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THE CONFERENCE

THE conference appointed to be held at Jonesboro February 1-8, is now in the past. Plans were laid for the work during the coming year which if carried out will greatly advance the cause in Indiana. I felt that it was not possible for me to continue longer in charge of the work in Indiana, and requested that some other man be secured to take my place. Elder Morris Lukens of Washington, D. C., who has had experience in nearly all lines of work, was elected president of the conference. He started in the work as a canvasser, was then field secretary; he was business manager of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, then he

took the presidency of the Chesapeake Conference.

The General Conference appointed Elder Lukens as superintendent of the Japan and Korean Mission Field, and requested that he go into the Review Office and become conversant with the book work and printing so that he could superintend that work in Japan; but on account of his wife's health and their children, she finally decided that she did not wish to go to Japan, so his services were secured for Indiana. He comes highly recommended by the General Conference, and I believe that all of our brethren who were present at the meeting felt that he was fully competent to take hold of the work in Indiana and make it a success. I was greatly encouraged by the manner in which he grasped a knowledge of the different branches of the work, and I have no hesitancy in commending him to the full confidence of our brethren and sisters in Indiana.

The officers elected for the conference were in the main those who had filled the offices in the past. However, all of the departmental secretaries were left off from the Conference Committee, and more lay brethren were placed on this committee. J. W. Johnston, W. P. Cunningham, and T. A. Goodwin are the lay brethren upon the Conference Committee. This will give the committee the advantage of the counsel of men who have made a success financially, which will add great strength to the committee.

Brother A. N. Anderson was elected secretary and treasurer of the conference, to handle the tithes and all trust funds. Brother T. A. Goodwin was again elected treasurer of the legal Association and of the Medical Missionary Association, and will handle the funds of both of these associations. All of these funds should be forwarded to our office at 515 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis.

I consider that we have a strong corps of officers elected to fill the offices of the conference for the coming year, and I look for much of the blessing of the Lord to attend the work.

It is my intention to remain in Indiana for a time at least, endeavoring to regain my health. I already feel that a great burden has been removed by the election of a man to take my place, and believe that God will speedily restore me to health and strength. I shall ever look back to Indiana as a bright spot in my experience, and pray that God's richest blessing may attend the work in the Indiana Conference.

W. J. STONE.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

We are again permitted, through the blessings of God to assemble in this annual conference for the purpose of considering, in a measure, the work of the past year and to lay plans for the coming year; also to elect the officers for the conference and the legal associations for the present year.

That we may be guided by the Lord in all our deliberations, I have thought that from the beginning of this season there should be an earnest seeking of the Lord, and prayerful study of principles that should govern in all our plans for the advancement of the Lord's work.

The past year throughout the world has been an eventful one in the fulfillment of prophecy. There has been an alarming increase in wickedness. Graft is the order of the day. Occasionally a man is brought to justice, but where one is convicted a hundred are plying their dishonest schemes. Murder and suicide are daily occurrences, so that the precious gift of life is esteemed of but little value. Disasters everywhere are daily recorded in our

newspapers. The horrible mine disasters during the past year have been heart rending. Single calamities have counted their victims by the hundreds, leaving widows and orphans to the mercy of a cold, covetous world.

The terrible earthquake in southern Italy that marked the closing days of the old year, sending, without a moment's warning, from two to three hundred thousand souls into eternity, unwarned and unprepared, is a striking fulfillment of Rev. 7:1-4, which shows that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world, and that the angels of mercy are about to take their flight and loose the winds of strife. The terrible disaster that overtook San Francisco, and attracted for a time the whole world, falls into insignificance when compared to the downfall of the cities of southern Italy; and this terrible earthquake is only a drop in the bucket of what this world will behold when all the cities of the nations will fall in the last great conflict.

The trouble between labor and capital has nearly reached a climax. The decisions rendered during the closing days of the old year in regard to Mr. Gompers and other labor leaders, sentencing them from six to twelve months in jail, has only widened the breach between capital and labor, and is a striking fulfillment of James 5.

Great activity has marked the efforts of those who are endeavoring to unite church and state. The conventions held during the closing weeks of last year show a remarkable gain in influence and strength. It is only a question of a few short months or years and the work will be accomplished.

I have mentioned only a few of these things, but in view of the conflict before us, what ought this conference to do to meet the emergency? Who is sufficient for these things? I feel that we need very much of the Spirit of God and His special leading in this Conference, for we can not afford to make any mistakes or blunders now. It seems to me that we all need a consecration to the work, a zeal never before known by many of us, in our experience in this work. The present is no time for idlers in the Master's vineyard. Earnest, zealous, consecrated

workers are the only ones that God is calling or can use now.

