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The Wonderful Story

O! I love to list to the story,
Though I've heard it often before,
Of the love and the peace and the glory,
That wait on the farther shore.
And though gloom, all the earth is shading,
Yet I smile, and grow glad to know,
I shall walk mid the flowers unfading,
Where the roses of heaven blow.
I know in earth's beautiful places,
Is change, and death, and decay,
I have seen my friends' blooming faces,
Grow old and vanish away,
I have seen the forms once so youthful,
Grow bent by the touch of the years,
And childish lips, once so truthful,
Grow foul with deceit and sneers.
And I long as I'm growing older,
For the far-off shadowless shore,
Where the burdens that press my shoulder,
Shall fall and be felt no more.
No pain for the friendships slighted,
Where the tear-drops shall never fall,
Where every wrong shall be righted,
And God shall be all in all.

—L. D. Santee.

Educational Secretary's Report to the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in Its Sixth Biennial Session Held at Battle Creek, Michigan, April 24—May 5, 1912

When taking a long journey, how eagerly we watch the mileposts and study our time-schedule to see whether we are "on time" or falling behind. This biennial session marks another milepost in the history of the Lake Union Conference, and it may be well to spend a few moments reviewing the experiences of the past two years and comparing them with the schedule which the Lord has given us.

As I visit the conferences comprising this Union, and see the army of young people among us, I am continually reminded of the words of another: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" ("Education,"

page 271.) But are they all being rightly trained for a part in this great work? That is the all-important question that should receive our most careful consideration.

Upon the parents the Lord has laid the first responsibility for the training of the children, and the home is the first school. But the church is also responsible for the lambs of the flock, and they have provided three general lines through which to reach the children and youth: namely, the Sabbath-school, the Missionary Volunteer Society, and the day school.

The instruction given to us is: "Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed." Within the limits of this Union Conference we have about 4,200 young people and children of school age, but only 1,628 are attending our schools. Where are the other 2,572? Are we doing our full duty in this matter?

Of these 4,200 young people, only 1,223 are members of Missionary Volunteer societies. This leaves 2,977 young people among us who are receiving no benefit from this line of work which has been brought into existence solely for the sake of our young people—to fit them for a place in the Lord's work.

While these figures show that we are far behind what we ought to be doing, we have great reason to rejoice over the advancement that has been made.

Our Schools

In this Union we have one college, eight academies and intermediate schools, and ninety-two primary schools, with an enrollment of 1,619. In these schools 21 teachers are employed in the college, 48 in the academies and intermediate schools, 7 in the Swedish Seminary, and 91 in the primary schools, making a total of 167 teachers in all the schools. Of these primary schools 62 are held in the country.

Many of our church-schools are held in some part of the church building. Aside from these, the churches report school buildings to the value of \$10,625, while the higher schools have property valued at about \$262,663, making a total valuation of \$273,288. Twenty-seven church-schools report having school libraries to the number of 527 volumes, while the number of volumes in the college and academy libraries is 5,625.

I find a great lack of uniformity in the method of conducting the various schools in the Union, and this leads to much confusion and inconvenience. For example: The maximum length of school year is ten months, the minimum about six months. The course of study is arranged for a nine-months' year. It is very difficult for the members of schools which continue in session only a few months each year to adapt themselves to the course of study, to the general examinations, etc.

I wish to call attention to a recommendation passed by this body in 1910: "That all our church-school boards be urged to provide for nine months of school."

In one or two churches the school opens in the spring and continues till fall. This deprives the teachers of the benefit of the summer school, which is of inestimable value to all teachers.

We should also endeavor to have, as nearly as possible, a uniform date for opening the schools, and uniform text books in the schools.

There is a lack of sufficient remuneration for teachers in primary schools, a large number of our teachers receiving only \$15 a month in addition to board and room.

As I see the faithfulness and self-sacrificing devotion of our band of church-school teachers, I can but thank our Heavenly Father for giving to our young people such a love for His work. I believe that no class of workers has more difficulties to meet, and no other work is more fruitful of results than is that of the efficient and consecrated teacher of children—one who is molding the plastic minds according to the instruction given by the Great Teacher. This fact should be recognized and appreciated, and a sufficient salary should be paid for such faithful work as to make it possible for capable teachers to remain in the primary schools, and still be able to live. One of the greatest perplexities we now have to meet is the scarcity of efficient and consecrated teachers for our primary schools. We are forced to employ those who are not properly qualified, and as they get a little experience they seek other work. We can not wonder at this when we consider the cost of living, and the exceedingly low salaries paid to our primary teachers. If we can raise the rate of remuneration, then we shall be in a position to *choose* our teachers. It will also be possible for our teachers to improve themselves by adding to their literary attainments.

Our Missionary Volunteer Work

The youngest branch of our work is that of the Missionary Volunteer Department. It is really only eleven years old, as no recognition was given to it by the General Conference till the spring of 1901. But, like many a precocious child, it has developed with amazing rapidity. At first this child was not very cordially welcomed by all the people, as many feared disasters of various kinds would result from such an innovation. But "a tree is known by its fruits," and in spite of slights and coldness which were frequently given it, in its infancy, it has pushed to the front and demonstrated, by its works, that it is worthy not only of recognition, but of grateful appreciation and confidence. Now it holds an honored place among our people everywhere. And yet only a small proportion, comparatively, of our young people are receiving its benefits. In this Union, where we boast of 4,200 as fine young people as can be found anywhere, we have seen that only 29 per cent of them are members of Missionary Volunteer societies.

