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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Continued.

Fourth Meeting, 4:30 p. m.—The president in the chair. Prayer was offered by Prof. H. R. Saulsbury. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The reading of resolutions 7 and 8 were called. By vote the consideration of them was deferred until another meeting. The committee on Recommendations and Plans reported further: Resolutions 1, 2 and 3, which had been referred back to them at a former meeting, were returned without change. No. 1 was adopted by rising vote. By vote the clause except the secretaries was struck out. The motion then prevailed.

Resolution 9. We most heartily recommend that the Conference in its entirety do everything possible to encourage suitable persons to enter the canvassing work, and faithfully support our state agent in his various duties. Several spoke to the resolution. Elder Daniels spoke at length and read a report of the work of our canvassers in New Zealand, showing how many orders had been taken in a field not as favorable for the sale of books. Adopted by a unanimous vote. Adjourned to call of chair.

Fifth meeting, Aug. 20, 9 a. m.—Prayer was offered by Elder D. E. Lindsey. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Reading of resolutions 8 and 9 was called. These were adopted. No 9 with a rising vote. The chair stated that it would be necessary for the conference to decide how many secretaries would be needed since they were to be elected.

Moved by Elder D. E. Lindsey, and seconded by Elder Charles A. Smith that we have a Recording Secretary,

Missionary Secretary and Educational Secretary. Carried. Adjourned to call of chair.

Sixth meeting.—A meeting of the conference was immediately called by Elder R. R. Kennedy in the interest of the Mt. Vernon Academy. By vote the standing committee was chosen to nominate eight trustees for the Academy, seven whose term of office expired, and one to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. F. W. Field. Adjourned to 9 a. m., Thursday morning.

Seventh Meeting, Aug. 21, 9 a. m.—Prayer was offered by the chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The committee on Recommendations and Plans reported further. Whereas, the local S. S. conventions held in the past have been a source of encouragement to the various schools where they have been held, we recommend a continuation of the same and that other schools be encouraged to take up the same work. Adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: For president, A. G. Haughey; vice president, Elder M. S. Babcock; conference committee, A. G. Haughey, M. S. Babcock, R. A. Boardman, W. H. Wakeham, G. P. Gaede, Thomas Thornton; auditor, W. H. Edwards; educational secretary, W. H. Wakeham; state canvassing agent, G. P. Gaede; missionary secretary, N. S. Miller; for trustees of Mt. Vernon Academy for a period of three years, A. G. Haughey, W. W. Miller, W. E. Bidwell, C. H. Punches, R. I. Francis, J. B. Clymer, R. A. Boardman; for two years to fill vacancy made by the resignation of F. W. Field, Fred M. Fairchild. Moved its adoption by considering each name separately. They were passed until the name of G. P. Gaede was reached as a member of the conference committee, when conference adjourned to call of chair.

Eighth Meeting.—At 11:30 a. m. prayer was offered by Prof. F. W. Field. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The name of G.

P. Gaede was before the conference at its adjournment. The chair stated that it was understood that his name was under consideration as state agent and member of conference committee. Passed. For auditor, W. H. Edwards, passed. For educational secretary, W. H. Wakeham. Moved and supported that the name be referred to the committee for another day. A substitution was offered and supported that the name be tabled. Carried. For missionary secretary, N. S. Miller, passed by rising vote. Adjourned to call of chair.

Ninth Meeting, Aug. 22, 9 a. m.—The conference was led in prayer by C. T. Redfield. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The chair stated that they would defer hearing the reports from the field until Sabbath morning.

Elder Chas. A. Smith presented a written request from the church at Wilmington, O., for admission into the conference. By vote the church was received. The committee on Credentials and Licenses presented a partial report. For credentials, Chas. A. Smith, J. G. Wood, M. S. Babcock, D. E. Lindsey, E. J. Van Horn, W. H. Wakeham, H. H. Burkholder, R. R. Kennedy, R. A. Boardman, A. C. Shannon, A. G. Haughey. For ordination and credentials, F. W. Field. For missionary license, J. W. Loughhead, M. C. Kirkendall, W. W. Miller, W. H. Granger, James H. Smith, C. C. Webster, J. O. Miller, Francis M. Fairchild, Chas. E. Welch, Mrs. Mabel Welch, Almeda Haughey, J. B. Clymer, Ella M. Talmage, Ida M. Walters, Katharine E. Miller, Jessie B. Sweet, Margaret Haughey, Bessie E. Russell, Nellie M. Stevens, Cora Gibson, Cora Pethithory, Anna E. Smith, and W. E. Bidwell. Credentials and license were granted accordingly.

The committee on nominations reported further to complete their report. For remaining member of conference committee, also for recording secretary and treasurer, S. H. Van Voorhis, who was elected to the of-

ffices named. Adjourned to call of chair.