While the past year has been fraught with wonderful developments along the enemy's line, God's cause has also triumphed in a remarkable manner all over the world. Scores of missionaries have gone to regions beyond, and the work of the third angel's message in the world has never been more triumphant. This will be the case, if God's people are faithful, until the work is completed.

While we can not report all the progress we would have desired in Indiana, yet God has blessed the work and scores of souls have been brought to a knowledge and acceptance of the truth. Four new churches have been organized, which will undoubtedly ask for admittance to the conference during this session. Revival efforts have been made in several of our churches, and good results have followed. Brother Ellis reported several additions to the Honey Creek church, and at Pleasant View and Rocklane Brother Thomas Hubbard has had great revivals and a number of accessions. We hope that during this conference an opportunity may be given for our laborers to give a brief report of their work during the year.

One general and two local camp-meetings were held during the summer, and good results followed, especially the local meetings where churches have been organized—one a church which now numbers about 30 or 35 members. About ten tent meetings were held, with some success at each place.

While there has been a commendable growth in new converts, the pruning that has been done in our old churches has cut down our membership, so that our report shows a membership of over one hundred less than was reported one year ago, and a smaller number than was reported five years ago, notwithstanding there have been six or seven hundred new converts reported during this time. And here I wish to say that an idea seemed to prevail in the conference that no one ought to be dropped from the records unless by death or by letter; but this sentiment has given away and hundreds have been dropped from the church records in the past few years, and especially during the

past year. Over fifty persons have been dropped from the church to which I belong, and this fairly represents what has been done in many other churches.

Our Bible workers in the main have had fairly good success in their work, and more systematic plans should be laid to work all of our large cities.

The missionary work has been greatly revived, largely through the efforts of our missionary secretary, Brother Spohr. This is the first year that our missionary secretary has given his time almost wholly to this work. We feel that the experience gained will make the work more effective in the future.

PERIODICAL WORK

During school vacation quite a success was achieved by many of our students who were organized into companies to sell our periodicals. So great was their success that several earned scholarships, and a great incentive was given to the work so that we are sure there will be many more in the field the coming summer than there were during the last vacation.

COLPORTER WORK

The past year has been, I think, the most prosperous one in our history for the circulation of our books by our colporters or canvassers. Still there is an opportunity for great improvement. Brother Wright, our field secretary, has been very energetic in pushing this branch of the work, and God has blessed his faithful efforts.

EDUCATIONAL

We feel that the past year has been a successful one along educational lines in Indiana. The school year that closed last June under the principalship of Prof. C. L. Stone, was considered the most successful year in all respects of any in the history of Beechwood Academy. The results spiritually and financially were all that we could have hoped; and the present year under Prof. C. L. Taylor as principal has thus far been considered a real success.

No less can be said of our church schools. Sister McMahan has been untiring in her efforts, and the burden of the church-schools has almost wholly rested upon her.

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

THE thirty-sixth annual session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held Feb. 2-7, 1909, in the M. E. Church at Jonesboro. The first meeting began at 11:00 A. M., Tuesday, the second inst., with Elder Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, presiding. Four new churches were received into the conference, having been organized since the last session; namely, North Vernon, Wolcottville, Sunman, and Fort Wayne.

At this first meeting, it was voted that the Conference Executive Committee together with Elder Moon appoint the standing committees. They were announced at the afternoon meeting as follows:

On nominations, R. C. Wirth, chairman; G. A. Irwin, Milton Overman, W. P. Cunningham, R. W. Leach, G. W. Rader, and H. M. Kelley.

On Plans and Recommendations, Prof. C. L. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. R. W. McMahan, R. C. Spohr, J. B. Blosser, Archer Wright, Dr. W. W. Worster, Thomas Hubbard, A. N. Anderson, and F. S. Busz.

On Licenses and Credentials, Elder A. L. Miller, Allen Moon, C. J. Buhalts, Victor Thompson, and W. A. Young.

At the suggestion of the chairman, a special committee, composed of Prof. C. L. Taylor, Archer Wright, and Victor Thompson, was appointed to draft a resolution to express the sentiment of the conference with reference to the President's health. It reported the following, which was unanimously voted:

WHEREAS, The health of our President, Elder W. J. Stone is so impaired that it forbids his present participation in the deliberations of this conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the delegates in conference assembled, unite in expressing our sorrow and regret for the condition of his health and that we extend to him our sympathy and earnest prayers to God for his speedy restoration to health and service.

