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RESOLUTIONS OF LOYALTY AND SERVICE

IN connection with the Midsummer Council held in Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., July 9-15, 1918, the following resolutions were adopted by the representatives from all the union conferences of the United States.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. We, as citizens of the United States, and as representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist churches and conferences in America, assembled in Midsummer Council, July, 1918, believing that civil government is ordained of God, and believing in the principles of God, and believing in the principles of justice and liberty for which this Government has ever stood, place on record anew a declaration of loyalty to our country, to its Government, and to the President, assuring the Government that it has our hearty support and sympathy in this time of crisis.

2. While ever in our history we have been of noncombatant principles, by religious conviction, we believe equally, by the same religious conviction, that we should render to our Government the lines of noncombatant service as defined by the President in his declaration of March 20, 1918.

3. We recognize in the calls of our Government for its citizens to purchase bonds or to contribute to Red Cross or similar activities, the opportunity to give heed to the New Testament injunction to render honor and tribute to the civil authority, as well as opportunity to show loyalty to our country's common cause according to our financial ability.

4. We urge upon all our people hearty and conscientious support of the Government's program of conservation, not only in the matter of food production and saving, but in the exercise of economy and the spirit of sacrifice in harmony with the requirements of this time of war scarcity.

5. We place on record our appreciation of the evident pains taken by camp authorities to have regard for the religious convictions of our young men in the matter of observing the seventh day as the Sabbath, and we counsel every member of our churches called by the draft to render faithful obedience and loyal service in camp or field, recognizing the fact that the inconvenience caused those in authority by our religious practice in this matter of the Sabbath, makes it incumbent upon us to be the more conscientious and forward in performing work and duties assigned.

Enlist

It is the duty of every youth to place himself decidedly and without reserve on the side of Christ, in order that he may develop a character that will be after the similitude of Christ's, and grow up to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus. He will then be written as a man in the book of God, and will be a man not only in the estimation of men, but in the sight of God. Dear youth, the very best thing you can do is to enlist freely and decidedly in the army of the Lord. Surrender yourself into the hands of God, that your will and ways may be guided by the One who is unerring in wisdom and infinite in goodness. To withhold yourself from God is to rob God of that which is his own. The Lord hath need of you, and you have need of the Lord. It is not safe for you to put off the decisive step, or delay the matter of making a complete surrender of yourself to God. If you have not already given yourself to God, I beseech you to do it now. Let your name be enrolled in the heavenly records as one of the chosen and elect of God.

The day is coming when we shall have to meet the record of our lives. Will your record be such as you will be pleased to meet in the day when every case shall be decided? John saw in vision the scene of the judgment. He says: "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." In view of the accountability to which you are held, can you afford to drop eternity out of your reckoning? Can you afford to drift with the current, and live unmindful of God, giving the impression to the world and to the heavenly hosts that to enlist in the service of Jesus Christ is to enlist in the service of a truant and be in a kind of slavery? This is the light in which Satan presents the service of God; but it will be for your interest to consider the matter in its true light, and contradict Satan's suggestions and falsehoods. You are the Lord's property, both by creation and by redemption. "God so loved the

world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." What a priceless gift this was for God to make in order to secure your salvation? How sad it is that but few accept this precious gift! What a terrible record the human race will have to meet in the last day, since the vast majority of men have refused the priceless offering,—rejected the richest gift that God could bestow upon the world. It is through the inestimable gift of Christ that all our blessings come. Life, health, friends, reason, happiness, are ours through the merit of Christ. O that the young and the old might realize that all comes to them through the virtue of Christ's life and death, and acknowledge the ownership of God.

The apostle writes, "Ye are not your own." Even when we were under the control of a cruel master, even when the prince of darkness ruled our spirits, the Lord Jesus Christ paid the ransom price of his own blood for us. You have been bought with a price, even with the precious blood of Christ; you are his property, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Render to Him willing heart service, and no longer rob God of that which is his own. "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". It is your privilege to be a faithful soldier in the army of the Lord.