Tenth meeting.—The report of the nominating committee for trustees of Mt. Vernon Academy which had been received at a former meeting, was called and the following trustees were elected: For three years, A. G. Haughey, W. W. Miller, W. E. Bidwell, C. H. Panches, R. I. Francis, J. B. Clymer, R. A. Boardman. For two years, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Prof. F. W. Field, Chas. E. Welch, whose name was substituted for that of Fred M. Fairchild.

Adjourned to meet at call of chair.
[To be Concluded.]



TO THE CANVASSERS.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard." He went out early in the morning. I wonder if he did not find some asleep yet? He hired some for a penny a day and sent them out. Will not the Lord give us what is right? Should we say, "O, I cannot make my living at that?" "Therefore, I say unto you take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment?" (By manifesting such unbelief in God's promises we will lose eternal life.) "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek, for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." O! let us trust Him. One brother told me that he was going to work out by the day until he paid his debts and then he would go into the canvassing work. I told him that the only way I knew to get out of debt was to go to canvassing. That is the way I got out of debt. I know that God is in this work, and wherever God is there cannot be a failure. Let us notice what the householder did later. "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place." Idling away their God-given time and talent. The judgment has set, the books have been opened and how dangerous it is to be idling now when cases are being decided for eternity. What if we are found idling when our case is brought before the Judge? Brothers and sisters, this is a serious matter. While thinking of these things in the night

during my wakeful moments the thought came to me, that many of us who profess this Truth will not be sealed with the "Seal of God," but will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on us. The very thought stirred my soul.

A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir; and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, the first. In the sermon on the mount Christ said, "Not every one that say unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." The test of sincerity is not in words, but in deeds. Christ does not say to any man, What say ye more than others; but, What do ye more than others." If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them.—C. O. L., p. 272.

There is an urgent call from God for canvassers. He says, "Where there is one in the field there should be one hundred." The ninety and nine idlers must be somewhere. Says one, "You do not mean to say that we are all to go to canvassing, for I am not cut out for a canvasser at all?" This line of work is not liked as a rule, and some one begins to sing this song, "I do not believe that I am cut out for a canvasser, for I tried it once and made a failure of it." A little leaven leavens the whole lump and others soon catch the same tune, and sing it too. Why have so many made a failure? "The reason why so many have made a failure in the canvassing work is that they were not genuine Christians. They had a theory as to how the work should be done, but did not feel their dependence upon God."—Manual for Canvassers, p. 9. Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist in mere gentleness, patience, meekness, kindness. These graces are essential; but there is need of courage, decision, energy, and perseverance also.

Many who engage in the work of canvassing are weak, nerveless, spiritless, easily discouraged. They lack push.—p. 18. Read C. O. L., pages 272 and 279. Read Judges 7; 3, 5.

Study this carefully. Those who did not bow down to drink, but watched the enemy were those whom the Lord chose. Now is the time to work, so let us get out in the vineyard at once.

God has blessed us in this state. They have had a drouth in the West and it has made prices higher in Ohio, and yet we have an abundance of every thing. It is an easy matter to sell books in Ohio. I know, for I have tried it. I have canvassed ever since the General Conference and had good success, and that among the poor people. I believe the statement that Elder Daniels made at our camp-meeting, "Every ordinary canvasser ought to sell \$1,000 worth of books a year."

There ought to be one hundred canvassers in the field all the time. If we are asleep now we are more than sluggards. Our neglect means souls lost for eternity. I trust that all the canvassers will be prompt to report each week to the Ohio Tract Society, as I wish to know where you are, and what you are doing. I desire to help where help is needed. If you report the Visitor will be sent to you. Those who do not have the "Manual for Canvassers" can get it by sending to the O. T. S. It is free to canvassers. My permanent address will be Academia, Knox county, O.

G. P. GAEDE,
State Agent.



CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Geo. W. Spies—Deliveries, 66 Coming King. Amount, \$66.

Mrs. Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 111 Christ Our Saviour, 9 Coming King. Value of orders, \$66. Deliveries, 3 Christ Our Saviour. Value, \$2.25.

Mrs. Bell Rex—Total value of orders, \$35.75. Value of deliveries, \$28.00.