The President's address, contained in this issue, was read at the second meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee on Nominations

presented its report on Friday, the fifth inst., and on Sunday, the seventh. The following officers were chosen for the conference: President, Morris Lukens; Secretary and Treasurer, A. N. Anderson; Financial Agent, Wm. P. Cunningham; Educational Superintendent, C. L. Taylor; Educational Secretary, Mrs. R. W. McMahan; Medical Secretary, W. W. Worster, M. D.; Missionary Secretary, R. C. Spohr; Field Agent, Archer Wright; Religious Liberty Secretary, A. L. Miller; Auditor, W. H. Edwards; Executive Committee, Morris Lukens, C. J. Buhalts, W. A. Young, Victor Thompson, T. A. Goodwin, J. W. Johnston, and Wm. P. Cunningham.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association were selected as follows: Morris Lukens, T. A. Goodwin, W. W. Worster, and C. J. Buhalts.

The Beechwood Academy Board were chosen as follows: Morris Lukens, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Dr. S. L. Strickler, Wm. Applegate, and C. L. Taylor.

The following were elected as the Board of Directors of the "Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists": President, Morris Lukens; Vice-president, C. J. Buhalts; Secretary, W. A. Young; Treasurer, T. A. Goodwin; Auditor, W. P. Cunningham; Councilmen, J. W. Johnston and Victor Thompson.

LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials made its report on Sunday, the seventh, and the report was accepted.

Ministerial Credentials were voted as follows: Morris Lukens, W. J. Stone, W. A. Young, A. L. Miller, C. J. Buhalts, U. S. Anderson, C. L. Stone, J. M. Ellis, Victor Thompson, F. M. Roberts, O. S. Hadley, and B. Hagle.

The following received Ministerial Licenses: W. W. Worster, M. D.; R. W. Leach, R. C. Spohr, Archer Wright, Thomas Hubbard, Frank S. Busz, and J. H. Niehaus.

Missionary Credentials were granted as follows: Mrs. R. W. McMahan, T. A. Goodwin, C. L. Taylor, Burton Castle, Mrs. Florence Niehaus, J. Theresa Thompson, Nellie Rothbaust, Mary C. Kent, Lora Duncan, A. N. Anderson, Mrs. Ida V. Hadley, Grover R.

Fattic, Dr. L. A. Marsh, Jesse Jared, Mrs. Sadie Jared, Marie Sahli, Mrs. Ada Worster, Bettie States, Cora Whaley.

Resolutions

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations reported forty-four resolutions, all of them being accepted and unanimously adopted. Two or three amendments were added, and they are included in the items which follow. We trust that careful consideration will be given to these important matters, and that the entire conference will assist in making these plans effective.

WHEREAS, The past year has been a prosperous one for this conference, showing a good degree of progress in each department, a large financial gain, and many additions to our ranks throughout the state; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, by the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that we hereby express our gratitude to God for His manifold blessings to us, and confidence in the Captain of our Salvation to lead us on to ultimate success of the work in this State.

WHEREAS, There is great need among our young people of a better understanding of God's plan for them in their social life, that they may do acceptable work in winning souls, and be able to withstand the allurements of Satan to worldly pleasures and associations; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That we give earnest study to this question, and recommend to all parents the serious consideration of this subject from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

3. *We Recommend* That our people make a careful study of the important subject of adolescence, and that we express ourselves in harmony with the action of the Mt. Vernon Convention, that our training school (Emmanuel Missionary College) offer in its curriculum, a course of study in adolescence.

4. *We Recommend* That every Seventh-day Adventist family take the *Youth's Instructor*, and fathers and mothers unite with their children in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

5. *We Recommend*, to all our young people, as well as to our

older members, the Morning Watch Calendar as an aid to systematic Bible study and prayer,

6. *We Recommend* the holding of as many conventions and institutes as may seem practicable and that we do more definite work in encouraging our young people to attend our schools to get a thorough training for the Lord's work.

Realizing the need of well qualified leaders in our Missionary Volunteer work,

7. *We Recommend* the plan suggested by the Young People's Convention at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to give students who have received some training for this work, an opportunity, during the summer vacation, to visit some of our churches in behalf of the youth.

8. *Resolved*, That we as a conference express our approval of the plan recommended by the Lake Union Committee of raising \$2,000 as an Equipment Fund, and that we pledge our hearty cooperation in raising this fund as soon as possible.

