty dollars more. Part of this is to be paid in equal monthly payments throughout the year.

We call this fund "The Youth's India Fund." It is our object to get every young person in Ohio to give at least six cents a week throughout the year and send it to the treasurer of the Ohio Conference. This would mean at least twenty-five cents a month for India from each young man and young woman in Ohio. If two hundred young people will give this or more we can do a grand work for India this coming year. Let us all try it for a year and raise our money by selling tracts and small books.

May the Lord bless the young people of Ohio and raise up an army to carry the Third Angel's Message in my prayer. Your brother in the Message,
B. L. HOUSE.

"CHRIST'S servants are to follow his example. As he went from place to place, he comforted the suffering and healed the sick. Then he placed before them the great truths in regard to his kingdom. This is the work of his followers."

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

NO OTHER FRIEND LIKE JESUS.

NONE other so loving, so patient and kind;
No other like Jesus can weary hearts find.
I tell him my sorrows; he shareth my grief,
And gives for my confidence, sweetest relief.
He's the joy of my morning—the star of my night—
My hope for the future; no fears can affright,
For he tells me to fear not. Whatever may come
Is but foam on the billows that carry me home.
My weakness can trust in the might of his power,
And stay on his promise in earth's darkest hour.
He's my rest when aweary; my soul's deep repose;
With him I am safe from the fiercest of foes.
He has passed all the conflicts, and knows how to shield.
My all to his watchcare I safely can yield.
I'll rest in his mercy and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my keeper: the Lord is my shade.
MRS. P. ALDERMAN.

STRENGTHEN THE HANDS OF THE BUILDERS.

LET the work in Washington move forward. Let every one now act his part in self-denial and self-sacrifice. Our people are not to wait for more appeals, but are to lay right hold of the work, making those things which appear impossibilities, possibilities. Let each one ask himself, Has not the Lord entrusted me with means for the advancement of his cause? Has he not bidden his servants in Washington to arise and build? Shall I, at this time of great importance, withhold my means, which God asks me to invest in raising up memorials for him?

Let us be honest with the Lord? All the blessings that we enjoy come from him; and if he has entrusted us with the talent of means that we may help to do his work, shall we hold back? Shall we say, "No, Lord, my children would not be pleased, and therefore I shall venture to disobey God, burying his talent in the earth?" There should be no delay. The cause of God demands your assistance. We ask you, as the Lord's stewards, to put his means into circulation, to provide facilities by which many will have the opportunity of learning what is truth.

The temptation may come to you to invest your money in land. Perhaps your friends will advise you to do this. But is there not a better way of investing your means? Have you not been bought with a price? Has not your money been entrusted to you to be traded up for him? Can you not see that he wants you to use your means in helping to build meeting-houses, in helping to establish sani-

tariums, where the sick shall receive physical and spiritual healing, and in helping to start schools, in which the youth shall be trained for service, that workers may be sent to all parts of the world? If all will be faithful in bringing to his treasury the means lent them, his work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened.

God will prepare the way before his faithful people, and will greatly bless them. The righteousness of Christ will go before them, and the glory of God will be their reward. There will be joy in the heavenly courts, and joy, pure, holy joy, will fill the hearts of the workers. To save perishing souls, they are willing to spend and be spent. Their hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. The consciousness of God's love purifies and ennobles their experience, enriching and strengthening them. The grace of God is revealed in the conquests achieved in winning souls to Christ.

So God's work in this world is to be carried forward. The church here below is to serve the Lord with self-denial and self-sacrifice, and the most glorious triumphs are to be won.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

Nashville, Tenn., June 4, 1904.

Nunica, Mich.

WELCOME VISITOR: In the work here we are making use of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and have found a few honest souls that are seeking for the truth. One old lady whom I visit each week spends a good part of her time in studying the readings. When I go to her with the readings, she always has questions to ask, and with tears in her eyes says she longs for Jesus to come.

One young lady, a Zionist, is studying the Sabbath question. She and her mother attended our meetings in Spring Lake. When the mother could not come, the daughter would take down the texts on paper, and take them home so that her mother might have the benefit of the subject. Since presenting the Sabbath, the mother told the daughter to study the matter carefully, then act as she thought the Bible taught.

Others have been prejudiced and would not even cross the street to hear us. Some have admitted that we have Bible proof for our belief, while they have none, but do not see the need of being so particular. Pray for these souls that they may see the importance of obeying God's holy law.

We are at present located six miles from our former meeting grounds; there are many Catholics and Spirit-

ualists here. Our attendance is quite good, and we have some very attentive listeners. My desire is to walk so close to God that I can present Jesus in such a way that sinners will be drawn to him.

Pray for the work in this place, that God may water the seed sown, and that souls may be saved because of this effort. Your brother in Christ,
JAMES M. IRVING.

Pleasant Hill.

ON August 6 the company of Sabbath keepers at Pleasant Hill met together for church organization. Elder J. O. Miller and the writer were present and it did our souls good to see this faithful little company come together.