Through His holy word, through his providences, and through messages sent to you by his servants, Jesus is daily saying to you, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." Jesus has given his precious life for you, that you may become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then give yourself to him as a pledge of grateful love. Were it not for the love freely given us of Christ, we should now be in hopeless despair, in spiritual midnight. Thank God every day that he gave us Jesus. Will you not accept his gift? Will you not be a witness? Time is short; are you to work while the day lasts,

living an imperishable life, hiding your life with Christ in God. Then "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Alabama Camp Meeting

OUR colored brethren and sisters of the Alabama Mission assembled in a nice little grove in a suburb of Anniston for camp meeting September 12-22, 1918. The Spirit of the Lord was present and very interesting meetings were held. Regular Conference sessions were conducted at appointed times. The writer questions very much whether greater things have ever been accomplished at any of our camp meetings than were accomplished at this little meeting, when the smallness of the number in camp is considered. When a call was made for missions these brethren responded with cash and pledges to the amount of \$330.00. The Sabbath School collection for the two Sabbaths amounted to \$26.00. Seventy-five dollars were raised by the Army service department, represented by Elder A. N. Allen. This will pay for seven hundred fifty copies of the Army and Navy edition of "Steps to Christ" to be distributed among the soldiers in the cantonments. Twenty-two thousand copies of the "World's Crisis" series of our little books were ordered by those encamped; twenty-five sets of the "Testimonies" were sold; \$275 worth of the "Watchman" magazine were subscribed for to sell.

The colored workers at the camp were Elders Buckner, Wilson, Lawrence and Green. Inasmuch as the white camp meeting was being held at the same time near Birmingham, about seventy miles distant from Anniston, it was possible for a number of our white workers to give the Anniston camp a little of their attention. The following brethren were there for a time: Elders Miller, Allen, Wright, Staines, Gilbert, Hansen, Thompson, Wight, Beadsley, Halladay, and the writer. It was the privilege of the writer, assisted by Brother Halladay to use the stereopticon, showing the Oakwood slides representing the beginnings of the colored work, as engaged in by

Elder J. E. White and his associate laborers along the lower Mississippi and its tributaries twenty-five years ago.
C. J. BOYD.

Kentucky Mission Camp Meeting

THE first camp meeting for the colored believers in the Kentucky Conference was held at Louisville, Ky., August 29-September 8, 1918. Although the family tents were few, yet the occupants, together with the full attendance of the city churches, made quite a large gathering. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the entire time.

Besides the local conference officials and workers there were present L. A. Hansen of Washington, D. C., secretary of the Medical department of the General Conference; F. C. Gilbert, of Boston, Mass., secretary of the Jewish Department, and S. E. Wight, of Nashville, Tenn., President of the Southern Union Conference. Besides these were the Departmental secretaries of the Southern Union, Bro. R. L. Pierce, of the Southern Publishing Association. Professors J. I. Beardsley and Frank Peterson who represented the Oakwood Junior College, also W. H. Green of the department, and the writer. These brethren rendered valuable help to the success of the meetings.

The health and stereopticon lecture by Bro. Hansen were warmly received by large and appreciative audiences. The timely admonition, round table talks, and discourses from the secretary of the department, were instructive and helpful. The valuable assistance rendered by Bro. Gilbert cannot be over estimated. His instructive and inspiring studies on the right relation of the Spirit of Prophecy to the Holy Scriptures, his convincing and forceful sermons on Jesus Christ and him crucified; he, himself being a Jew, brought very forcibly to the minds of his hearers the wonderful power and love of God. His Bible studies created a deep interest in the "Testimonies" and the Spirit of Prophecy. His solemn appeals under the influence of the Holy Spirit were the cause of a deeper consecration of those who heard him.