9. *Resolved*, That we approve of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund, and that we do all we can, consistent with other enterprises, to raise the amount suggested for this conference.

10. *We Recommend*, That parents and children unite in daily family study of the Sabbath-school lessons, in harmony with the plan of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department.

11. *We Recommend*, That parents as well as Sabbath-school teachers and officers avail themselves of the valuable help afforded by the *Sabbath-school Worker*.

WHEREAS, Various demands are made upon our conference, as well as upon the Lake Union Conference, for means that can not properly be met by the tithe; therefore,

12. *We Recommend*, That we encourage our brethren to pay one percent. of their income into the conference treasury as a general fund, one half of the same to be forwarded to the treasurer of the Lake Union Conference.

13. *Resolved*, That we encourage our brethren in making wills to the cause to make the conference a beneficiary, and that the "Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists"

be made the executors, and that the conference share 25% of the legacies with the Lake Union Conference.

14. *We Recommend* the holding of one or more canvassers' institutes this year, and that the Indiana Conference assist such persons as the Field Agent and the Executive Committee shall approve, by providing free board and room during the institute, and paying their traveling expenses from the institute to their fields of labor; and by paying the railroad fare of all our experienced canvassers who may be invited to attend by the Conference Committee to and from the institute.

15. *We Recommend*, That the books, "Home and Health," "Practical Guide to Health," and "Ministry of Healing," be given due prominence in our work.

In harmony with the action of the Emmanuel Missionary College Board providing for scholarships,

16. *We Recommend*, That students for that school be offered three scholarships, as follows: the sale of \$160 worth of subscription books and three hours' work; \$200 worth of subscription books and two hours' work; and \$235 worth of books and one hour's work; the student to turn all the money into the conference treasury and the conference to arrange with the College for the scholarship.

17. *Resolved*, That we accept the offer of the Lake Union Conference to club the Lake Union paper with our State paper at sixty cents for both papers, and that we show our appreciation of these agencies for chronicling the progress of the message by subscribing for them, and doing what we can to encourage others to do the same.

18. *Resolved*, That, in view of the earnest calls that continue to come from the General Conference for needy fields, we again express our willingness to share with them our laborers and our means.

19. *Resolved*, That it is the mind of this conference that a church-school be established wherever there is a sufficient number of children, that we urge our church officers to make a vigorous effort to do this, and that the Conference Committee investigate the cases of weak companies, and render such help

from the general fund as seems consistent with other needs.

20. *We Recommend*, That our teachers attend the summer school at Berrien Springs, and that the conference pay the railroad fare of these teachers who teach in this conference during the next school year; and, further, that the Indiana Conference provide for an instructor at the summer school.

WHEREAS, The great mission fields require regular and increased support; therefore,

21. *Resolved*, That we continue to give liberally in weekly and special offerings to missions, endeavoring to reach an average of ten cents per week for every member of our conference; and in order to assist in accomplishing this end,

22. *We Recommend*, That each church provide itself with a Missionary Map of the World, and regularly consider the Second Sabbath Readings provided by the General Conference.

WHEREAS, A number of bright, earnest young people have been enabled to attend Beechwood Academy, Emmanuel Missionary College, and other denominational schools this winter by reason of their connection with the periodical scholarship company last summer; and,

WHEREAS, This company was successful in selling thousands of our excellent papers, thus sowing seeds of gospel truth in many places; therefore,

23. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our hearty approval of the organization and work of the periodical scholarship company last summer; and, further,

24. *Resolved*, That we encourage the Missionary Department to operate several such companies during the present year, pledging our cooperation by giving our young people to the periodical work, and by providing such tents and outfits as may be necessary for their comfort.

25. *Resolved*, That we urge the elders in all our churches to faithfulness in presenting to the members the duty of tithe paying, and to labor in a Scriptural way with such as are at fault in this line; and, further,

26. *Resolved*, That we encourage our church elders to diligently feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost

has made them overseers, especially endeavoring to ascertain the spiritual condition of such members as neglect to report at least once a quarter, by visiting or writing to them.

27. *We Recommend*, That this conference render financial aid to ministers and other gospel workers who have become disabled or superannuated through faithful labor in this cause, such aid to be provided for those who shall, in the judgment of the Conference Committee be deemed worthy.

28. *We Recommend*, That our Religious Liberty secretary conduct a vigorous campaign throughout the State and among its leading men, devoting much of his time to this important work.

