

Dayton, Ohio, April 22, 1908;

Rev. J. Howe,

Dear Brother;

To-day, I have a letter from Bishop Barkley. He continues to say that he will ~~not~~ be at the annual meeting. He expressed gratification over our securing help for Africa, and over Wilberforce ~~is~~ doing well; but has little hope for Joe. He says that the condition on his district is real good; that the preachers are hard at work and doing "lots" of good; right good revivals are being held at several places, but accessions are few. Says that little secret societies hinder much — the lodge and the N. E. Church <sup>unite in</sup> hindering converts joining our church; the "Holy Rollers" also catching a few

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of B. F. Klenard's converts.

I have been under the impression, for several years, that our coast work is on the decline. I think that the statistics would show that fact. Optimism versus facts.

I think from what Bro. Galbraith writes me, that he will give us a twenty-five dollar donation toward the Church debt.

The fact remains that unless we can stir up a missionary spirit among the itinerants in our stronger conferences, our frontier work must decline. Too many are lying around waiting for an easy station, or a district, at home.

Yours,  
W. Wright.