An hour was set apart each day for the business of the Mission. The

report of the president, treasurer and departmental secretaries showed considerable gain over that of the previous year. The Conference officials were all re-elected. Before the close of the meeting, thirty-eight sets of "Testimonies for the Church," 1600 copies of the "Crisis" series, 1000 of the khaki "Steps to Christ" were sold. One hundred dollars were raised for *Liberty Magazine* work, and a number of subscriptions for the *Review and Herald*, *GOSPEL HERALD* and other periodicals were taken. Over \$1100 in cash and pledges was taken up for missions. When all the monies will have been realized, it will mean that over twenty cents a week to missions will be raised this year.

Great enthusiasm was manifested in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. A goal of five dollars a member was agreed on. Taking everything as a whole, this first meeting was a good and successful one, and the delegates all returned home with a greater determination to do their part in the finishing of the work.
J. GERSHOM DASENT.

An Experience on the Train

As I was returning from the mission camp meeting in Anniston, Ala., I had about twelve *Signs* and *Watchman* magazines. I wondered how I might get these papers in the hands of the people and at the same time get some money for the benefit of our school in McKinley, Ala. I was afraid to try to sell them on the train, so I planned to give them away and ask for a donation for the school.

Before making any effort I asked the Lord to make the impressions.

I went to the smoker where I found three men and presented my work. Two of them took papers and gave me five cents each. I then went to the porter. He did not give me anything, but sent me to the conductor. I felt somewhat embarrassed, but went on as I was told. I presented my work to him. He said he was not in a financial condition to help me but I told him I would appreciate anything he gave. After looking over the paper for a few minutes he handed me one dollar. I then turned to another train officer on the opposite side who gave me twenty-five cents

without returning me an answer.

After this, I went through the train among the colored people only, and they gave me from a penny up to fifteen cents; so I received \$2.27 for the benefit of our school, for which we praise the Lord.

RALPH W. CANTRELL

Doing Good

"CAST thy bread upon the waters (Rev. 17:15) for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1; "In the morning sow thy seed: and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6; But be assured of this one thing—"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall My word be that goeth forth out of the mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." Isa. 55:10,11; I (Paul) have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6,8,7; "Soon the night cometh when none can work. Places once opened are now closing, or are closed. Times are critical. We have no time to spend in idleness. Jesus is soon to come: an account must be given.

"The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

"O the good we all may do;

"While the days going by!"

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Communion With God

JESUS took time pray. The early morning, long before day, found Him pleading for strength for the duties of the day. Jesus longs to hear us and have us use His name to the Father, asking for fresh supplies of His grace that will enable us to grasp eternal things as He reveals them unto us.

Daniel and other worthies prayed three times a day. The record does not state between these times of their other communion.

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Report of the Home Missionary Work of the S. E. U. for 1918, from January 1, to June 30.

Conferences	Tennessee	N. Carolina	S. Carolina	Georgia	Florida	Totals
Letters written	251	250	545	320	735	2104
Letters received	211	348	436	210	466	1509
Missionary visits	955	571	2858	2420	2816	9247
Bible readings	307	218	1202	700	1090	3516
Subscriptions	130	50	174	56	91	501
Papers and Mag. sold	347	333	2540	1067	1553	4640
Papers given away	910	2530	1638	1718	2577	9135
Books sold	214	446	635	1367	868	3630
Books given away	114	138	338	312	379	1281
Tracts sold	306	9	526	470	202	1513
Tracts lent or given	1073	310	4220	1156	1043	7902
Hours of C. H. W.	775	697	3161	1666	2115	8510
Articles of clothing	302	179	473	226	530	1684
Approximate food val.	\$52.43	\$36.85	\$212.88	\$57.07	\$77.08	\$449.16
Treatments given	48	199	740	48	236	1271
Signers to T. Pledge	3	12	15		1	31
Conversions			3	9		12
Offerings to H. M.	\$54.84	\$17.57	\$215.84	\$48.81	\$77.08	\$430.30

The above is a belated though otherwise, I trust, interesting report of the Home Missionary work for the first six months of the year. It shows some marked improvements over the same period of last year, and that is as it should be.

