

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

MY PRAYER.

O THAT mine eyes might closed be
To what concerns me not to see;
That deafness might possess mine ear
To what concerns me not to hear;
That truth my tongue might always tie
From ever speaking foolishly;
That no vain thought might ever rest
Or be conceived within my breast.
That by each deed, and word, and thought,
Glory may to my God be brought.
But what are wishes? Lord, mine eye
On Thee is fixed, to Thee I cry!
Wash, Lord, and purify my heart,
And make it clean in every part;
And when 'tis clean, Lord, keep it too.
For that is more than I can do.

—Missionary Visitor.

REPORT OF OHIO STATE MEETING.

At Cleveland, Ohio, April 20, 1905.

THE opening meeting was held at 7:30 P. M. with some twenty workers present. By request the pastor of the Cleveland church made a few practical remarks based on 2 Peter 3. Friday morning a good social meeting preceded the day's work. Brother Stahl, the manager of the Cleveland Sanitarium, had arranged to serve meals to the workers. This was appreciated as we could be sure of good hygienic food.

The first business meeting was held at 9:30 A. M. Friday, with Elder Burkholder in charge. Prayer was offered by Elder R. R. Kennedy.

The president drew from Mark 6 thoughts suggesting the advisability of holding such meetings as these.

A committee was appointed by the president to consider the different phases of the work and report for consideration as follows: Elder Kennedy, I. D. Richardson, — Fairchild, C. A. Pedicord, Robert Thurber, N. S. Miller, James E. Shultz. Short reports follow from the district superintendants:—

No. 1 was reported by Elder Kennedy.

No. 2 was reported by J. O. Miller.

No. 3 was reported by D. E. Lindsey.

No. 4 was reported by Brother Bidwell.

No. 5 was reported by Brother Fairchild.

No. 6 was reported by Brother Shannon.

No. 7 was reported by Elder Kennedy.

No. 8 was reported by Brother Webster.

All reports showed much to be thankful for—spiritual growth and faithful devotion to the cause of God.

A short intermission followed. The meeting continued from the hour of 1 P. M., following prayer by Brother House.

Brethren House, Gibson, John Gaede, G. P. Gaede, Redfield, and Morgan reported for their several fields. Many things of interest were mentioned.

The meeting then adjourned.

The evening hour was occupied by our beloved former co-worker, Elder Gates, just from his island mission field on his way to General Conference. His discourse was replete with instructive counsel calculated to inspire us with missionary zeal and more earnest effort to educate our children for some part in the work of the closing Message.

On Sabbath morning after a most helpful Sabbath-school, Elder R. A. Underwood, a former worker of Ohio on his way to the General Conference, occupied the pulpit, addressing us upon the themes of "the Palace of the King." A large congregation was in attendance. The sermon was followed by an excellent social meeting. At the close of the services the Cleveland church, by unanimous vote, asked the Conference Committee to locate the camp-meeting for 1905 at Cleveland.

In the afternoon the hour was occupied by Elders Gates and Underwood. The meeting closed with the close of the Sabbath and the evening hours were used for committee work.

April 21, 4 P. M.

Elder J. O. Miller being present made a good report for District No. 2. Brother Henderson also made a short report of his work at Zanesville. The prospect there is favorable for the organization of a church in the near future.

Brother Fred Fairchild made a short and favorable report of his work.

Sister Talmage from Akron gave an interesting account of her work, showing faithful and persevering effort.

Sister Campbell from Hamilton, reported a good interest there and then went to Massillon where she is now at work.

Brother Pedicord, of Cincinnati, gave a good report of his work in that important city. That company expects to hold a tent effort there this season.

Sister Howell gave a very interesting report of her labors at Cincinnati.

Sister Smith made a very similar report.

Sister Rice, of Cleveland, gave a good report of her work in that great city.

Sister Haughey, of the same city, gave a short report full of interest and hope.

Sister Huffaker, of Toledo, made a good report of her work showing that she had not been idle.

Brother Huffaker was called upon and added some interesting facts to those stated by his wife.

Two German brethren made appeals for help for the Germans of Cleveland.