However, to show that we have some faithful workers among them, I give a summary of the work that has been reported during the past two years. We have 67 societies, with a membership of 1,223. During the year 1910, they raised \$498.85 for foreign missions, and \$358.57 for home missions, or a total of \$857.42.

During the year 1911, \$1,097.81 was raised for foreign missions, and \$602.27 for home missions, or a total of \$1,700.08. Thus during the biennial period, our young people have raised \$2,557.50 for missionary work.

In addition to this, 148,142 papers, 6,459 books, and 355,053 pages of tracts have been distributed, besides taking 1,430 subscriptions for papers, 4,960 missionary letters have been written, 14,873 missionary visits made, 8,932 hours spent in Christian-help work, 4,627 persons helped to food or clothing, and 142 persons induced to sign the temperance pledge.

When we realize that all this is work which probably would not have been done but for the Missionary Volunteer movement, is it not a record to cause rejoicing in the hearts of all who are interested in the young people themselves, and in the spread of the gospel message?

The educational feature of our Missionary Volunteer work is worthy of more than a passing notice. This department of the General Conference is putting forth a strong effort to help our young people to fit themselves for a life of usefulness. For the past five years, Reading Courses have been arranged, both for the Juniors and also for the young people

who are more advanced. We are glad to say that 58 Reading Course certificates have been issued to young people of this Union, while 206 are taking the course this present year.

Our young people are encouraged to become thoroughly acquainted with the history of our denomination and with the doctrines which are plainly taught in the Bible. To those who pass a thorough examination in these two subjects, certificates of attainment are issued. According to our reports only 18 of these certificates have been issued to this Union, but a large number are now preparing for the next examination in September.

There is at the present time an alarming tendency toward light and trifling reading, as well as that which is even more dangerous. We cannot estimate the value to our young people, of forming the habit of improving their spare minutes by reading something which will give valuable information and help them to build up strong characters. May 25 of the present year has been set apart by the General Conference as Young People's Day, and we are requested to observe it as such in every church and company. Will we not, one and all, make a special effort at that time to arouse the churches to the importance of the Missionary Volunteer work, and to encourage our young people to avail themselves of these helps, especially the Reading Course and the Standard of Attainment? We must also encourage them to make a way to get into our schools, when it is possible for them to do so.

Our Sabbath-School Work

As the Sabbath-school is among the oldest and most thoroughly-organized departments of our work, some have felt that little attention need be given to it, but this is far from the truth, as is shown by the giant strides made in the recent past as a result of the labor bestowed upon it.

In this Union we have 437 Sabbath-schools with a membership of 10,181 of whom 372 are Home Department members, or those who can not attend the school and would thus be deprived of its benefits were it not that by this means the school is carried to them. I am glad to be able to say that every school in our Union is now working in harmony with the plan of the denomination in giving all its regular contributions to missions. As a proof that this does not tend to decrease the donations, but rather to increase our interest in the work, and our willingness to sacrifice for its advancement, we have \$30,704.79 donated to missions during the past two years, as compared with \$20,154.02 during the previous biennial period; or an increase of \$10,550.77 in two years. This needs no comment.

Occasionally we hear the criticism that our Sabbath-schools are giving too much attention to the raising of money, but this cannot be true. An interest in carrying the truth to others is always a proof that the truth is accomplishing something at home. While we have been giving this great sum for the purpose of carrying light to the dark parts of the world, 213 dear souls have been converted in our Sabbath-schools at home. It is impossible to say how much is due to the work of the Sabbath-school for these conversions, how much to the Missionary Volunteer movement, and how much to the influence of the day school, for all these organizations are working together for the young people, one being the complement of another, and all being branches of the one great whole—the church.

Our Sabbath-school teachers are making an effort to improve by means of the Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course. Every teacher and officer ought to be taking this course, and to be making use of all the helps provided by the Sabbath-school Department for increasing interest in this important line of work.

And now in returning to you the work which you have for a time entrusted to my care, I wish to thank you for the unvarying kindness shown to me by every member of the

Union Conference. I have met with the heartiest cooperation from all, and I assure you it has been appreciated. Although we need to accomplish far more than is now being done, and to step faster than in the past, yet I feel that the encouraging progress already made is largely due to your faithful efforts, and above all, to the blessing of our Heavenly Father. While we must seek His forgiveness for a lack of earnestness which might have brought the work to a higher plane, we thank and praise His name for all that has been done, and leave the future to His all-wise care.

CARRIE R. MOON.

Report from West Michigan

West Michigan has a very small territory, but the constituency is quite large. The two years intervening between this and the last Union Conference session have been filled with considerable history to some of us connected with this conference. This is so well known to the West Michigan people and a large number of the delegates that it seems hardly necessary to spend any time in rehearsing it.

At the last Lake Union Conference session the report indicated that the conference had resources numbering into the thousands, but the report of our treasurer at the close of the year 1911 showed that we have lost all our resources and the association was insolvent to the amount of \$9,965.59. This is certainly not a very good showing for the administration, but this is the situation and we cannot make it any different. At that time we had an academy, which has since been sold. In fact we have sold all the property that was an asset to the association, with the exception of the storehouse and three village lots valued at about \$800. These are still in the possession of the conference association.

The tithe during this period shows an increase of \$6,353.80. During the year 1910 there was a slight falling off in the tithe, so the gain has all been made in the last year. There was no windfall, it was simply a steady increase. The first three months of the present year show an increase over the corresponding period of the year 1911.