I would be very glad if all the local church secretaries would give a careful study of this report, and see if your state or some one else has the banner, and, if you have it, will you not try to keep it, and if not will you not at least try and get as near to the one who has it as possible. Be a booster for your state, and if all will do that, in a short time the work will be finished.

Let us put all our forces, strength, and consecration out in the field for the next few months and push with all our might the good work of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign! This affords us a splendid chance to do what we have been unable to do in the past because we could not buy the papers with which to work. Let there be no slackers in this next quarter.

In our Union the goal is an average of five dollars for every Seventh-day Adventist member in your church. Find out the membership of your church, and multiply that by five and then get at the work in living earnestness, and never stop until you "Go over the top." "The church of God is organized for service. Its watchword is ministry. Its members are soldiers, to be trained for conflict under the Cap-

tain of their salvation". "Ministry of Healing," 148. Soldiers, now is the time to enlist! Who will answer, "Here am I, send me". Go ye, and and keep a going till you reach the Goal.

ANNA KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

The Colored Camp Meeting at Orlando, Florida

FROM September 5-15, was held the regular annual camp meeting and conference. Notwithstanding a storm and some rains, Elder J.S. Green and his faithful helpers forged ahead, and were ready for the large attendance which came, some of them ahead of time.

In many respects this was the largest and best camp meeting ever held in the Florida Mission. Each church and company, with one or two exceptions, were well represented on time, with their annual letter, giving a detailed report of the financial status. All of which showed a very encouraging and satisfactory growth in the offerings, and membership, during the past year.

Some important resolutions were presented, discussed, and passed, which will greatly advance the work in the Mission. Many of the members saw more clearly their duty in regard to the educational work, and the mission in their own homes, for the salvation of their own children.

The Sabbath School attendance

on the first Sabbath was 144, and the offering was \$88.17. For the second Sabbath, attendance was 201 and the offering \$132.44. Total for the two Sabbaths \$220.00. A liberal sum in cash and pledges was also taken at the eleven o'clock hour for Foreign Missions.

Sunday A. M. the last day of the camp, twenty-nine persons were baptized, and a most enthusiastic and rousing Temperance program was rendered in the afternoon, as the closing feature of the Young People's work.

Besides Elder A. R. Sandborn and his able band of State workers, the out of State visiting ministers and workers who contributed to the success of the meeting were as follows,—Elders G. B. Thompson and L. A. Hanson of the General Conference, Elders W. H. Branson, E. W. Wolfe, B. W. Brown, Professor J. A. Tucker, D. W. Dillen, W. H. Green, G. E. Peters, and the writer.

There was an unusually large sale of books, large and small, as well as Bibles during the two special sales conducted by the Union State secretaries.

Everywhere the campers were praising God, and expressing their determination to return home to do more and better service. No criticisms, doubts, nor fault-finding were heard but a strong, courageous, united band goes forth to gain greater victories over self and for God during the coming year, thus

Sales Report—Atlanta Branch, July, 1918

Conference	Sub. Books	Bibles	Miscel.	Tracts	Totals
Cumberland	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,695.00
Florida	701.00	17.00	31.00	5.00	754.00
Georgia	2,852.00	109.00	212.00	132.00	3,305.00
North Carolina	2,706.00	95.00	79.00	5.00	2,885.00
South Carolina	2,952.00	28.00	88.00	5.00	3,073.00
S. Eastern Union Conf.	\$11,757.00	\$315.00	\$450.00	\$190.00	\$12,712.00

In our July report last year we said, concerning that report:

"This is by far the largest sales made in any July in our history, and only twice has this amount been passed in any one month—October, 1911, \$11,251.00, and September, 1914, \$9,967.00."

Now we are obliged to say, concerning our present report, that its total is fifty percent ahead of July, 1917 referred to above, and about \$1,500 ahead of the biggest month we ever had up to September, last year.

Please note that South Carolina led the Union in value of subscription books ordered out last month, and would have been ahead in the total but for Georgia's camp-meeting order. Congratulations to South Carolina!

LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR COMPARED

Conferences	Total 1st 7 mos. 1917	Total to Date, 1918	Gain, 1918	Loss, 1918
Cumberland	\$7,968.00	\$11,126.00	\$ 3,158.00	
Florida	7,779.00	8,267.00	488.00	
Georgia	6,245.00	19,007.00	12,762.00	All
North Carolina	6,268.00	11,887.00	5,619.00	Gains
South Carolina	3,582.00	10,048.00	6,466.00	
South Eastern Union Con.	\$31,842.00	\$60,335.00	\$28,493.00	

Union GAIN 7 months this year compared with 7 months last year, \$28,493.00.

The sales for seven months this year amount to more than the sales of any full year in the past with the exception of 1917. The rate of gain this year over last year now stands at 89%. In Georgia the rate of gain is over 200%. Every conference shows a gain.

"The Lord imparts a fitness for work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact, will come as they put the armor on." Let still others respond.

L. D. RANDALL

doing all in their power to help hasten the coming of the great King.

ANNA KNIGHT.

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We have an instance of the Master; He prayed three times in succession, saying the same words. There are times when we may have to fall to our knees as He did.

"Our prayers should be more fervent; then they will be more effectual."

His example is worthy for all ministers and workers to imitate.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Study At Home

If you can not go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can de-

vote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The president of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL STUDIES

Bible Readings.—How to prepare and conduct them. For lay members and laymen's Bible classes. Recommended by the Home Missionary and Young People's Departments of the General Conference. Ten lessons.

First Aid.—For all who desire to

learn how to administer first aid to the wounded, especially for men subject to draft who wish to enter the Hospital Corps, and for women who want to take the Government training course for nurses. Indorsed and recommended by the General Conference Medical Department. Twenty lessons.

New Testament Epistles.—A telescopic, outline view of the Epistles of the New Testament, such as is usually given in our Colleges. Forty Lessons.

For particulars, address *The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D.C.*

Jefferson Texas

ALTHOUGH we have been silent for several months, we have not been inactive. At the close of our work at Moser Valley, sixteen miles

east of Fort Worth, we had the privilege of dedicating a church. The president of our conference, Elder Voth, the secretary, Brother A. M. Woodall, and Elder T. H. Murphy were present with us at this time.

After spending a few days at Dallas, assisting Elder Sydney Scott get his tent pitched, my wife and I came to this place where the dear Lord has many hungry souls waiting for our message. For four weeks every night we have had our tent packed. Between fifteen and twenty-five have already taken a stand for the Sabbath, many have put away snuff and tobacco. We closed our series of meetings last night, but will hold services three times a week until we find a good house to worship in and we get the work established. Satan has used several ministers here to hinder the message. They have come into our meetings and have tried to stop them with words of confusion, but God has fulfilled his promise to us in every temptation.

With no one to help me but my wife, (she leading out with the music and singing,) the work has been hard, but encouraging because of the interest the people manifested in the truth as it came from the Bible.

We were late in getting our share of the harvest-ingathering, as we were very busy, but this will only cause us to work harder to get them out on time. E. M. GATES.

The Mississippi Camp Meeting

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 19 to 29, 1918

THE Mission camp meeting and conference was held at the same time as the white camp meeting and conference.

Elder Randall Johnson, who is over the colored work in the state, assisted by his Bible workers, had charge of the camp, which was located on the corner of Pearl and Rose Streets. There were but a few tents on the ground, one of which was the meeting tent or pavillion, the others living tents.

The meetings were well supplied with help from the local, Union, and General conferences. Those from the State were the president, Elder C. J. Buhalts, Brothers W. L. Taylor, secretary and treasurer, and

F. W. Schmehl, field secretary, Miss N. M. Smith, Educational, Sabbath School, and Young Peoples' secretary. The Union helpers present were Elders S. E. Wight, president, A. N. Allen, Camp pastor, Professors O. R. Staines, Home Missionary Secretary, John C. Thompson, Educational and Young Peoples' secretary, and Brother V. O. Cole, Field secretary.