Thomas Park gave an interesting report of his work in the distribution of the *Family Bible Teacher* in Toledo. Brother Park has had a good experience and appreciates it greatly.

Elder Patterson, of Toledo, gave an encouraging report of his work which was principally in the above named city.

The secretary of the committee on recommendations brought in an interesting partial report which was read and deferred for consideration.

The evening hour was spent in an interesting song service consisting of duets, solos, anthems, hymns and a responsive reading, with a short address by the pastor. The singing was under the direction of Henry De Fluiter.

Monday Morning.

Elder Fairchild led in prayer. Secretaries' reports were called for.

Brother Richardson, *Field Sec.*, gave a report of his work which was full of hope for the future in the canvassing work.

The Missionary Secretary, N. S. Miller made an interesting report

showing that department to be in a prospering condition and free from debt.

Brother Shultz, the Educational Secretary, followed with an instructive report of his work in the interest of the Sabbath-school, Church School, and Young People's Work.

Brother Thurber and Sister Bell, both efficient church school teachers, added most stirring testimonies on the question of the schools.

The partial report of the committee on recommendations submitted their suggestions and on motion it was adopted by considering them separately.

Many workers spoke upon the several questions that were before them and were united in their opinions as to the wisdom of the measures.

An interesting testimony was read from Elder Granger, declaring his constancy in the faith and courage in the Lord.

Following are the suggestions of the several committees passed as worthy of future consideration by the Conference when they meet in regular session.

City Work.

Whereas, The Lord has indicated by his Spirit that the large cities should receive special attention,—

We recommend, 1. That ministers and Bible workers who are adapted to city work be encouraged to take up that work.

2. That city pastors be selected, as far as possible, from ministers who are not burdened with district work.

3. That city workers be advised to give more attention to the distribution of literature setting forth the Message.

4. That city workers carefully study the best methods for visiting people in their homes.

5. That the Conference seek to employ workers from the various nationalities to work among their own people.

6. That our laborers use discretion in entering new fields; that the first efforts be made among the better elements of society.

Canvassing Work.

Whereas, Our canvassing work is an acknowledged branch of missionary work; and, *whereas*, the Lord, through his servant, has spoken of this work in these words: "If there is one work more important than another it is that of placing our literature in the homes of the people,"—

We recommend, That the Ohio Conference acknowledge such tried workers as are devoting their whole time to this work, recommended and acknowledged by the Conference Com-

mittee in consultation with the Field Secretary, by granting them a Missionary License, as is granted to other missionary workers in the Conference.

Tent Work.

Whereas, the word from God is that the cities should now be worked:—

We recommend, That the churches in our large cities, especially where there is no church building, be encouraged to purchase tents to be used by the Conference in conducting evangelistic services in the city and its suburbs.

Sabbath-school Work.

We recommend: 1. That every Sabbath-school in the State hold a Convention in the near future on a day appointed by the Educational Secretary.

2. That the Conference Committee have published in our State paper instructions concerning the duties of Conference, church, and Sabbath-school officers.

Medical Missionary Work.

Believing that sanitarium and treatment-room work in the providence of God has been started in Cleveland, Newark, Findley, Lima, Columbus, Mount Vernon, Coshocton, Toledo, Mansfield and other places in our Conference, we hereby express ourselves in sympathy with the work carried on in these cities and pledge these faithful workers our sympathy, prayers, and moral support.

2. *We recommend*, That brethren and sisters who are contemplating carrying on, in a self-supporting way, the various enterprises along medical missionary lines be advised to take a thorough training, before entering upon independent work.

3. That none but thoroughly consecrated members of our churches be advised to take up work along medical missionary lines.

4. That each medical missionary enterprise report its progress semi-annually to the medical missionary secretary, who shall render a report at least once per year to the Ohio Conference.

Young People's Work.

Whereas, The General Conference has spoken of its appreciation of the work of the Ohio Young People, especially since the State organization last December,—

We recommend: That the work started then be given our hearty approval, and be pushed with unabated vigor in the future.

Church School Work.