The membership of the conference has decreased from 3,200 to 2,376. The offerings to foreign missions for 1910 were \$11,313.65, and in 1911, \$10,501.22. I think it would be unfair for me not to explain the reason why they were not so great in 1910. We paid foreign mission offerings that year that had been held in the association to the amount of approximately \$5,300. It will be seen that our foreign mission offerings that year were not very large. During last year there was a decided increase.

I failed to get the figures showing the number of people who have accepted the truth in the past two years in this conference, but our tent efforts have not failed by any means, and our ministers and Bible workers have been having success. If the reports from West Michigan were compiled, I believe they would compare favorably with reports throughout the world. It is easy to get people into the truth in West Michigan, and when they accept the message, they are full-fledged Seventh-day Adventists.

There is only one department in our conference that is in debt,—the association. If bankrupt, our members are not bankrupt, and the West Michigan people have voted that when the property is disposed of, they will take hold and raise the indebtedness; and they will do it.

Our tract society is on a substantial basis. It has a surplus of about \$2,000 on which to do business.

We have only one intermediate school that is directly under conference control, and that is Cedar Lake Academy, which we have jointly with the North Michigan Conference. Elder Irwin will report for that school. The school in Battle Creek is conducted by the Battle Creek church. It is in a prosperous condition with an attendance of about one hundred.



S. E. WIGHT.

The number of church-schools in the West Michigan conference at the present time is 64. In the church-schools, the intermediate schools, and the College together there are about 400 children and young people.

There are six ordained ministers, four licentiates, twelve Bible workers, and several young men who are to go out this summer in the work. We have 69 churches, 16 Missionary Volunteer societies with a membership of 302, and a junior society which is doing good work.

The book work in West Michigan is steadily increasing. Of necessity changes have been made in the field agent very much to the regret of the conference committee, but it is hoped under the present arrangement that many of our books will be put into the hands of the people the coming season.

So far as I can learn, the people are interested in all phases of the message, and are endeavoring to educate their children for workers in the cause. West Michigan has a large share of its young people in the schools for the purpose of training to enter fields of usefulness.

I wish I could bring a more glowing report of the work in West Michigan, but we have been through some trying experiences; however so far as I can see, the conference is on the upward road and our people are generally of good courage. I believe the work is in the place where it will go forward and the third angel's message will prosper in West Michigan.

S. E. WIGHT.

Sixth Meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference

The sixth meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened at 9 A. M., Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan. Allen Moon occupied the chair. Hymn No. 628 was sung, and Elder W. T. Knox offered prayer. The report of the second period of the Fifth Meeting was read and accepted.

The meeting opened on the consideration of Recommendation No. 12. This proposition received wide and enthusiastic discussion, the following persons speaking to the question: H. A. Weaver, W. H. Thurston, O. Montgomery, E. Leland, J. M. Ellis, G. B. Thompson, A. L. Miller, U. S. Anderson, C. N. Sanders, J. C. McReynolds, H. A. Boylan, J. B. Blosser, the Chair, T. M. Theumler, D. W. Reavis, G. Roth, H. H. Burkholder.

No. 13 was not discussed.

No. 14 was discussed by S. C. Hannon, Wm. Ostrander, T. M. Theumler, W. T. Knox, and the Chair.

No. 15 was discussed by D. W. Reavis, G. Roth, A. C. Bourdeau.

The question on the whole of the Second Partial Report was put and carried.

H. E. Moon moved the adoption of the Third Partial Report of the Committee on Plans, which he rendered as follows:—

Third Partial Report— Church-Schools

Whereas we have in this Union Conference more than 4,000 young people and children of school age; and,—

Whereas less than half this number are enrolled in our schools; therefore,—

16. *We recommend*, That our people make diligent effort to locate where they can unite with other families in maintaining a school for their children; and, that our young people be urged to avail themselves of the privileges of our schools.

Whereas there is a great dearth of *efficient* teachers for our primary schools; therefore,—

17. *We recommend*, (a) That all our primary teachers and prospective teachers be urged to avail themselves of the privileges of the summer school, and

(b) That a teachers' institute be held annually at some convenient time and place in each conference, the expense of sending the teachers being borne by the conferences, and the churches employing such teachers be asked to continue their salary during the time of the institute.

Whereas great confusion and inconvenience is caused by the lack of uniformity in the length of school year, and in the time of opening and closing our schools; and,—

Whereas proper attention to the education of our children requires no less than nine months of each school year; therefore,—

18. *We recommend*, That arrangements be made for all our schools to open, as nearly as possible, during the first half of September and continue for nine months.

Whereas our church-schools require teachers of a greater degree of efficiency, and to maintain that efficiency a considerable amount must be expended annually by purchasing books, attending institutes, summer schools, etc.; and,—

Whereas the minimum wage of \$15 per month and board is insufficient to meet the needs of our church-school teachers; therefore,—

19. *We recommend*, That a sufficient salary be paid to enable them to meet these demands. And we further recommend that in churches where schools are conducted, every member be urged to assist in their support.

20. *We recommend*, That the traveling expenses of church-school teachers attending the summer school be provided by the conference sending them. And where teachers are transferred from one conference to another, the conference receiving the benefit of the teacher's labors pay said traveling expense, and further, that they also pay the traveling expense from the home of the teacher to his new field of labor.