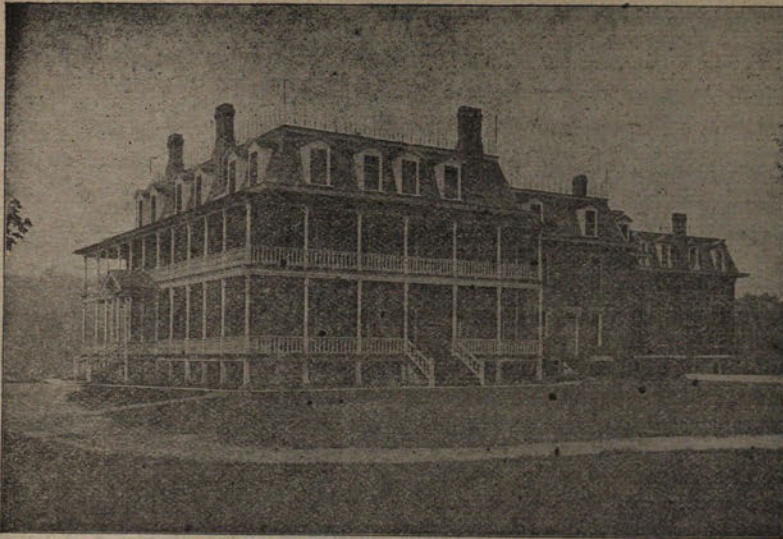
F. H. Henderson—Sales and deliveries, \$20.00.

Fred C. Webster—Deliveries, 54 Coming King, \$69.50; 10 Best Stories, \$7.25. Total, \$76.75. Orders, 42 Coming King, \$52.50; 8 Best Stories, \$6. Total, \$58.50.

W. E. Arnett—In four days took eight orders for Coming King.



"Buried talent brings no income. Withheld service hinders God's blessing."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

FROM OHIO TO JAPAN.

The readers of the Welcome Visitor have already learned of our appointment to the work in Japan. We are planning to start from Mt. Vernon the latter part of this month, and will sail from San Francisco on Oct. 15. The trip on the water occupies nineteen days. The only stop en route is at Honolulu, where we expect to see Brother W. E. Howell and his co-laborers in the Chinese school.

We have become much interested in the work in Japan since planning to go there. The workers there are endeavoring to advance the publishing work, but are in need of means. At the Canton camp-meeting a fund was started to aid in this work. Nearly \$70 in cash was contributed, and a number of pledges were made. Any who wish to help in this good work can send their offerings through the regular channel. Address Ohio Tract Society, Mt. Vernon, O.

Since we are to be supported by the Ohio Conference we shall feel under obligations to report our labors and experiences to you through the Welcome Visitor. Though sad to leave our many friends in the homeland, we are willing and glad to go for the sake of the cause we love.

F. W. FIELD.

EFFIE W. FIELD.



THE BEST HELP.

"What can I do to make our Sabbath-school better?" asks a superintendent. "How shall I get my class

interested in the lesson?" asks a teacher. "How may I learn to do efficient work?" asks the inexperienced worker. "What shall we do for our unconverted young people and children?" asks a chorus of voices.

Many persons have tried to answer the questions. Skillful and wise teachers have written many books of methods. Superior to them all is the little volume which has been compiled from the Testimonies relating to the Sabbath-school work. What is there said of the subject of Sabbath-school work; of the relation of the Sabbath-school to the church; of the duties and qualifications of officers and teachers; of the study of the lesson; of the use of helps in teaching; of the treatment of wayward pupils; of methods and plans of work—all that is there said upon these and other vital topics, reveals the mind of the Spirit of God, and can be followed successfully.

This book should be studied, not merely read. As an aid in this study, a few leading questions on the book are sent out each month to your Conference Sabbath-school Secretary. It is expected that this worker will provide each school with a copy of the questions which direct in the month's study, and is suggested that a few minutes of the teacher's meeting might very appropriately be spent in this study. Where this is not practicable, other plans may be devised. We know of no better way to help our schools than to encourage the careful study of this book. If this

were done in all our schools, there would be a coming-up of the Sabbath-school work, such as we have not yet known.

How said it is that it must be said of us, "There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God." It is certainly a poor show of zeal in the service of God, when we can pass by unheeded, unstudied, perhaps unread, such instruction as is here given us in the Sabbath-school work.

The price of the book places it within reach of every family. It is only 25 cents in the cloth binding, and 35 cents in leather. If any school has not been receiving the question on the book, address the Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department in your state, or the undersigned, at 705 Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.



THE READING CIRCLE WORK.

The plan of this work for the coming winter is very similar to that which has been followed the last two years. Two lines of reading are to be followed—a study of health principles and the study of mission fields. But one lesson is assigned for a week's study. The lessons are designed primarily for home study. Each family and each person is asked simply to study each lesson as thoroughly as possible during the week assigned for that lesson. The first lesson will be published so as to be studied October 6-12.

The Missionary Magazine will be used as the basis of the field study, as heretofore. Introductory lessons, which may appropriately be called a Good Samaritan series, will precede the study of the text-book on health principles. The articles constituting the study will be published in the Review, as will also the questions on the study will be published in the the articles. About January 1 the new text-book for this study, by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, will be ready. Of this further announcements will be made later.