It was due to their faithfulness that the first Sabbath or Sunday-school, either one, had ever been conducted in that church all through any previous winter. Last winter this was accomplished by them.

Elder Miller examined the candidates for baptism and church membership on all points of the Message, after which he organized a church of thirteen members.

The writer was chosen elder; Alva St. Clair, *Deacon*; Rebecca Miller, *Deaconess*; Minnie Dunmead, *Treasurer*; A. R. Little, *Clerk*.

After the organization we then repaired to a lovely place along the Muskingum River, where twelve dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. The service was one long to be remembered, and we expect this church to grow and be fruitful. Yours in Christ,
B. L. HOUSE.

MAY HELP AGAIN.

SOME of our brethren and sisters have asked us if we could dispose of their unsold "Object Lessons" and use the money for the new school at Nashville. We would be glad to receive "Object Lessons" for this purpose, rather than to have them lying on shelves and becoming shelf-worn.

A number of people who are interested in the Southern work have offered to assist us by selling these books, so if any of our brethren and sisters have unused copies that they would like to have used for the Southern work, if they will send them to Percy T. Magan, Berrien Springs, Mich., freight paid, it will be greatly appreciated.

"THE return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message."

EDUCATIONAL.

THE HANDICAP OF LACK OF EDUCATION.

MANY men of wonderful natural endowments are dwarfed and hampered in their life work because of their lack of education. How often do we see bright minds in responsible positions, serving as boards of directors, as trustees of great business houses or banking institutions, men who control the affairs of great railroads and manufactories, who have good judgment and great natural ability, but who are so stunted and cramped by their lack of early development that life does not yield them one tenth of what it might had their intellectual and æsthetic possibilities been unfolded in youth. In social life, on public platforms, in debate, in the higher fields of the world's work, enjoyment, and progress they are constantly baffled, embarrassed, and handicapped by the limitations of ignorance.

Again, thousands of young men and young women are working to-day in inferior positions because of their lack of mental culture. Conscious of dormant powers which they can not get control of, many of them fret and chafe under the restraints imposed upon them by their own ignorance. They are in the position of the Chinese and other nonprogressive peoples, who have great mineral, agricultural, and other natural resources, which, however, do not yield them a hundredth part of their value because they do not know how to utilize them. In the very midst of potential wealth and vast possibilities, those people live in poverty and degradation, just as an uneducated man or woman, who has never developed his or her mental wealth, is doomed to perpetual ignorance and its consequences.—*Success*.

STUDIES FROM THE LIVES OF HEALTH SEEKERS.

BY many and devious ways have people sought health in various ages of the world—some by a life of moderation, some by fasting, some by discarding starchy foods, and others by discarding meats and stimulants. Many of these have not been what the world commonly calls "cranks," but they have been honest seekers after the best food to build up and maintain the functions of the body in perfect health. We may learn much from the experiences of these reformers.

Dr. G. H. Heald, the editor of *Life and Health*, is preparing a most interesting series of articles, under the general title of "Studies from the

Lives of Health Seekers," in which the habits of one of these representative reformers will be used to illustrate each topic or study.

The following are some of the topics already announced, and others are in preparation:—

"A Celebrated Centenarian"—A life more than doubled by moderation.

"No Meat or Stimulants, but Abundant Proteid"—How a famous athlete and author won his victories and increased his intellectual efficiency.

"Health by Hunger"—Dr. Dewey and the Fasting Cure.

"Health by Chewing, or Nature's Food Filter"—Horace Fletcher's Discovery of a Sixth Sense.

"A Starchless Menu: Bread the Staff of Death"—Dr. Densmore's milk and fruit dietary.

"The Strenuous Life: or Strength by Hard Work"—Theodore Roosevelt's practical physical culture.

This most interesting and important series will begin with the September number of *Life and Health*, and those who wish to secure the entire series should send in their subscription now. Price, fifty cents a year. Address the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O., or *Life and Health*, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANS.

LOOKS don't count. Many a deception these days. Men and women alike are counterfeit.

I handled a queer five dollar bill the other day. It had done a heap of good—paid the widow's rent, bought food for the hungry, squared up three or four bad accounts that had been worse than cancers for worry, made a church treasurer happy when he found it on the plate, and made the sexton happier when his back salary was partly paid by it; but in due course of time it came to the bank whose name it bore, and lo! the teller threw it out.

"What's wrong?" asked the depositor.

"Counterfeit."

All its good deeds did not make it pass the bank, where its real character was discovered.

I'm thinking of another day that is yet to come. It may be that some have done a heap of good; plenty of people pass them on for genuine Christians. They looked alright; sat in the pew like saints; scattered dollars like dew; but they have no God. He does not dwell in their heart. They have his name but not him.

There are counterfeit Christians, just as there are counterfeit bills, and both are bad, in spite of looks.—*C. H. Yutman*.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Sept. 2 at 6:31 P. M.