We recommend: 1. That more time be given at our annual Camp-meeting

to the discussion by the parents of the church school problem.

2. That we work in harmony with the plan, now being inaugurated by the Lake Union Conference, for the examination and grading of church school teachers.

3. That educational conventions be held from time to time in different parts of the State for instruction in, and discussion of the church school work.

4. That the Conference study the plan of paying a second tithe for the support of the church school work, and investigate results where it has been tried, with the view of adopting it in this State.

General Recommendations.

We recommend: 1. That we approve the present policy of conducting the work of the Conference within its financial resources.

2. That we encourage the adoption of the ten-cent-a-week plan among our churches for the support of the foreign work.

3. That the Constitution be so amended that it provide for the office of librarian in our local churches.

4. That the form of the Missionary License be so changed as to state the work of the one to whom it is granted.

Whereas: The Ohio Conference in meeting assembled at Marysville did in its wisdom, and, as we believe, in the leading of God, place at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board the one half of its workers, together with the tithe necessary for their support, and—

Whereas, We have already been called upon for the labor of several of our workers, and are now supporting said workers, and—

Whereas, The needs of the work in our own Conference was found to be of such nature that additional workers have been placed on the workers' roll to fill the breach thus made, thus increasing the draft upon our tithe without corresponding increase in receipts to our tithe fund, and—

Whereas, This state of affairs can not exist without creating a very great financial deficiency, therefore be it—

Resolved, That we, the workers in the Ohio Conference, in the State Meeting assembled, recognizing the necessity of an increased tithe that our workers, both at home and in foreign work may be kept in their respective fields of labor, will use our very best effort in insuring, for the present conference year, a substantial increase over the very good tithe of the year 1904.

A Tribute of Respect.

While the workers were at dinner at the Sanitarium, the sad news of the death of Sister Maud Miller reached us.

Immediately upon being called to order, the president, Elder H. H. Burkholder, appointed a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions. The committee submitted the following, which were adopted by the standing of the congregation:—

With grieved hearts the Ohio workers assembled have learned of the death of our beloved sister, the wife of Dr. H. W. Miller, our missionary in China.

Therefore, Resolved, That we heartily and unanimously extend to the dear brother and his bereaved parents, the parents and relatives of our dear Sister Miller, our deepest sympathy assuring them that we shall ever hold in sacred memory the devotion and sacrifice of the deceased and her dear husband, and we will bear the bereaved ones in our arms of faith to our dear Saviour and Father in heaven. That this sad death shall knit our hearts more thoroughly together and to the work in China, and under the sense of the great need of that far off field we pledge anew our hearty support of that work.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution to be spread on the minutes of the Conference, and that copies of the same be sent to the WELCOME VISITOR and *Review and Herald*, with the request that our other papers copy.

D. E. LINDSEY,
R. R. KENNEDY, } *Committee.*
A. C. SHANNON,

Another State Meeting is in the past, and it was second to none in the excellent spirit manifested all through the session. A better understanding and acquaintance follows among the workers and we return to our several fields full of hope and courage.

A resolution was passed thanking the Cleveland church for their preparation for and entertainment of the workers. All appreciated very highly the good table set by Brother Stahl and wife at the sanitarium. Many expressions were heard commendatory to the chief cook, Brother Gurnie Young, and his able assistant.

Another record is made, and may we all hear the "well done" when Jesus comes.

A copy of the Resolutions of Sympathy was sent to-day, April 28, to our sadly bereaved Brother Miller.

D. E. Lindsey, *Sec.*

THE GENERAL WORK.

SANITARIUM, Cal., March 29, 1905.

DEAR BROTHER: A few weeks ago one of our brethren on the Pacific coast wrote to the president of the General Conference, calling attention to a worker of some experience who was willing to go to India to work as an evangelist colporteur, if the brethren could promise a little assistance in the matter of traveling and living expenses. In his reply, Elder Daniels called attention to the fact that the contributions of our people are not sufficient to permit of any enlargement of our missionary operations, and that, unless we rally more heartily to their support, our missionary work in foreign lands must be curtailed; and we submit the facts to you as he states them.—W. C. W.