WHEREAS, The prophecies regarding the formation of the image to the beast and its work, is in progress of rapid fulfillment, and the signs of approaching peril "are thickening on every hand;" therefore,

29. *We Recommend*, That the periodical *Liberty* be taken in every family, and that all our people make decided efforts to spread the principles of liberty through the distribution of the Religious Liberty Leaflets, and the periodical *Liberty*.

WHEREAS, The use of intoxicating liquors is one of the most prolific causes of poverty, crime, and disease, and the open saloon is the principal agency for providing such liquors; and,

WHEREAS, The County Local Option law of this State makes it possible for us to vote, and otherwise use our influence against the continuance of the business of many liquor dispensers; and the magnitude of the distress and the unspeakable woe humanity suffers by reason of the liquor traffic seemingly are not comprehended by many people; therefore,

30. *Resolved*, That we are unalterably opposed to the sale of intoxicants and the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and favor the closing of all saloons every day in the week; and, further,

31. *Resolved*, That we use liberal quantities of temperance literature to educate the people upon the evils and significance of drunkenness and crime, particularly in those counties where efforts are being made to eradicate saloons by taking ad-

vantage of the County Local Option law.

32. *Resolved*, that we endorse and do all we can to encourage the plan of having each church member turn into the conference treasury the proceeds of one day's labor each month for one year to form a Church Charity Fund, thereby assisting worthy poor to obtain needed treatment at the sanitarium.

WHEREAS, the Lord has given us the book, "Ministry of Healing," for the support of our sanitarium work, and the Wabash Valley Sanitarium is much in need of the financial assistance obtained in that way, therefore,

33. *Resolved*, That we inaugurate an active campaign for the sale of thousands of this book.

WHEREAS, In the past two years, many have given liberal donations in various amounts on the certificate plan; to the sanitarium, and much good has already been accomplished by such donations; therefore,

34. *Resolved*, That we urge our brethren to continue such donations in harmony with the resolution upon this subject at the last conference.

35. *Resolved*, That we extend a hearty welcome to the Branch Office of the Review & Herald Publishing Association now established at South Bend, Ind.

WHEREAS, The Lake Union Conference and the Review & Herald Publishing Association are now located in South Bend, and there is need of establishing our work there in a proper way; therefore,

36. *We Recommend*, that some of our best workers be placed there, and a strong effort be made with Bible workers, followed by a tent effort the coming season.

37. *We Recommend*, (a) That a minister and his wife be stationed in Indianapolis and connect with them consecrated young people to canvass and do Bible work; (b) That this plan be followed in as many of our large cities as possible.

38. *Resolved*, That our conference and people in general patronize the Beechwood Academy printing press.

39. *We Recommend*, That our brethren deposit their surplus

money with the conference instead of loaning it to the world.

40. *Resolved*, That we urge our people to greater effort with our missionary literature, that fourth Sabbath missionary meetings be held in all our churches, the church missionary secretary at that time collecting written reports of work done during the month, and such reports be promptly forwarded to the Conference Missionary Secretary.

41. *We Recommend*, That a Canvasser's Institute be held at Beechwood Academy, April 8-18, and that we ask each conference laborer and church elder to secure at least one proper person to attend this institute and enter the canvassing work.

42. *We Recommend*, That the names of the following churches be dropped from our conference: Angola, Etna Green, Evansville, Frankton, Gum Corner, Martinsville, Olive Branch, and Richmond; and that the remaining members of these churches connect with the Seventh-day Adventist churches nearest them.

43. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heart-felt thanks to the Jonesboro Seventh-day Adventist Church for its untiring efforts in our behalf, for its efficient service in so successfully ministering to all our needs, and meeting the emergency of this important occasion,

44. *Resolved*, That we express our deep gratitude to our Methodist brethren for their excellent spirit of liberality and friendliness in granting us the free use of this magnificent edifice in which to conduct our annual conference; and, also, we do heartily appreciate the kindly cooperation of the good citizens of Jonesboro in assisting so materially by giving us the freedom of their firesides and home comforts much beyond our most sanguine expectations.



A YOUNG people's society was organized by Sister McMahan at North Vernon during her visit Sabbath and Sunday, the 23rd and 24th of January. Some of the young people there have decided to attend Emmanuel Missionary College during the spring term beginning the third week in February.

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This, in addition to her other duties in the Sabbath-school and young people's work, has been at times more than she ought to have carried; but God has sustained her wonderfully in this work.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

This branch of the work has received its share of attention, and quite a large amount of literature has been distributed, especially among the State senators and representatives. Our religious liberty secretary, Elder A. L. Miller, has visited a number of the members of Congress, and will undoubtedly have a report of this branch of the work to present before this conference closes.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

The medical missionary work has made a commendable progress. I shall not attempt to give a detailed report of this work, but our medical superintendent will give a report of this work, which I am sure will be of interest to all. We shall also hope to hear a report from all of our departmental secretaries in due time.