The General men present were Dr. L. A. Hansen, Assistant Medical secretary of the General conference, who spent a few days at the opening, giving a stereopticon lecture on the rise and progress of the message, and some timely sanitation and health lectures, and Elder F. C. Gilbert, of Boston, Mass., who is the General secretary of the Jewish work in North America. The Oakwood Junior College was represented by Professors F. W. Halladay and C. J. Boyd, its financial secretary. Elder J. G. Dasent, Mission Evangelist of Kentucky, came at the first, and stayed until the meeting closed, giving much needed service in preaching and otherwise; also the writer.

The delegates and visitors were alive to the nearness of the end, and aroused to the finishing of the work; so they gave quite freely to the Home and Foreign Mission work, besides dedicating themselves to work with our literature, much of which they took with them to sell and distribute and sell at home. It should be mentioned that they took forty-five sets of the "Testimonies," and gave more than \$1500 in cash and pledges to missions. Surely the Lord has set his hand to the finishing of the work with delay no longer, and we should dedicate to him, ourselves and all.

W. H. GREEN.

Resolutions Adopted By The Mississippi Conference, Jackson, Miss., Sept. 19-29, 1918

THANKSGIVING

1. *Whereas*, God has abundantly blessed every unselfish effort put forth in all lines of Christian activity in our field since our last session; therefore

Be it Resolved, That we, the delegates and constituents of the Miss-

issippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hereby express our gratitude to Him for these blessings, and pledge our unqualified support to the speedy finishing of the work.

2. *Whereas*, We, as citizens of the state of Mississippi, and as representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist churches therein, assembled in biennial conference sessions Sept. 19-29, believing that civil government is ordained of God, and believing in the principles of justice and liberty for which this Government has ever stood, place on record anew a declaration of loyalty to our country, to its Government, and to the President, assuring the Government that it has our hearty support and sympathy in this time of crisis.

Resolved, While ever in our history we have been of noncombatant principles, by religious conviction, we believe, equally by the same religious conviction, that we should render to our Government the lines of non-combatant service, as defined by the President in his declaration of March 20th, 1918.

3. *Whereas*, We recognize in the calls of our Government for its Citizens to purchase bonds or to contribute to Red Cross or similar activities, the opportunity to give heed to the New Testament injunction to render honor and tribute to the civil authority, as well as opportunity to show loyalty to our country's common cause according to our financial ability.

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Resolved, We place on record our appreciation of the evident pains taken by camp authorities to have regard for the religious convictions of our young men in the matter of observing the seventh day as the Sabbath, and we counsel every member of our churches called by the draft to render faithful obedience and loyal service in camp or field, recognizing the fact that the inconvenience caused those in authority by our religious practice in this matter of the Sabbath, makes it incumbent upon us to be the more

conscientious and forward in performing work and duties assigned.

4. *We Recommend* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Governor and to the Adjutant-General of this state.

Whereas, "The church of Christ has been organized on earth for Missionary purposes," and we are told that, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers," and

Whereas, We realize the need of such an organization that we can work together without confusion or loss of time, and that each can use his talent to the best advantage and most efficiently in the finishing of the work of God; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge our churches to give special attention to organizing a Home Missionary Society and the enlisting of every church member into bands; that such plans may be laid that definite, systematic, missionary work shall be carried forward in their respective localities.

5. *Whereas*, Believing that in order to keep apace with the message we must know of its progress both in the home and foreign fields; therefore,

We Recommend, That we continue to work to the end that the *Review and Herald* and our *Union Worker* shall make weekly visits to every Seventh-day Adventist home.

6. *Whereas*, Great good has resulted from the systematic distribution of *Present Truth*; therefore, we recommend, that we continue to make extensive use of this paper both in house to house distribution and in mails.

Whereas, The GOSPEL HERALD is the only literary organ of the department, and through it we know of the progress of the colored work in this and other fields,

We Recommend, That we urge all our ministers, Bible workers and school teachers to subscribe for this paper and use their influence in seeing that a copy of this paper be sent to every family.

