

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1906.

Rev. J. Howe:

Dear Brother:

After five days absence in Indiana, I returned home yesterday, and found your letter from Springfield, Mo. By your personal knowledge of the composition of the conference, you know better than you could otherwise, the situation there. Bro. and Sister Brown, have proved better accessions to the conference than at first promised. Bro. Randal I do not know. Bro. Cron is good and sensible, not much preacher, but generally judicious. Bro. Cowdrey I have known for nearly thirty years as a good man, but has the infirmities of years of disease. His personal piety has furnished the kindling spark in some revivals. Bro. McGrew is strong and weak, a combination liable to opposite effects. Probably however he saved the conference from going down years ago. He ought to retire, but does not see it, a common case with old age. You saw the conference, but did not see its territory. It is so rocky and hilly that it is painful to travel over it, and rather poor, and always will be unless a gold mine is found in it. It is the Ozark Mountains.

I attended Bro. Powell's quarterly meeting. He seems to be taking hold well, and they are liking him. Mt. Zion society agrees to pay him itself \$275.00. He evidently did well in canvassing the other appointments. Bro. Kinneman preached and presided well.

I saw our attorney at Marion and reiterated what I told him before--- to push it toward trial. But cases in courts of equity always move slowly.

The Keiter conference has done considerable legislating, lawful for a seceding church, but contravening Art. 1., sec. 1. of our Constitution, if it were binding on them. This will be against them in trial for the property. They have legislated a "Standard of Rules" doing many things, *one is setting up an oligarchy!* Your brother, M. Wright