OUR FINANCIAL INTEREST

Much might be said regarding this question, but I shall endeavor to be brief. Beechwood Academy made a good showing for the year ending June, 1908. The statement of its financial standing showed a gain of about \$1,200. Our conference office presents a profit of about \$600 on books and periodicals, while the Sanitarium would show a few dollars gains if it had not been for the charity work done. The charity work amounted to about \$1,000, which left a loss of between nine hundred and a thousand dollars. This we consider to be a good showing, inasmuch as we were not open for business until about the first of April, and as our expenses for the first three months of the year were nearly as high as any time in the year; for we had to provide for our help, heating the buildings, and many expenses were about the same as though we had a dozen patients. There is no reason why the coming year will not show a good gain and a balance in the other direction.

The net gain of the Indiana Medical Missionary and Benevolent

Association for the past year has been about \$6,000. The total gain in resources of the different conference enterprises amounted to over \$7,000. When the treasurer's reports are presented they will show the Present Worth of the Indiana Conference to be over \$26,000. Most of you will remember that six years ago this conference did not have enough resources to pay over 50% of its liabilities; or, in other words, the conference was in debt over \$30,000, with resources amounting to only about \$15,000. Thus you will see that within the last six years this conference has improved its financial condition over \$41,000. While six years ago the conference could not have paid over fifty cents on the dollar of what it was owing had it disposed of everything in its possession, at the present time we have about two dollars with which to pay each dollar that we owe; so that if the business of the conference is properly conducted no one need have any fears of the conference not being able to meet all of its obligations. If there was ever a time when a Conference needed to fear it was six years ago when its liabilities were double its assets.

The Conference Association is practically out of debt; that is, it has resources sufficient, outside of necessary real estate which it should hold, including Beechwood Academy, and its personal property, to meet every obligation. In other words, it has bills and accounts receivable and cash enough, with some real estate such as lots and other property that can be disposed of, to meet all its obligations, and still possess the Academy property and personal property necessary to carry on its legitimate work free of all encumbrances; so that all the indebtedness of the conference is upon the Sanitarium property. And at this point I wish to call your attention to the difference between a debt with plenty of resources to meet the obligations, and a debt without any resources. With the opening of the spring months, the Sanitarium will be able to more than pay its way so that it will not be a losing enterprise; and with the assistance that will naturally come to this institution, being a benevolent one, there will be no trouble, if properly managed, in meeting every obligation without distressing any one, or

without running any risks of failures.

THE REVIEW AND HERALD BRANCH

I wish to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that the Review and Herald has established the branch office which was in Battle Creek, at South Bend. This I consider no small accession to the Indiana Conference and it seems to me that it would be well for the Committee on Recommendations to bring in a resolution welcoming this branch of the work to our State. It also seems to me that it calls upon this conference to lay plans for more aggressive work in this large city.

I trust that the Committee on Recommendations will formulate some plans to bring before this conference whereby the work can be placed on a better footing, that the church may be built up at South Bend in keeping with the headquarters of the Lake Union Conference and this branch of the Review and Herald.

Future of the Work

FINANCIAL.

To meet the future demands, and to carry out the instruction of the Testimonies, plans should be laid at this meeting to take up the sale of "Ministry of Healing" in all of our churches. In the first place this book has been written to meet a present demand, and is a book upon Divine Healing, and how to live to best glorify God. While a bogus divine healing is being taught in the world, God has sent us a book treating upon the subject of true Divine Healing, and for this reason the book should be widely circulated. Our people should not only read it themselves, but it ought to be in every home in the land; and as this book has been dedicated by the writer, Mrs. E. G. White, to the advancement of the medical missionary work; for that reason, and because of the great help it will be to this branch of our work in Indiana, we ought to push the sale of the book extensively. All the profits accruing from the sale of "Ministry of Healing," will go to build up our Sanitarium work.

Besides this, a recommendation ought to be passed introducing the plan adopted at our camp-meetings for all our brethren and sisters to

devote the proceeds of one day's labor each month for one year to a Church Charity Fund for the purpose of sending worthy persons to our Sanitarium for treatments.