7. *Whereas*, In order that our people may become better informed along the lines of religious legisla-

tion; therefore,

We Recommend, (a) That a *Liberty* magazine goal be fixed equal to one subscription for each church member.

(b) That each church take a club of this magazine for distribution to judges, lawyers, educators, and other prominent men in their community.

(c) That a fund be created to provide the furnishing of the magazine *Liberty* to our legislators, governor, and other state and county officials, as the offering taken upon the day set apart by the General Conference for this purpose is not sufficient.

8. *Whereas*, It is Satan's special object to prevent this light (The Spirit of Prophecy) from coming to the people of God, who so greatly need it amid perils of these last days; therefore,

Resolved, That we do everything possible to place a complete set of the "Testimonies" in every Seventh-day Adventist family and that we urge upon them the plan of daily study of the "Scriptures" and "Testimonies" that they may have light to comprehend and appreciate the peculiar and rapid changes that are now taking place.

9. *Whereas*, In view of the shortness of time, we recommend that each of our laborers and lay members set a definite goal in the winning of souls.

10. *Whereas*, Realizing, (a) That we get great benefit from the reading of our papers and other literature, and that our literature contains the very things the world now needs.

We Recommend, That all our people put forth diligent efforts to both subscribe for and circulate the *Watchman*, *Signs*, *Life and Health*, *Youth's Instructor*, and *Educator*.

11. *Whereas*, The *Harvest Ingathering* campaign has proven a great blessing both in raising funds to help swell our gifts to missions, and at the same time in acquainting the public with the character and growth of this world wide movement,

Be It Resolved, (a) That September 1, 1918, be the time to open the campaign.

(b) That our mission goal be \$1100.00.

(c) The we ask our members to make their individual goal at least five dollars.

(d) The we aim to realize an average of at least twenty-five cents for each paper circulated.

CRISIS SERIES.

12. Appreciating the wise provision that has been made in providing the "Crisis" series dealing with the various points of our faith in so neat and attractive a form, and yet at so very low a price, and in view of present conditions,

We Recommend, That we make diligent efforts to place large quantities of these books in the homes of our neighbors and friends.

SABBATH SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

13. *Whereas*, The Sabbath School is one of the most fruitful fields for soul-winning, and greater things can be accomplished by teachers in reaching the hearts of their pupils,

Resolved, That Sabbath School superintendents hold consecration services at stated times, and make very careful preparation for the time.

(b) That earnest efforts be made by Sabbath School teachers to bring every youth to a full surrender to the Lord; to unite with the believers in church fellow-ship, and to enlist their talents in active service, in harmony with the statement of the Spirit of Prophecy, "The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong earnest labor in the Sabbath School work."

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH ENVELOPS.

14. *Whereas*, It is impossible at present for the General Department to secure the Thirteenth Sabbath envelopes to encourage the plan of saving money for missions,

Resolved, That each of our schools provide for its members a mite-box or other receptable for this purpose.

GOALS

Whereas, We recognize the truth of the statement, "More work is done when stints are measured off and goals set up."

Resolved, That the following be worked for in our Sabbath School.

(a) In the organized school.

(b) In the home department.

2. Increase the average attendance;

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(a) Use the Perfect Attendance
cards.

(b) Use the Visitor's card.

3. Study the Sabbath School
lesson each day.

4. Every teacher taking the
Training Course.

5. Personal work for every pupil.

(a) By cultivating a personal
friendship.

(b) By direct appeal.

6. One hundred fifty subscriptions
to the *Sabbath School Worker*.

7. Liberal offering to Missions.

(a) Ten cents a week per capita

(b) Proper goals for schools.

16. *Whereas*, "The Testimonies" say
that "The world is to receive the
light of Truth through an evangelizing
ministry of the word in our
books and periodicals," and that
"In a large degree through our pub-
lishing houses is to be accomplished
the work of that other angel which
comes down from heaven and
who lightens the earth with his
glory.

