

Dayton, Ohio, May 26, 1906.

Rev. J. Howe.

Dear Brother:-

I received your card from Warren, from which I should infer that with the passing away of the ex-secretary, her policy passed under a shadow. In many places ~~were~~ the Keiter forces officially shielded for these years. Of course, a card was too brief to tell what the status of the appointees of McNews and Shaffers conferences are to be, till a lawful conference meets to give lawful ~~conferences~~ appointees. I learn from Bishop Wood that the insurgent leaders have put a mortgage of \$300.00 on one of our Oklahoma churches, which is to be foreclosed in six months; and that may have been done in nearly every church in Oklahoma and Nebraska. Morrison and the pastor, in one of our White River churches, tried to induce the trustees to mortgage their church for all they could get on it. Then, said they, when the division comes, the old church will hold the property, but we will have the money. The church was not in debt. The trustees refused. This propensity to steal churches seems ^{strong} in the Keiter ranks, as the proclivity to steal money is with him. This was evinced by their stealing the Warren church by removing it onto a lot deeded to the local society.

If you are at Fowlerton, you will have learned the facts about our lawsuit in Marion. I come out next Tuesday to see St. John & Charles at Marion at 2:00. They ^{the court,} have served no notice on me-- perhaps they have on you. Their complaint alleges that you pretend to be pastor! I think they will yet rue having entered suit. There seems to be no ^{county} record of the election of their two trustees, Coles and Barkdull, as the law requires. I do not know how much this will vitiate their complaint. Burns Annotated Indiana Statutes. Revision of 1901. Chap. 37. Section 5016.

Your brother, Milton Wright