Realizing that a knowledge of Bible doctrines and denominational history is essential to the spiritual development of our young people, and that their intellectual development depends largely upon the character of the books they read; therefore,—

21. *We recommend*, That all our laborers and leaders of churches, cooperate with their Missionary Volunteer secretaries in seeking to have every young person in their conferences take the study for Standard of Attainment and the Reading Courses arranged by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

Whereas most of our Sabbath-school teachers have not had a special training for this line of work; therefore,—

22. *We recommend*, That all our teachers and Sabbath-school officers avail themselves of the opportunity for im-

provement afforded by the Training Course of the *Sabbath School Worker*.

23. *We recommend*, That all our Sabbath-schools in which are unconverted or indifferent members, be urged to hold consecration services from time to time while the need remains; and we further recommend,—

That on all proper occasions work be done with parents to encourage better home study of Sabbath-school lessons.

Whereas all the Sabbath-schools of this Union have adopted the plan of this denomination to give all regular donations to missions; therefore,—

24. *Resolved*, That all our conference workers use their influence not only to maintain this plan, but also to greatly increase the Sabbath-school donations.

25. *And further resolved*, That our conference workers make a study of the plans for the advancement of our Sabbath-schools, and our Missionary Volunteer societies, that they may thus cooperate with those directly in charge of the work.

Believing the new plan recommended by the General Conference of devoting the offerings of the thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter to a special field, to be a good one involving twofold blessing; therefore,—

26. *We recommend*, That our ministers and other conference workers cooperate with the State secretaries in giving their influence to this plan.

Recess was taken at 10:50 A. M. Elder J. H. Schilling dismissed the meeting.

Resumption

2 TO 4 P. M. PERIOD

The Sixth Meeting resumed at 2:30 P. M., May 1, 1912; Allen Moon in the Chair. After the opening hymn, No. 78, prayer was offered by Elder A. C. Bourdeau.

No. 16 was discussed by A. C. Bourdeau, Wm. Covert, Mrs. C. R. Moon, O. D. Kittle, W. C. Hebner, H. A. Boylan, T. M. Theumler, C. Weber, W. H. Thurston, Miss Frances Case, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, W. E. Straw, P. C. Hanson, Wm. Woodford, C. N. Sanders, J. M. Hoyt, O. Montgomery, D. W. Reavis.

Amended by the insertion of the word "church" before the word "school" in the second line of "a". Motion to refer was lost.

Under special privilege, as the principal of the Swedish Seminary had to leave at once, the Committee on Nomination presented a partial report comprehending the twelve trustees for the Broadview Swedish Seminary as follows, who were duly elected by unanimous vote on motion of E. F. Peterson: Allen Moon, G. E. Langdon, O. A. Olsen, O. Montgomery, W. H. Thurston, C. F. McVagh, S. Mortenson, G. E. Nord, J. M. Erickson, John Hoffman, E. J. Boo, Martin Pearson.

No. 17 was discussed by H. R. Salisbury, I. C. Hannon, C. Weber, O. Montgomery, O. J. Graf, O. D. Kittle, C. L. Stone, Mrs. C. R. Moon, Miss Frances Case, J. C. McReynolds.

By common consent section "a" was transformed to connect with Recommendation 20, and "b" became the principal recommendation.

No. 18 discussed by G. E. Langdon, O. Montgomery, who added the word "primary", by common consent, to the first line of the recommendation before the word "schools," H. R. Salisbury, E. A. Bristol, H. A. Boylan, C. A. Russell.

No. 19 discussed by H. A. Boylan, Miss Case, Mrs. Moon, W. C. Hebner, H. R. Salisbury, S. C. Hannon, B. L. Post, I. A. Ford, D. W. Reavis, J. B. Blosser, C. A. Russell.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P. M., discussion pending. Prof. H. R. Salisbury dismissed the meeting.

ALLEN MOON, *Chairman*,
W. H. EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

Seventh Meeting

9 TO 11 A. M. PERIOD

The seventh meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference was called at 9 A. M., Thursday, May 2, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich.; Allen Moon in the chair. Opening hymn No. 108 was sung. Elder W. H. Thurston offered prayer. The record of the second period of the Sixth Meeting was read and accepted.

By consent the report of Emmanuel Missionary College—incorporated—was taken up out of order, and Prof. O. J. Graf, the manager and principal, read a prepared paper and a tabulated manifest of resources and liabilities and losses and gains, the conclusion of which showed a net gain for the ten months ending April 1, 1912 of \$6,014.39 included in a present worth of \$73,750.11.

Their enrollment for the current year has been 174, and the greatest attendance at any one time 162, with 150 still in attendance. They expect to graduate 23 students at the close of this year, making 14 upon whom have been conferred the degree of bachelor of arts since the incorporation of the College.

Much valuable paraphernalia has been added to the scientific, and general departments, and the College stands today as a credit not only to the Lake Union Conference, but to the denomination.

The adoption of the report was moved by W. H. Thurston, subject to audit.

Important remarks, more in the form of information and instruction than discussion were made by the Chair, and Prof. H. R. Salisbury, the General Conference Educational Secretary, the latter declaring that this institution has made the largest and best showing of any school in the denomination, though some have double the membership, and have higher tuition. He made an earnest appeal, as did also S. E. Wight, to the people of the Union to lift the \$40,000 indebtedness, and stop the crushing obligation of \$1,900 interest that must be paid from their earnings each year, that this sum may be used for necessary improvements to place the College above government criticism as that commission inspects, and approves or degrades colleges, also to lay aside for an addition to the men's dormitory, which is even now a patent necessity.

The motion then carried, and the conference took a recess till 2:30 P. M. Elder J. H. Schilling pronounced the benediction.