Resolved, That we encourage more
of our earnest, God-fearing men
and women to make this their life
work.

17. *Whereas*, "None but those who
have fortified the mind with the
truths of the Bible will stand
through the last conflict,"

Resolved, That we encourage all
to observe the "Morning Watch,"
and take the "Bible Year".

18. *Whereas*, The hope of the mes-
sage lies in the children and our
young people,

Whereas, The Missionary Volun-
teer Department has given us the
privilege of raising \$500.00 for Mis-
sions.

Resolved, That we put forth a
double effort to reach this goal.

19. *Whereas*, No department can

long continue to exist without a re-
porting system by which it may
know what its efforts are accom-
plishing.

Resolved, That the leaders in each
church magnify the value of each
report to its right proportions.

20. *Whereas*, "Not more surely
is the place prepared for us in the
heavenly mansion than is the special
place designated on earth where we
are to work for God."

Resolved, That we do all in our
power to encourage our young peo-
ple to set a definite aim early in life.

EDUCATION

21. *Whereas*, In the Providence of
God the Oakwood Junior College
has been established for educating
and preparing men women for ser-
vice in the Lord's finishing work,

Whereas, The institution has pro-
ven its efficiency and usefulness in
the successful workers it has sent
forth,

Whereas, The great need of its
recent growth and developments,
has been so liberally met by our
General Conference brethren,
therefore,

Resolved, (a) That we express
our sincere gratitude to our
General Conference brethren for
their very generous support;

(b) That we urge our people
throughout the mission to support
the school by encouraging all
worthy young men and women, to
attend the same and fit themselves
for work in this message; and that
we give our prayers and means
toward its success.

22. *Whereas*, The Lord has said
through the Spirit of Prophecy that
all of our children should be in our
school where they may receive a
Christian training and that there
should be a Church School where
there are at least six children. We
therefore

Resolve, That we urge our people
to establish such schools and that
we render such financial help,
assisted by the Conference, as may
be needed to properly establish and
maintain the same.

23. *Whereas*, The Young People's
Missionary Volunteer Department
is an effective agency in the sal-
vation and training of our youth,
and

Whereas, It is of the highest
importance that all the young
people of the church should be

brought under the stimulating in-
fluence of this department, therefore

Resolved, That the Missionary
Volunteer Department and labor-
ers in our mission cooperate in an
effort to organize the children and
youth for service.

Resolved, That our church
officers cooperate with our Mis-
sionary Volunteer leaders to quickly
secure a complete census of all
children and young people connected
with our churches or homes; that
the information secured be kept up
to date, and made the basis of a
vigorous effort to uplift every boy
and girl among us, and to get all of
our young people into our schools.

24. *Whereas*, Approximately only
one half of our boys and girls are in
our schools and the Macedonian
calls for workers are constantly
pressing upon us, therefore

Resolved, That this mission

institute a vigorous summer cam-
paign each year for the cause of
Christian education, and that in
this campaign, Mission and educa-
tional workers be enlisted to the
extent that every Seventh-day
Adventist's home be visited.

25. In harmony with the extensive

war service plans as adopted at
the recent General Conference
Council,
We Recommend, (a) That our
churches and Mission officers keep
the Union War Service Secretary
informed as to all young men sub-
ject to draft.

(b) That all questions relating to
instruction of drafted men be re-
ferred to those in charge of that
work.

(c) That churches and individ-
uals be encouraged to make liberal
donations to the Union War Service
Fund that literature in sufficient
quantities may be supplied to meet
the demand.

26. We, the colored delegates
and visitors in Conference and
camp meeting, assembled in Miss-
issippi, September 19 to 29, realizing
that the Threefold message
of Seventh-day Adventists is God's
final appeal to this sin cursed world,
and is our only hope to obtain
eternal life through Jesus Christ,

We Therefore, Pledge anew our al-
legiance to our God and our loyalty
to this cause, to live and to pro-
claim this message in every right-
eous way until the end be.