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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA S. D. A.
CONFERENCE OF 1901.

THE thirty-eighth annual session of the Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Conference convened on the camp ground at Governor's Square, May 31, 1901, at 9:15 A. M., Eld. L. A. Hoopes in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. W. W. Prescott. The Chairman expressed gratitude of heart for past blessings and present mercies, with a desire that all present might occupy a position where God can work through them to his honor and glory. All ministering brethren from abroad were invited to participate in the deliberations. The following recommendation was offered by Bro. J. O. Beard:—

That a committee of twenty be selected which, with the Conference Committee, shall act as an advisory committee to prepare business matters and bring them before this session of the Conference; that Eld. A. G. Daniells be chairman, and that the other members of this committee be elected by the delegates, the Scandinavian work, the German work, and the medical work to be represented along with the English work; and, further, that said advisory committee appoint sub-committees on nominations, on credentials and licenses, and on plans for labor, and such other committees as it shall see fit, which shall make suggestive reports to it.

Remarks were made by the Chair in favor of the recommendation, which was carried unanimously. Nominations for the committee of twenty being in order, the following were elected: J. O. Beard, E. G. Olsen, L. F. Trubey, N. C. Bergersen, T. H. Jeys, J. H.

Kraft, J. C. Kunkle, Dr. J. D. Shively, A. J. Stiffler, J. W. Crouse, Henry Nicola, B. L. Dieffenbacher, C. H. Parsons, W. M. Adams, R. J. Douglass, C. W. Smouse, F. L. Moody, C. W. Larson, W. L. Manfull. Upon written application four churches were admitted to the Conference as follows: Ames, 17 members, with P. L. Hoen acting delegate; Clinton, 23 members, N. M. Jorgensen and Mrs. Bertha Jorgensen delegates; Story City, 9 members, N. C. Bergersen delegate; Oxford Mills, 8 members, Mrs. B. W. Zilley delegate. Eld. A. G. Daniells spoke of the meeting on this same camp-ground fifteen years ago, and of the changes that have taken place since then, expressing a desire for greater consecration to the work in the future than in the past. A letter of encouragement from Eld. A. T. Jones, who was in attendance at the general meeting in the Upper Columbia Conference, was read, which served as an inspiration to this meeting.

SECOND MEETING, June 2, 9:15 A. M. The Committee on Counsel reported the following committees: Pastoral Committee,—L. A. Hoopes, C. A. Washburn, L. F. Starr, Mrs. Jessie L. Adams, Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas; Committee on Nominations,—C. H. Parsons, J. O. Beard, N. C. Bergersen, A. J. Stiffler, John Heald, C. J. Kunkle, Daniel Andre; Committee on Recommendations,—L. F. Starr, Dr. J. D. Shively, T. H. Jeys, Jessie V. Bosworth, E. G. Olsen, O. E. Cummings, E. E. Gardner; Committee on Delegation,—H. Nicola and E. E. Gardner.

THIRD MEETING, June 3, 5:30 A. M. Eld. Prescott stated that the great need of this people is a new conversion to the present truth, a living faith in the great fact that the Lord is soon coming. He called our attention to the

promises made to the Seven Churches of Revelation, which are all "to him that overcometh." The condition of the last church is set forth by saying, because of their lukewarmness, "I will spue thee out of my mouth." The counsel to the church is, "Buy of me gold tried in the fire," and "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." The prophet says to the people: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse...and prove me now herewith...if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." God is continually giving. We gain by giving and lose by withholding. The amount of ten cents per week from all our members will give to our mission treasury more than five times as much as it has been receiving. Now, in this time of seeming prosperity, the temptation is to enlarge our worldly possessions, when the Word of God tells us that wreck and ruin are just before us. We need the reviving influence of the Holy Spirit to cause the streams of blessing to flow. When asked, "Who are ready to adopt the ten-cent-a-week plan?" nearly all the congregation voted favorably. The merits of the *Missionary Magazine* were then presented, and a request was made that all who are not now taking this important periodical subscribe at once. Forty new subscriptions were received in response to this call.

FOURTH MEETING, June 3, 9:15 A. M. Bro. O. E. Cummings, District Canvassing Agent, was asked to lead in the consideration of the canvassing work; and he spoke of the present status of this department, recommending specific measures for its advance-

ment. Remarks were made by the Chair in approval of the change being wrought, in the re organization of the work. We have come to a place where it is absolutely necessary that a change shall be made. The large army of young people in our midst must be set to work, and when we get to work in right lines there will be work for all. Eld. Daniells spoke of the vast multitudes of so-called heathen people, who are dependent on this people for the saving truths of the gospel. What vast responsibilities rest upon us who have this precious truth and so many facilities and advantages. England, with forty millions of people, has only five or six ministers preaching this message, with none of our institutions and but very few facilities, as compared with what we have; and this is also true of all the countries where we have made a small beginning, or possibly not even begun to work. Who among us is willing to make a sacrifice to send one or more of our workers to these needy fields and support them there? How many will Iowa send? The Dark Continent, with its two hundred and sixty millions of souls, is appealing to us for help. Who will respond to this call for men and means? Let us place all upon the altar, and thus hasten this message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