THE camp-meeting sales at the book stand, including periodicals, amounted to \$635.

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

MISS MARGARET HAUGHEY has accepted a call to labor in the West Michigan Conference as Sabbath-school Secretary and editor of the *West Michigan Herald*. The good wishes of her many Ohio friends accompany her to her new field of labor.

FOUND.—Some one, evidently by mistake, placed a new Bible in my basket on Monday morning, August 22, just before I left for the depot. The price is marked on the fly leaf, but no name is written in the book. The owner can receive it by describing it and enclosing postage. Address Henry De Fluiter, 31 Lockyear St., Cleveland, O.

THE hearts of the children were made glad at the camp-meeting by receiving a good long letter from Sister W. H. Wakeham, of Cairo, Egypt. She also sent them a box of Egyptian coins for souvenirs. Good attention was given to the reading of the letter by both the little people and the big ones who had gathered in the tent to hear from this far-off country. The Lord is with them, and their noble efforts to proclaim the Message will not fail to be remembered.

BROTHER S. S. DAUBENSPECK, of New Bedford, O., is in need of two coal miners to assist him during the busy season. His mine is closed on the Sabbath, and consequently he prefers Sabbath keepers. He says there are good opportunities for missionary work in the place. He refers all interested to Brother G. C. Quillan, or any of the brethren residing at Killbuck, O., and also to Brother B. L. House, of Coshocton, O. For further information, address him at New Bedford, O., Box 54.

THE property of Brother Fred Fairchild, situated one mile from Academia, O., is for sale. There are ten acres of land, with good orchard of choice fruits, grapes, raspberries and blackberries, together with a good barn and various other buildings. The house consists of nine rooms and pantry, with sink and pump in the kitchen. There is a good well and new cistern. For full particulars, address Fred M. Fairchild, Mount Vernon, O., R. F. D. No. 1.

HOW TO PRESENT THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS.

NO doubt you have relatives, friends and neighbors to whom you would like to present the Third Angel's Message in a strong, pleasing, and attractive manner. We believe the "Third Angel's Message" series of the *Signs of the Times*, which will be issued during the month of November, will supply this want. There will be four papers in the series, each with cover, and each filled with short, pithy articles on the truth. Prices will be as follows:—

From one to four sets of four papers each, 20 cents a set.

Five or more sets to single names and addresses, 15 cents a set.

Five to twenty sets to one address, 12 cents a set.

Twenty-five or more sets to one address, 10 cents a set.

For description of the series, address Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O., or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

"LIFE AND HEALTH."

A Good Proposition.

THE September number of *Life and Health* is now ready and will be furnished regularly to agents and those who desire to sell it for \$3 per hundred postpaid.

To encourage its circulation by inducing persons to solicit for it the special offer made for August is extended through the month of September. This special offer is to give free of charge one hundred copies of the October issue to all who sell one hundred copies of the September issue and pay the regular agent price of \$3 for them. The limit of this offer is one hundred copies.

The gift of one hundred copies of the October issue in addition to the regular agents' discount is expensive advertising for the publishers, and will not be continued longer than through September. The journal is fast becoming popular, and agents find it is not at all difficult to interest people in it. The price is 5 cents per copy, or 50 cents a year. Address Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY NOTES.

THE fall term opens September 7.

MISS CLARE SHEPHERD has returned from her summer's vacation.

STENOGRAPHY and typewriting will be made a specialty this year.

THOSE desiring rooms in the Academy Home should make application at once.

SOME needed repairs are being made in the class rooms this week. The old hot air pipes are being removed, and the walls are being tinted, which will add much to the attractiveness of the rooms.

STUDENTS desiring to enter the Missionary Nurses' Course should correspond with the Academy if possible before coming. A good common school education is required, good health, tact and good judgment, and applicants should be from eighteen years of age upward.

PROF. H. S. MILLER and wife are here, and are in the square cottage in which the Treatment Rooms will be located. Sanitarium work will be conducted for the benefit of the Nurses' Training Class. Prof. and Mrs. Welch are temporarily located in this building, also while building a cottage for themselves.

STUDENTS are already beginning to arrive. Some of these are Carl Weeks, Christy Fritz, Samuel Frost and Benjamin Cook, who have been in the canvassing work during the summer; Harry Benson from the tent work; Will Gill from his home in Columbus, but who is now canvassing a few days before the opening of school. Miss White and Miss Grimes are also members of the school family at present, also Burton Jacobs and Harry Haddix who have spent the summer with the Academy.

PROF. J. W. LOUGHHEAD, who has been identified with the Mount Vernon Academy for eight years as its principal, left with his family, August 25, for Washington, D. C., where he engages with the Educational Department of the General Conference. He will have charge of the building there now in process of construction, and which it is hoped to have completed by the first of the year. While we regret to lose Prof. Loughhead, we feel that what is our loss will surely be Washington's gain. That he may be as successful in his new field of labor as he has been in Mount Vernon, is our sincere hope.