The importance of the field study is so well understood that it is surely unnecessary to say much of that. "The Advent message to the world in this generation" is now the rallying cry of the denomination, so nothing else can be expected but that the de-

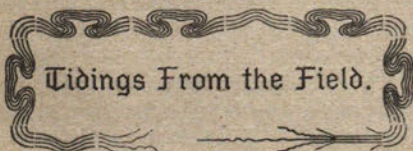
nomination will be giving careful study to the field to which the message is to go.

In a Testimony dated May 27, 1896, this statement is made:

"The presentation of health principles must be united with this message, but must not be independent of it, or in any way take the place of it." If these principles must be united with the message, it is very evident that they must be clearly understood by the ones who are giving the message. Many among us have never studied these principles in a practical way, hence are not intelligently living them out, and are not prepared to present them to others. Another Testimony says: "The health reform, I was shown, is a part of the third angel's message, and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body." Many other quotations might be given to show the importance of this phase of the work. Is it not time that this branch of the Lord's own work should receive the recognition that he himself gives to it? That the instruction given us in these and similar Testimonies may be heeded in our own lives and in our work for others, this feature of the Reading Circle work has been planned.

Can not every one be ready to begin with the first study?

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.



Tidings From the Field.

MIDDLEFIELD, O.—Sabbath, Aug. 21, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Grand River church. We had a pleasant and profitable time and the brethren were encouraged. I reached home the following Monday. I received an invitation to attend the Ministers' Conference. I speak of this because it gave me an opportunity to testify to the truth. The question under discussion was, "Is the world growing better or worse?"

The thought expressed by all (except the writer) was that with the exception of the desecration of the Sabbath (Sunday) the world is growing better. And if the people can be persuaded (either by argument or force) to properly observe the Sab-

bath the millenium will soon be ushered in. I was next to the last called on to speak and I had a good opportunity to answer the arguments and with the help of the Lord I improved it. I was the only one who had a Bible and I used it. The Lord gave me freedom. And I believe some were convinced (whether they admitted it or not) that we are rapidly approaching not a time of peace, but a time of peril, not a pre-millenium but the coming of Christ.

Sept. 4 to 6 we pitched our tent and commenced meeting the eve of the 6th.

We have held five meetings, with an average attendance of about sixty. Brother B. L. House joined me Sept. 10th. We are of good courage and expect the blessing of God upon the work.

Will all the dear brethren remember us at the throne of grace?

C. C. WEBSTER.

TIGER, O., Sept. 11.—We commenced our meetings Sunday evening, Sept. 1, with a nice audience. The attendance increased until the house would not hold the people Sunday, Sept. 8. Good order and attention. Our address will be Tiger, Mahoning Co. W. H. GRANGER.
J. O. MILLER.

MIDDLETOWN.—Sept. 11.—We have our tent pitched in this place. Expect to begin meetings Thursday evening. People are kind.

Our address will be Middletown.

C. A. SMITH.

C. T. REDFIELD.

IDA ILES.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Sept. 11.—We have our tent pitched in the central part of the city. Are favorably received. Expect good attendance.

R. R. KENNEDY.

J. G. WOOD.



Elder A. C. Shannon has been invited to act as a member of the Ohio Conference Committee, S. H. Van Voorhis having refused to act.

Elder H. H. Burkholder will continue to act as business agent until further notice.

Bessie E. Russell has been called to the office as the treasurer of the conference, and will also do general correspondence and recording work.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

OBITUARIES.

LINDSEY—Maria Lindsey died Aug 20th at Richwood, O., aged 75 years. She was a devoted Christian from her girlhood. Although a great sufferer for years she bore it all with the patience of a saint and died triumphant.

"It is so natural that we fall asleep Like tired children when the day is done,

That I would question why the living weep

When Death has kissed the loving lips of one.

We do not sigh when golden skies have dimmed

The purple shadows and gray of night;

Because we know the morning lies beyond,

And we must wait a little while for light

So when, grown weary with the cares and strife

Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave.

We should not weep, but count this life

A prelude to the one beyond the grave;

And thus be happy for them, not distressed,

But lift our hearts with love to God, and smile.

And we anon, like tired ones will rest,

If we will hope and wait—"a little while."

—D. E. LINDSEY.

FROST—John G. Frost died Sabbath morning, July 20, aged 57 years and 20 days. He leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons to mourn the loss of a kind, devoted husband and father. He was called to rest while working in the cause he loved. His work is done and he is laid to rest until the Life-giver shall call him forth.

MRS. HARRIET FAIRCHILD.



In the next issue of the Visitor we will have the remainder of the Conference proceedings with the new constitution in full. We hope to have the paper issued weekly in the near future.

"It is good for us to think that no grace or blessing is truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed some one else with it through us."