Resumption

2:30 TO 4 P. M. PERIOD

The Seventh Meeting resumed at 2:30 P. M., Thursday, May 2, 1912.

Allen Moon occupied the chair the first part of the meeting, and C. F. McVagh the last. The meeting opened with hymn No. 335; prayer was offered by Elder W. A. Young. The minutes of the morning period were accepted as read.

Business began by the re-reading of Recommendation No. 20, Sections a and b. Discussed by W. H. Thurston, Wm. Reefman, Mrs. C. R. Moon, Mrs. Flora Williams, Miss Frances Case, C. N. Saunders. A motion by B. E. Post to refer back to committee was lost. Discussion continued—O. Montgomery, J. C. McReynolds, W. H. Thurston, Miss Frances Case speaking and John Hoffmen asking for an immediate action on No. 20, principally to settle the mooted point on section b. The question was called and carried by a majority.

No. 21 was discussed by H. R. Salisbury, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Williams, H. A. Boylan.

No. 22 discussed by D. W. Reavis, G. B. Thompson.

No. 23 discussed by G. B. Thompson and Mrs. Mary Howell.

No. 24 discussed by G. B. Thompson.

No. 25 discussed by Mrs. Moon.

No. 26. discussed by B. E. Post, G. B. Thompson, Mrs. Howell, and W. T. Knox.

The third report as a whole was then adopted by vote.

H. E. Moon moved the adoption of the following Fourth Partial Report of the Committee on Plans.

Fourth Partial Report

Whereas we have within our borders the largest city in the United States, excepting New York, having a population, including outlying suburbs, of over three million inhabitants, representing many languages; and,—

Whereas the local conference in which this city is located has taken some advance steps in the work by the purchase of a church building for the foreign work, and the rental of a mission building for the English department; and,—

Whereas the headquarters of the North American Foreign Department of the General Conference Committee is located here; therefore,—

27. *Resolved*, That we ask the General Conference Committee to make an appropriation of \$5,000 for the work in Chicago.

Whereas the General Conference at its council at Friedensau, Germany, voted to hold the next quadrennial session at some central place in the United States; therefore,—

28. *Resolved*, That we cordially invite them to hold it at some place in the Lake Union Conference.

Whereas there are a number of French speaking people throughout this Union Conference, and we have no worker among them, and as the training of such workers is necessary; and,—

Whereas the General Conference council at Friedensau, Germany, recommended the establishment of a French educational fund for the training of French workers in America; therefore,—

29. *We recommend*, That this Union cooperate in raising this fund.

Whereas our annual camp-meetings are a large expense and often interfere with the tent-meeting season, and the meetings in different conferences often overlap each other, making it difficult for our general men to attend all the meetings; and,—

Whereas, the question has arisen as to the advisability of holding biennial camp-meetings in this Union; therefore,—

30. *We recommend*, That the plan of holding conference camp-meetings once in two years be adopted in this Union by four conferences holding their conference camp-meeting one year and the other three conferences holding their camp-meeting the next year. And, further, that each conference hold small local camp-meetings in different parts of their field during the year that the large conference camp-meeting is not held.

Whereas the rapid development of the message has far outgrown the financial plans of the denomination; and,—

Whereas to meet the situation, the General Conference Committee has requested all conference officials to place this situation and need before their constituencies, and they be requested to increase their gifts to foreign missions to such an extent that their offerings will equal at least fifteen cents per week per member; therefore,—

31. *Resolved*, That recognizing the reasonableness and necessity of this request, we approve of the plan and pledge ourselves to do our utmost for its accomplishment.

As the time of the session is fast passing, consideration was begun at once on this report, and No. 27 was read. Discussed and explained by Allen Moon, and G. E. Langdon.

No. 28 discussed by W. T. Knox and Allen Moon, and unanimously adopted at once, the entire congregation voting.

Conference adjourned at 4:15 P. M., action pending. Elder M. S. Burnham dismissed the meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
W. H. EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

Do Not Forget

Friends, the salvation of our youth will depend largely upon their own efforts for others. What are we doing to cooperate with God in helping our young people prepare to do the work for which He has chosen them? Upon every church a divine hand lays the responsibility of doing her utmost to enlist and train her young men and women for Christian service; so I trust that nothing will hinder any church, large or small, from observing May 25 as Young People's Day. An excellent program appears in the *Review* of May 9. Study the work for our youth. Pray for its success. It merits our support. God has marvelously blessed this work in the past, and we cannot doubt its future success; but He is counting on your church to cooperate with Him in utilizing to the best advantage the organization which He has called into existence to help save our youth from the world and train them for service in the Macedonian fields at home and abroad. Do not forget May 25. It is a special opportunity to study the Missionary Volunteer work. Make the most of it.

MATILDA ERICKSON,

Corresponding Secretary of General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

Missionary Work

A class in the junior department of the Battle Creek Sabbath-school, composed of Margaret Hunter, Oneta Casady, Vera Hoodner, Genevieve Edwards, Anna Ritchey, Myrtle Haughey, and Mildred Presley, with Mrs. C. W. Curtis as teacher, decided to do something for China. After considering different ways, they decided to make a quilt and sell it, and then send both quilt and money to China.