In addition to this, steps should be taken to secure loans on the certificate plan to our Sanitarium enterprise; also outright gifts. There has not been a large sum of money yet given by our brethren and sisters to aid this branch of our work, which is stated over and over again in the Testimonies, to be "the right arm of the message."

LOANS AND DEPOSITS

I trust that the Committee on Plans will bring before this conference for consideration a recommendation upon the importance of our people depositing their surplus money with the conference, and also where they have money loaned to the world, draw this money in and loan it to the conference. Much money that was loaned to our conference by our brethren and sisters has been drawn out through necessity during the past year, and the conference has always met every payment promptly. But in order to do this we have had to borrow, and are owing to the bank at the present time about \$4,000 borrowed money. I have learned that a number of our brethren and sisters have money loaned to the world. I believe that it is a wrong principle for our people to loan money to the world, and then we have to go to the world and borrow money. Why not keep our money in the cause, where we know it is working for the spread of the message, instead of loaning it perhaps in some instances, to be used in questionable enterprises? Much might be said upon this subject, but I trust that it will receive proper attention in open conference.

All the property belonging to the conference is free of encumbrance. We thought at one time that we might be compelled to place a mortgage on our Sanitarium property in order to secure a loan to meet all our obligations, but the Lord has so favored us that this has not been necessary; and I trust that it will never become necessary to place a mortgage upon any of our institutions. Our credit will be much better with the world, and I believe that our brethren and sisters

will feel better satisfied, and will more cheerfully loan their money to the conference when they know that none of our property is encumbered.

TITHE FUND

I believe that the importance of guarding our tithe fund in the future ought to be considered, and that I would not be doing my duty to not call your attention to the fact that our tithe for 1908 fell about \$3,000 short of the tithe for 1907; although the tithe for 1908 was the largest that it has ever been in this conference, with the exception of the one year, 1907. The tithe for that year was exceptionally large on account of some of our brethren selling property, and its being a very prosperous year.

I have written to all the churches in the conference during the past year, taking up with them the matter of tithes, and asking them why their tithe had fallen off. In nearly every instance they have given good reasons. Several brethren who were good tithe-payers have moved out of the State; and in some of our city churches since the panic of one year ago, work has not been so plentiful and our brethren have not earned as much money on which to pay tithe. In Indianapolis alone the tithe for 1908 dropped over a thousand dollars below that of 1907. Last spring the conference took several additional laborers on its pay-roll, hoping that the tithe would be equal to that of the previous year; but on account of the tithe dropping so much below last year, it has been necessary to use over two thousand dollars of surplus tithe that we had on hand. But this can not long be continued. You can readily see that either the tithe must be increased, fewer laborers placed upon the pay-roll, or the wages of our laborers be lowered.

Every laborer upon the pay-roll should be a producer as well as a consumer, and should feel the responsibility of doing his part in ed-

ucating the people to see the importance of paying a full tithe; and if there are those upon the pay-roll who are consumers and not producers the matter should be carefully investigated, and it should be the duty of the Committee on Licenses and Credentials to look carefully and prayerfully into the matter of those who are recommended for conference laborers at this meeting. No one should be carried as a conference laborer simply as a matter of courtesy, but the light given through the Bible and Testimonies should be carefully followed in selecting those who are to bear responsibilities in the spreading of this message. Instead of this conference consuming all of its tithes each year in our home field, we ought to have a surplus each year to give to the foreign mission work. I believe that the majority of our brethren and sisters will agree with these ideas, and will see the importance of extending more help in the future than we have in the past in aiding the work in regions beyond. I believe the time ought to come soon, when one-half the tithe of every conference in the United States would go to the forwarding of the message in distant lands, and in countries where the message has never been sounded.

TEN-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN

This question has been considered more or less, and many of our brethren have adopted it. The Committee on Recommendations should emphasize the importance of all our people taking hold and adopting the ten-cent-a-week plan for the purpose of raising funds for our foreign mission work.

A GREAT MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

Plans should also be laid at this conference for greatly extending our aggressive missionary work. We have several large cities that ought to be entered and thoroughly worked. The Testimonies have

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NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	Days	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
G. W. Graff	Dearborn Co	Gr. Con.....	4	17	3	\$..	\$..
Athen Metzker	Rush Co.....	Gr. Con.....	15	109	9		6 75
Totals	2 Agents		19		12	\$ 37 00	\$ 6 75

spoken for years regarding the importance of this work, and I trust that this conference will not pass without definite plans being laid for more aggressive work along this line. I would suggest that in Indianapolis a man and his wife be stationed to superintend the work, rent a building sufficiently large so that quite a number of young people can be provided with a home, free. Then these young persons enter the work as self-supporting missionaries, selling our literature, living in the home and simply paying for their board. These young persons should appoint Bible-readings when they find persons who are interested, or report such persons to the Bible workers who may be connected with the mission. In this way young persons may be developed into workers that will later be taken up by the conference as regular laborers. Similar efforts should be made in the other large cities of the State. This is a very important question, and one that should receive very careful consideration at this conference. Undoubtedly our departmental secretaries will also have plans for future work, to bring before the Committee on Recommendations.

