

## Church News.

### A Letter.

FREEWATER, OREGON, April 30, '05.

On the subject of our church troubles I have had but little to say thus far, and I do not know that I can do any good at present. Never-the-less I will say my say, and leave the result with God.

It is with deep sorrow that I have looked on the havoc this controversy has been playing in our church. In the Walla Walla conference its effect is most paralyzing. Quite a number of our ministers have neglected to go to their fields of labor and those who have gone have gone half-hearted, and are not doing much. Questions like this are talked over among our ministers, "To what church shall we go?"

We now number forty, or perhaps, forty-five thousand, a very small church among eighty millions, or more, of people. We cannot afford division, we cannot afford disintegration, we cannot afford contention and strife. "If ye bite and devour one another take heed that he be not consumed one of another."

The fact is, this controversy should have been settled, or dropped, long ago. If I have any bias in favor of any individual in this controversy it is for Bishop Wright. I have known him for fifty years, and he has always maintained a character of unswerving integrity, and I can not believe that he is wilfully and wickedly dishonest or dishonorable. Neither can I believe that Barnaby, Floyd, Flickinger, Becker and Kiracofe are rascals.

All these brethren have been self-sacrificing and valliant for truth and righteousness, and one might as well try to persuade me to believe that the moon had left its orbit as to induce me to believe that Wright and all, or any, of these men have in their old age turned to be scoundrels. It does seem to me that Satan has got in among us to destroy us. And if this controversy goes on much longer it certainly will be done.

Dear brethren, we surely ought to be broad-minded and big-hearted enough to settle this trouble. What if we should not be exactly pleased in every particular? Are we not taught to be long suffering and to rather suffer loss than to contend? Besides this consideration, there are forty thousand people in suspense and uncertainty as to whether we as a church shall live or die, and many precious souls may be lost. We surely can compromise.

I think Pres. McMurry's proposition would not be bad, if nothing better could be suggested. I cannot think any moral principle will be conserved by the further continuance of this controversy, neither do I think that any financial in-

terest will be advanced, and surely nothing should be done through strife and vain glory.

We have suffered the loss of thousands of dollars and the progress of the church has been thwarted, and I here assume that forty thousand people have a right to demand that this controversy cease.

W. C. GALLAHER.

### Revivals.

Our meeting at the Stroh school house on Waterloo circuit, North Ohio conference, of two weeks' duration resulted in ten conversions, three accessions to the church, with quite a fair prospect to organize a class at that place.

WM. CLARK.

### Donations.

From the little class at Waterloo, Waterloo circuit, North Ohio conference, \$3.00; From Gravel corners \$12.50; From Dillon \$22.00; From Maple Grove \$25.00. Total \$62.50, and Corunna class yet to report. Besides, the brethren of Maple Grove class hauled me ten cords of wood, which I had bought. Brother Dave Hollinger of Dillon class gave me a good watch, the class gave me a pair of mittens, and wife some nice dishes. The other classes gave me different kinds of presents, and some cash, and the people at the Stroh school house gave me some cash and other presents, all useful, to the amount of \$20.00, for all of which we truly thank God and the good people. We desire to do for them the very best work we can to show them that we appreciate their kindness.

WM. CLARK AND WIFE.

### Reports.

#### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Ministerial Association of the North Michigan conference met at the Algoma church, Sparta mission, April 12, 1905, and continued in session over the following Sabbath. The attendance was comparatively small, but the meeting was one of profit, both in spiritual and intellectual help. Each production before the association contained something interesting and instructive, and some awakened quite lively discussion. Considerable interest was taken in the study of Biblical Geography with Rev. A. B. Bowman as instructor.

The association had not given much attention to institute work for some years past; and while this was the only subject of that kind presented it was instructive and inspired desire to give wider scope on our program to such work. It was the sense of the association that the subject of "Church Law and Discipline" should be thus treated in our next annual meeting. The evening services were usually evangelistic in character and two came forward seeking Christ during our stay together.

The meeting on the Sabbath was a spiritual uplift. It opened with a love-feast conducted by Rev. Ida J. Robbins; after which Rev. C. L. Wood preached from the text, "Be filled with the Spirit." Truly the Lord blessed his word. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was then introduced, after which the service closed. Rev. J. S. Beers preached in the evening to a large and attentive congregation.

The officers for the ensuing year are: president, E. C. Clapp, Hart, Mich., vice president, J. S. Beers, Perrinton, Mich., treasurer, A. B. Bowman, Lakeview, Mich., secretary, E. D. Root, North Star, Mich. We heartily wish that greater interest might be taken in the association, especially by the younger members of our conference, who may probably receive the greater amount of good from its continuation. However, we need both old and young to make these annual meetings what they should be. Come brethren, shall we not renew our interest and make the effort necessary to attend every meeting of the association.

E. D. ROOT, secy.

### Appointments.

#### NORTH MICHIGAN—WEST DISTRICT.

Hart, June 3, 1905; Ionia, June 10; Lakeview, June 17; Matherton, June 24; Sparta, July, 1; Petoskey, July 8; Bates, July 15; Boardman, July 22; Lake City, July 29. All to begin at 2 p. m. Let us have trustee reports, and as full reports as possible on all financial claims. Let us have the Spirit of God and good meetings.

C. L. WOOD, P. E.

### A Correction.

In the report of the Marion district, White River conference, the report of Salamonie circuit reads, "Many children were received under the watchcare," it should be "three" children were received under the watchcare.

Hartford circuit is reported as having had thirty-seven conversions and nine accessions, it should be forty conversions, and twenty-two accessions. Making the total conversions for the district up to the time of the report 310; total accessions 152.

R. A. MORRISON, P. E.

### Married.

HANES-FRAZIER. At the home of the bridegroom's parents, near Waterloo, Ind, April 20, 1905, Mr. John B. Hanes, and Miss Eva May Frazier, both of Waterloo, Ind., by Rev. Wm. Clark.

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