The quilt was nicely made by these girls, and contains forty-two blocks. It was exhibited at the last meeting of the Lake Union Conference, and the work, purpose, and desire of the girls was explained by Elder Langdon with the hope that a dollar a block might be received for the quilt. The offering was taken, and to the surprise of many, and possibly all, \$80 was received. It was then suggested that \$20 more be given and thus make an even \$100. To this request Brother Hart responded with \$20 in cash. On looking the offerings over it was found that some one else had put in a twenty dollar gold piece. After the offering was taken, Sister Curtis, by request, brought the class forward. The expression of joy on their faces showed that they felt more than repaid for the effort they had made. This is an illustration of what children and young people may do in missionary work. In some way all may help. These girls gave their work to the Master, and it is understood that they have all given their hearts to Him for service. So may it be with all members of our Sabbath-schools everywhere.

W. H. THURSTON.

Wisconsin Conference

At a meeting of the Bethel Academy Board held recently, the needs of the school were considered and it was found that a cream separator will be needed very soon. It sometimes occurs that farmers in buying, selling, and changing location have extra pieces of farm implements, furniture, etc., and it is quite possible that some of our brethren may have an extra separator they would be willing to donate to the school.

A separator for the school should have a capacity of from four to six hundred pounds. In case any of our brethren should have such a separator and are willing to donate it in part, or entire, please inform the school. We shall be pleased to hear from any one relative to this matter, and any help in this will be much appreciated.

Address communications to Bethel Academy, Bethel, Wis.

W. H. THURSTON.

News Notes

We believe that as our Wisconsin delegates returned from the Lake Union Conference meeting, they did so feeling, without exception, that a real spiritual feast had been enjoyed, and with new courage and determination to press on in the work.

Miss Lela Graber, a former Wisconsin girl and graduate of Bethel Academy—who is now a student at Emmanuel Missionary College, spent five days and two evenings recently selling our ten-cent magazines in Chicago. She disposed of 1,166 papers, clearing \$80. We are indeed glad to report Miss Graber's success which should be an inspiration to many others.

Camp-Meetings for North Michigan

Realizing that our people in North Michigan are anxious to know about the camp-meetings for this summer, I will say that the time has been set for the one in the Upper Peninsula, June 17-23, but the place has not been secured as yet. We hope soon to be able to tell just where it will be. A canvassers' institute will be held just before this meeting, instead of holding it at Harris as we planned. The institute will begin June 11 and will continue during that week, and there will be some class work during the regular part of the camp-meeting. I trust that all our canvassers in the Upper Peninsula will make a special effort to be there.

The annual camp-meeting will be held at Traverse City again this year, but possibly in a different part of the town. This has not been settled as yet. The time of the meeting will be August 26 to September 1. This is a shorter space of time than we usually have for camp-meeting, but in plan the work we found it absolutely necessary to shorten the time to one week so we could get help from the General Conference. The present arrangement will make it possible to have general help attend our meeting all the way through. Having the time of the meeting shorter this year, all should be there promptly at the opening service.

I trust that all who can will plan to attend these meetings this year. It is a fact that the Lord is blessing His people and we are one year nearer His coming than we were last year. The devices of the enemy are becoming more subtle and perplexing than they ever were before, and we need special help from the Lord to stand in this evil day. At our camp-meeting where our people are gathered together we receive great strength and help. Let us lay our plans now to attend one of these gatherings that we may receive the help God designs for us.

J. J. IRWIN.

News Notes

Elder J. J. Irwin, E. F. Peterson, S. E. Kellman, B. F. Williams, and Miss Crouch attended the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek.

Brother Albert Chalker sent in an order for 200 magazines. Our good brother found no difficulty in disposing of these message-filled papers.

Get your copy of the new book of the Reading Course early. "Miracles of Missions" by A. T. Pierson. A splendid book. Cloth \$1, paper 35 cents.

Be sure to read the article by Elder Irwin on the subject of "Camp-meetings." It is not too soon to lay your plans for attending these important gatherings.

Brother B. F. Williams, our field agent, arrived in Petoskey the evening of the 8th. We bespeak for him the hearty cooperation of all our people in the important work in which he is engaged.

The LAKE UNION HERALD is being sent to every family in the conference for a few weeks. We hope that no one will permit its visits to cease, but will send in their subscription to the tract society, 50 cents per year or 25 cents for six months.

Brother W. S. Bonnar of Zeba, Mich., is having very good success selling our 10-cent magazines. We would like to see many of our brethren and sisters doing a systematic monthly work with these papers. Write the tract society for liberal proposition.

The other day we received a letter from Helmer, Mich., inclosing one dollar for tithe and two dollars for periodicals, but no name was signed to the letter. We would be glad to send the receipt, but cannot do so until we know to whom it should be sent.

East Michigan Conference

Greendale, Saint Louis, and Alma

At Greendale a town hall was secured in which we held meetings about three weeks. The meetings were not well attended by the general public because of prejudice, but a few came regularly and were benefited. One family of backsliders were reclaimed.

Brother H. B. Wescott joined me in the effort at Saint Louis. The company of Sabbath-keepers at this place is small, but we had some good meetings. The brethren and sisters are united in purpose, and desire to be faithful till Jesus comes.

At Alma we distributed three hundred invitation cards, also announced our subjects daily, using a bulletin board. A few people not of our faith came in, and one lady decided to obey the commandments; her son and his wife, who had been studying the message, also took their stand and desire baptism soon. Sabbath, April 27, was a good day. A spirit of consecration and putting away of sin is coming into our churches. May we by our faithfulness hasten the coming of the Master.