I shall say nothing at this time in regard to the camp-meetings or other gospel work for the coming year, as this will undoubtedly be planned at a workers' meeting.

As stated in the beginning of my address, at this conference meeting officers will be chosen for the coming year. I wish to thank the delegates here assembled and all of our brethren throughout the State for their hearty cooperation during the past five or six years of my administration, which has made it possible to show the gains in converts to the faith and in the finances of the conference. I have regretted very deeply that the condition of my health has been such during the past year that I could not serve with that earnestness and zeal that I had prior to that time. I have felt that it has been a loss to the work in this conference, and no one has regretted this more than myself. And I feel that the condition of my health is such that duty demands that I should take complete rest from the responsibilities of conference work for a time. No one has greater

interest in the future prosperity of the work in Indiana than I have, and I wish to make a request that in choosing my successor, a man be chosen who has had experience as a conference president, and one who has made a success, and demonstrated his ability in conducting the affairs of a conference successfully, you can not afford at this juncture of the work, to run any risks or to select an untried man. The past sad experience of the work in Indiana should in all time to come be a sufficient lesson to the brethren and sisters of Indiana to put in tried men of ability, to conduct the important interest of conference work.

I have enjoyed my labors in Indiana as much, if not more than in any other field where I have ever labored. I have learned to love the people of the "Hoosier State," and it will be with some feelings of sadness that I lay down the work in Indiana; yet I shall ever look back with pleasure, and some satisfaction, and with praises to God for the blessings that have attended the work here during my sojourn with you. May Heaven's choicest benediction rest upon this conference, upon each delegate assembled here, and may wisdom from above be given to the delegates here present to formulate such plans for the future of the work as will make it more successful even than that of the past.

In closing I wish to ask the earnest prayers of these delegates and our brethren and sisters throughout the State, in my behalf that God may restore me to complete health, and may fit me for greater usefulness, and help me to be a better man and exemplify more the traits of the Master than have been seen in my life in the past; and when the work is finally completed, may we all so have acted our part that we may hear the most desirable of all words, the blessed benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

CLUBBING RATES

We believe that all our brethren and sisters will appreciate the privilege whenever it is offered them of securing two or more of our good periodicals at reduced rates by sub-

scribing for more than one at a time. A new journal has been recently launched among us and it is proving of such value that some other papers are being suspended in order that room may be made for a large circulation of the new one.

I refer to the *Lake Union Herald*, which is being published at Berrien Springs, Mich., by the Lake Union Conference and stands for the advancement of the work in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. It is published every week, has eight pages, and its price is fifty cents per year. Subscribers ordering the two papers can have them for sixty cents a year. Let every reader of this when making renewals for the good *REPORTER* add the necessary thirty-five cents and receive both papers for the year; and, in addition, let all seek to extend the circulation of these two good papers.

W. A. YOUNG.

SANITARIUM NOTES

BROTHER O. R. HANCOCK, of Washington, D. C., has connected with the work here.

Dr. W. W. WORSTER attended the first part of the conference at Jonesboro and Dr. L. A. Marsh the latter part.

MR. B. G. HALSTEAD was recently at the Sanitarium as a guest of his mother, Mrs. B. F. Halstead, the Sanitarium landress.

WE are all rejoicing with Sister Halstead because of the installation of the new laundry machinery which will make the work of that department much easier and more effective.

SISTER MARTHA MURPHY died at the Sanitarium, Friday, Jan. 22, of pericarditis, and other complications. She arrived only a few days before, in a very critical condition. The nurses were blessed in ministering to the needs of this colored sister during her last days on this earth.

WANTED!

WANTED.—Girl to do general housework. Seventh-day Adventist preferred. Good wages to the right person. Address, Mrs. Lillie Partridge, Tiosa, Ind.

WANTED.—A situation as farm hand with Seventh-day Adventist family during the coming season. I am twenty-five years of age and have had eight years' experience in farm work. Would like to begin at once. Address, H. W. Plake, 1015 S. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Ind.