"Facing this situation, we have resolutely set our faces not to enlarge our missionary operations any more until our foreign work receives larger support. It has cost us more than I can ever convey to you in words to make this decision. Before us is piled up on our files the most encouraging reports from mission fields, accompanied by the most earnest and consistent appeals that can be made for the enlargement of their work. Mixed with these documents are applications from devoted men and women of good attainments to go to the mission fields where the Lord is blessing our work so abundantly, and from which there come such pressing appeals for help. All of this is in perfect harmony with the nature of our Message, and the end to which we have looked since this work began, namely, the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

"Now, my brother, if we had not made a supreme effort since we were placed in charge of the general work to inaugurate a strong progressive policy, I would never consent to the decision we have made with reference to calling a complete halt in order to get even with our finances; but you know that a strong forward campaign movement has been the burden of our hearts from the day we took office. We have talked it over where we have gone; have dreamed of it in the night; and have prayed for it at all times; and I am glad to say that the Lord has given us a measure of success. We have opened quite a number of new and important missions during the last four years; we have doubled the contribution to mission fields; we have seen the courage of our missionaries every where revived; we have had the privilege of receiving what I may, without boasting, pronounce the best vol-

ume of reports this denomination has ever received from mission fields. To the Lord our God be all the praise; we deserve none, we want none. Some day this policy will be continued, but for the present we are compelled by lack of funds, and exhaustion, to stop until we are either set aside for fresh leaders, or until our people rally more generally and liberally to the support of our mission work in foreign fields.

We have been compelled to tell our laborers in foreign fields that they must not expect us to increase our appropriations, nor our staff of workers this year. While this is a grief to them, they have all written back brave words, and have buckled on the harness for a stronger effort themselves. Some of them have volunteered to sell books, and aid in supporting themselves, if we can keep the staff already in the field, and possibly send them just a little more help.

"There is one feature very dear to my heart that I want to pass on to you, and that is that not one of our missionaries pleads to return home. On the other hand, they beg to remain, even if they have to take lower wages and work day and night to assist in supporting themselves. I want to tell you that we have a grand lot of workers in the field, and they are actuated by a lofty, Christian spirit. They are genuine missionaries.

"I believe you will sympathize with us, and will pray the Lord to open the way for us to revive a strong, progressive policy.

"One more point, and that is that in view of our lack of funds, we have been obliged to go over the appropriations voted at College View for the year 1905, and shave them down \$22,000. This was like cutting off people's arms and legs, but there was no other way, and we have done it, and we must stand by this, unless our brethren take hold with us and help us to enlarge the contributions to foreign fields. Your sincere brother, A. G. DANIELLS."

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Here are twenty-five cents for which come another year, for I miss you very much. I am the only Sabbath keeper in this place and would be very lonely if it were not for your friendly visits. I love to read the good reports from over the State, and the cheering letters from our missionaries in foreign lands. My heart is with them and I pray for them. I know the Lord is with them, and will give strength for the work that awaits them.

BARBARA CRONINGER.

"To every soul Christ's invitation will be given."

GOD created man for happiness, and he longs to fill human hearts with joy.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins May 12 at 7:04 P. M.

THE many friends of Prof. F. W. Field are indeed pleased to see him once more in Academia.

SEVERAL reports from the workers have necessarily been delayed, but they are still good and will appear next week.

WE regret that circumstances necessitate the President's report of the State Meeting appearing on the last page of this issue. We trust that conditions will soon obtain in the College printing office which will not handicap those in charge of this work. They need more type.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEETING.

THE recent State Meeting held at Cleveland, April 20-25, was one of interest, and we believe will prove to be one of profit to the cause of the Master in the Ohio Conference. The Conference laborers were nearly all present and every one seemed willing and ready to add his *might* toward the success of the meeting. A great deal of matter that would consume time at the annual camp-meeting was considered and methods and plans for more aggressive work in the future received careful study.

We were also favored with the presence of Elders E. H. Gates and R. A. Underwood. Elder Gates's talks on the needs of his island field were listened to with profound interest. To clasp his hand again after so long an absence from the State was a privilege much enjoyed by every one. We know that the prayers of all the workers who listened to his earnest appeals for the islands of the sea will ascend to the throne of grace in his behalf.