F. H. HOXIE.

Canvassers' Notes

We are glad to make mention of the faithful time Brother Alfonso Ford put in canvassing during the month of April. The standard of attainment to reach the Honor Roll is forty hours per week for the men, and thirty hours per week for our lady canvassers. Brother Ford canvassed 186 hours, or twenty-six hours more than the standard of attainment requires. Thus Brother Ford has demonstrated that forty hours per week is only a reasonable service we owe the Lord.

W. D. MOORE.

Adelphian Academy Notes

A picture of the commercial students has been taken and will appear in the new calendar.

Recently at the home of Sister Patterson a number of the members of the faculty were pleasantly entertained by Sister Patterson and Miss Emma Martin.

At the Conference Professor Taylor, Miss Barr, Howard Hicks, and Chas. Glidden were present. Professor Taylor brought back a cheering report of the meeting.

We were all made sad by the news of the death of Mr. Forsee's father on April 29. The aged man had visited his son during a recent illness, and upon his return home suffered a stroke of paralysis.

The sewing and dress-making classes are making excellent progress. In the latter class each member is now finishing the year's work, by making a dress for herself that is simple and healthful in design.

On May 8, the chapel hour was occupied by Dr. David Paulson. All who have heard him know the value of his talks, which are interesting, inspiring, and above all most practical. This talk was not an exception.

This school felt itself highly favored by receiving a visit

from Elder A. G. Daniells during the time of the Battle Creek Conference. His touching talk upon the work in Russia filled his hearers with a desire to do more for Christ.

NOTICE.—We sell the best grade of Vegetable Cooking Oil that is made, and it gives entire satisfaction every time. We sell it in five-gallon cans only, at \$4 per can. Send for a can. Address East Michigan Tract Society, Holly, Michigan.

West Michigan Conference

April

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Albion				Grand Rapids ..	177 32		14 36
Allegan	44 98	2 58	13 27	Grandville	7 67	90	6 00
Allendale	20 11	1 80	5 45	Greenville	37 06	2 09	19 90
Bangor				Hastings			
Battle Creek ..	724 52	18 75	118 89	Holland	46 75		19 34
Bauer	48 87	1 88	15 22	Holton	30 52	3 60	9 69
Bedford	55 53		4 51	Homer	16 70		8 64
Belding				Kalamazoo	183 64	5 66	15 17
Benton Harbor	11 30	96	12 51	Kent City	3 13		3 26
Berrien Springs	272 91	18 35	125 74	Kinderhook			
Bloomington ..	15 92		2 30	Lakeview	98 21		10 38
Brookfield	16 48		4 85	Lowell	18 32	2 39	62 70
Buchanan				Lyons	6 21		2 27
Burlington	9 43			Maple Grove	44 97	4 49	12 52
Bushnell	39 52		8 93	Mecosta	50 55	1 40	15 50
Byron Center ..	23 01			Mendon	26 04	1 83	10 62
Carlton Center ..	51 88	2 22	40 97	Monterey	18 41	1 70	3 90
Carlson City	28 72	1 88	13 00	Muskegon	39 57	6 77	48 43
Cedar Lake	129 78	1 33	14 90	Otsego	189 26	8 11	31 27
Cedar Springs ..	10 37		6 89	Palo	15 80		2 50
Charlotte	31 12		11 20	Paw Paw	46 09		16 14
Clifford Lake ..	43 80		2 26	Portland	61 73	47	13 64
Coldwater	12 99		9 90	Pottersville	27 00	2 54	9 63
Covert	12 08	87	3 15	Quincy	10 34		12 96
Decatur	13 71		2 26	Rothbury	32 78	34	8 79
Denver				Sand Lake	30 45		2 87
Dimondale	25 42	72	9 52	Shelby	69 36	2 14	15 42
Douglas			4 71	Sturgis	62 18	3 00	7 95
Eaton Rapids ..	12 65	35	7 62	Trufant	64 25		10 00
Edmore	84 93		12 74	Urbondale			
Fremont	35 07	4 43	15 18	Union City	15 30		13 96
Frost	41 15	55	11 75	West Leroy	26 78		16 78
Glenwood	68 07	40	14 60	Wright			
Gowen	5 91	1 16	75	Individuals	21 95		47 40
Grand Haven ..	3 09		60				
Grand Ledge ..	8 50		2 64	Totals	3380 16	105 66	968 30

Obituaries

STRICKLAND.—Esther Darling, infant daughter of Arthur and Belle Strickland, died April 28, 1912. She sleeps until the glad resurrection morning, when she will be given back to waiting loved ones. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

R. U. GARRETT.

REMMINGTON.—Lowell C. Remington died in Meauwataka, Mich., April 9, 1912, aged 52 years, 5 months, and 15 days. Brother Remington was a good neighbor and respected by all who knew him. A large congregation listened to the funeral service.

M. C. GUILD.

MARVIN.—Myrtle Bell Marvin died at Traverse City, Mich., Apr. 29, 1912, aged 36 years and 10 months. Although in feeble health for a number of years she was a constant attendant at church and Sabbath-school. She loved to study the precious truths of the Bible. A father, mother, and one sister survive.

M. C. GUILD.

STEVENS.—Mrs. Barbara A. Stevens was born Sept. 25, 1836, in Scranton, Pa. She came to Ottawa, Ill., when a young woman and has resided here ever since. She embraced the truths held dear by Seventh-day Adventists about twenty years ago. She died at the home of her niece in South Ottawa, April 19, 1912. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isaiah 26:19-21.

J. C. HARRIS.

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Mrs. Lou Kirby-Curtis - - - Editor

Brother Clarence Harris and wife (Sister Harris will be remembered by many of the teachers of the Union as Miss Carrie Applegate) find the LAKE UNION HERALD a necessity in their home in the "Sunny South." They are valued workers in the Huntsville (Ala.) Training School.

We have just received the *Washington Foreign Mission Seminary Record*, containing the annual report of the president of the Seminary and much other valuable information. Copies may be obtained free by addressing Prof. M. E. Kern, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Emmanuel Missionary College

Miss Ruth Huffman of Battle Creek is visiting friends at the College.

Mr. H. B. Allen of Leatherman, N. Carolina, is here on business.

Brother John McReynolds, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference, recently spent a day at the College.

Elder and Mrs. Allen Moon spent Sabbath at the College. Elder Moon preached on "Baptism" in the morning.

Brother J. A. Applegate, canvassing agent of the Northern Illinois Conference, was a caller at the office recently.

Brother Clifford Russel, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, gave a talk in chapel one morning last week.

Prof. H. R. Salisbury spent a few hours at the College last week. He gave an inspiring talk on "The Value of a College Education."

The spring recital given by the voice students, evening after Sabbath, reflected credit upon the department and its instructor, Miss Graf.

Camp-Meetings for 1912

In the past it has been found difficult to arrange for time for all the camp-meetings in the Lake Union Conference without conflicting with, or overlapping each other. The Union Conference Committee spent much time in an endeavor to arrange for seven meetings of ten days' duration each. It was finally suggested that our people seldom attend through the entire time of a ten-days' meeting, the early part being sparsely attended, and that it might be well to reduce the time to one week for each meeting, the same as is practiced in Europe. The Committee finally decided to try the plan, which would give time for all the meetings before the schools open in the fall. Accordingly the following list of camp-meetings was arranged, which we trust will be fully satisfactory to all:—

Wisconsin	June 20 to June 30
So. Illinois	July 29 to Aug. 4

Indiana	Aug. 5 to	11
East Mich.	" 12 to	18
N. Illinois	" 19 to	25
N. Mich.	" 26 to	Sept. 1
West Mich.	Sept. 2 to	8

ALLEN MOON.

Business Notices

FOR SALE.—At a great bargain, a good house in Holly Michigan. House has nine rooms besides bath-room. Write for particulars to the East Michigan Tract Society, Holly, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Rose comb reds that weigh, lay, win, and pay, winning at Kalamazoo 1, 4, 5; pullets, 2 and 5. Pen eggs \$1.50 to \$3 for fifteen. Send for mating list. Special discount to Adventists. Geo. Hudson, R. F. D. Mattawan, Mich.

SEND TEN CENTS FOR SAMPLE CAN POSTPAID.—Sanitarium Food Company's "Gold Medal" Vegetable Cooking Oil pleases where others fail. Used in sanitariums, bakeries, restaurants, and our best homes for shortening, frying, seasoning, salads, etc. Guaranteed. Economical, healthful. Sample can and price ten cents mailed. Sanitarium Food Company, St. Paul, Minn.

"Should Be Circulated by the Million"

is the belief of the editor of a Southern Seventh-day Adventist periodical about the tract, "Darkness of Millennial Dawn." Already three editions of the tract have been printed. Send to your tract society, or to John N. Quinn, Takoma Park, D. C., for a supply, and help overthrow the Millennial Dawn delusion. Two cents each; discount for large quantities.

Publications Wanted

The following named persons desire late, clean copies of our publications sent postpaid:—

Life and Health and other magazines are desired for general distribution by G. D. Bennett, 1023 Rockton Ave., Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Wm. Harcourt, Clifford, Wis., would be glad to receive periodicals and magazines, also Finnish literature for distribution.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending
May 3, 1912

Northern Illinois.								
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.	
J. H. Banty	B.R.	45	7	24 00	1 20	25 20	...	...
North Michigan								
†K. V. Bjork	F.R.	13	3	8 25	18 03	26 28	98 98	
Indiana								
H. W. Plake	C.K.	22	7	13 00	1 00	14 00	50	
†R. Joyce	D.R.	49	9	29 00	14 65	43 65		
		71	16	42 00	15 65	57 65	50	
West Michigan								
John Savage	C.K.	4	1	1 50	75	2 25	3 00	
Tim Hallock	D.R.	10	...	...	...	...	36 75	
Orrey Waters	D.R.	17	...	...	2 25	2 25	2 25	
*J. E. Herrington	G.C.	57	12	36 00	8 00	44 00		
J. C. Wells	S.D.	50	4	5 00	24 85	29 85	29 85	
		138	17	42 50	35 85	87 35	71 85	
East Michigan								
Luella Case	B.R.	25	12	12 50	9 35	21 85	4 80	
George McClenathan	G.C.	18	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	127 25	
Frank M. Catlin	D.R.	5	...	...	75	75	34 25	
Mrs. Countryman	C.K.	36	21	33 50	9 30	42 80	4 80	
C. S. Countryman	D.R.	2	2	6 00	...	6 00	11 40	
C. Lyman Clark	B. R.	17	2	6 00	25	6 25	...	
Olive Campbell	D.R.	...	...	...	...	...	18 55	
Lee M. Barnum	D.R.	9	2	6 00	50	6 50	...	
F. W. Brainard	D.R.	27	6	16 80	4 00	20 80	...	
		139	49	94 80	25 65	120 45	201 05	
18 Agents		406	92	211 55	96 38	307 93	372 38	

* Two weeks. † Three weeks. ‡ Week ending April 19.