On Sabbath morning Elder Underwood delivered an excellent discourse from Ps. 48:12, 13. This faithful and tried servant of God and former co-laborer in the Conference work was

warmly welcomed and his presence and counsel much appreciated by us all.

The meetings from first to last were calculated to increase one's confidence in God's closing Message and lead to a deeper consecration for the work that yet remains to be done.

May we all redouble our diligence in the work committed to our hands and stand fast to the end. We sincerely believe that the influence of this good meeting will bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Field Work.

It has been decided to place eight tents in the field this summer as follows:—

Dist. No. 2.— Elder B. L. House, Fred M. Fairchild.

Dist. No. 3.— Elder J. O. Miller.

Dist. No. 4.— W. E. Bidwell, G. P. Gaede.

Dist. No. 5.— Elder Francis M. Fairchild, Robert B. Thurber.

Dist. No. 6.— Elder A. C. Shannon, John P. Gaede.

Dist. No. 7.— C. T. Redfield, Kenneth R. Haughey.

Dist. No. 7.— C. A. Pedicord, Elder M. C. Kirkendall.

We earnestly solicit the united prayers of all the brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference in behalf of these brethren as they go forth to select a location and prepare for a vigorous campaign. May the Lord grant that as a result of the proposed expenditure of energy, time and means many souls may be rescued from the kingdom of darkness and be translated into the kingdom of God's dear son. To this end let us all pray.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

APRIL, 1905.

Akron.....	\$142.21
Alliance.....	13.56
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	3.80
Bellefontaine.....	20.30
Bellville.....	20.52
Bowling Green.....	113.30
Brokaw.....	7.80
Broughton.....	3.00
Camden.....	47.41
Canton.....	11.11
Chagrin Falls.....	28.04
Chillicothe.....	14.50
Cincinnati.....	5.00
Cleveland.....	121.77
Clyde.....	78.19
Columbus.....	72.97
Conneaut.....	3.80
Corsica.....	51.67
Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnets.....	15.20
Dayton.....	117.89
Defiance.....	.....
Delaware.....	19.50
Dowling.....	.....
Dresden.....	2.75

Dunkirk.....	15.25
East Liverpool.....	16.12
Elgin.....	50.82
Fairfield.....	.....
Findlay.....	.....
Geneva.....	23.39
Grand River.....	1.00
Green Spring.....	14.33
Hamilton.....	16.63
Hamler.....	68.90
Hicksville.....	40.10
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	4.90
Kenilworth.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	.....
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	49.79
Lake View.....	5.80
Laura.....	.....
Leesburg.....	19.76
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	64.89
Lima.....	7.20
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	228.00
Marion.....	.....
Marshfield.....	.....
Marysville.....	3.70
Meigs.....	10.31
Mendon.....	4.50
Middlefield.....	.....
Morrow.....	.75
Mount Vernon.....	193.28
Nashville.....	1.00
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	81.09
Norwalk.....	17.00
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	11.95
Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	21.82
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Sinking Spring.....	.....
Spencer.....	11.30
Springfield.....	48.40
Toledo.....	63.11
Trinway.....	26.40
Troy.....	19.29
Van Wert.....	9.25
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	59.81
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	27.94
Wengerlawn.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	35.00
Wheelerburg.....	137.23
Wilmington.....	16.00
Youngstown.....	11.75
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	27.80
Total.....	\$2,388.06

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES.

APRIL, 1905.

Tithe.....	\$2,388.06
Ohio Tract Society.....	491.82
First Day Offering.....	97.23
Sabbath-school Donations.....	136.73
Haskell Home.....	145.67
India.....	7.24
Washington, D. C., work.....	100.00
Africa from Y. P. Society.....	13.04
Korea from Y. P. Society.....	6.00
Atlanta Sanitarium.....	350.00
Southern Field.....	1.83
Religious Liberty Fund.....	5.30
China.....	.50
Total.....	\$3,743.42

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