FIFTH MEETING, June 3, 3 P. M. The report of the Committee on Plans was called for, and the Secretary, Thos. H. Jeys, made the following partial report:—

Whereas, The ten-cent-a-week plan of donating to foreign missions has proven a successful means of collecting funds for the regions beyond, and has resulted in spiritual benefit to those who have adopted it; therefore,—

1. *We recommend*, That our people adopt the plan and that our laborers exercise diligence in encouraging it throughout the Conference.

Whereas, The General Conference has requested the State Conference to pay a second tithe for missionary work; therefore,—

2. *We recommend*, That our Conference Treasurer be authorized to send this amount, through the Union Conference treasury, for this purpose.

3. *We recommend*, That general meetings be held in different parts of the State, for the instruction and encouragement of the churches, and for the special study of the missionary, Sabbath-school, and young people's work.

4. *Resolved*, That we recognize the importance of systematic study of God's Word, and an intelligent knowledge of our field, which is the world, and that we continue to urge the adoption of the Reading Circle plan in every S. D. Adventist family.

5. *We recommend*, That an effort be made to reach the blind in our State, and that our local societies be asked to donate to the circulation of the *Christian Record* among those too poor to pay the subscription price.

Whereas, The instruction has been given that the canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order; that the time has come when a

large work should be done by the canvasser; and that where there is one canvasser there should be one hundred; therefore,—

6. *We recommend*, (a) That one or more canvassers' institutes be held during the coming winter. (b) That men who have had success in the canvassing work be encouraged and advised to again engage in this line of work. (c) That the importance of resident canvassing work be kept before the churches. (d) That each church encourage one or more of its members to engage in canvassing for our large books, under the direction of the State Agent.

Whereas We have been instructed that all should be interested in the sale of books treating on the health question, as well as in the sale of distinctively religious books; therefore,—

7. *We recommend*, That equal attention be given our medical and religious books wherever the canvassing work is presented.

On motion each item was considered separately and adopted. Questions were asked concerning the circulation of our German and Scandinavian papers, also in regard to continuing the semi-monthly missionary readings, which cost the Society about sixty dollars per year. This latter brought out considerable discussion. A motion was made to continue the helps and was carried. The question, "Is it necessary to report our missionary work?" was answered by Dr. Paulson, by citing the example of the seventy on their return to Jerusalem, whose good report caused Christ to rejoice.

SIXTH MEETING, June 3, 8 P. M. The time was fully occupied by Eld. Prescott, who gave a stirring discourse on the coming of the Lord, and the great work before us, to give this glorious message to the world in this generation.

SEVENTH MEETING, June 4, 9:15 A. M. The Chairman read a portion of the first chapter of Colossians for the morning lesson. The Committee on Plans made the following additional report:—

We contemplate with satisfaction the excellent work done by our churches in the State with "Christ's Object Lessons." Nearly eight thousand books have been taken, and nearly five thousand dollars returned on sales. We desire to see this continue; therefore,—

8. *We recommend*, A redoubling of energy and diligence on the part of our people to push this work to a successful finish.

Whereas, The Spirit of God has said that ministers have a work to do in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons;" therefore,—

9. *We commend* to our ministers in the field this work, which may be carried on successfully in connection with the different lines of evangelical work.

Whereas, Our periodicals are a source of blessing to those who have them, and are necessary to a proper appreciation of the magnitude and progress of the work; therefore,—

10. *We recommend*, That all our people become subscribers to the various papers, especially the *Review* and *Missionary Magazine*. We urge our ministers to give this the attention its importance demands.

Whereas, God has said that our periodicals should be scattered like the leaves of autumn,

and that all the membership should engage in this line of work; therefore,—

11. *We recommend*, That earnest efforts be made by ministers and church officers to get all to engage in general tract and paper distribution, by selling, loaning, or giving away.

12. *We recommend*, That earnest efforts be made to save the children of unbelievers by the establishment of branch Sabbath-schools wherever practicable.

13. *We recommend*, That in each Sabbath-school an In-gathering, or Children's Day, service be held in the autumn, to develop more fully the missionary spirit, the exercises to be conducted with special reference to the youth and children.

Whereas, God has greatly blessed, and the interest has been increased where Sabbath-school conventions, or institutes, have been held; therefore,—

14. *We recommend*, That the holding of these conventions be continued, and that wherever possible Conference workers be in attendance.

15. *We recommend*, That the officers and teachers throughout the State be urged to supply themselves with the *Sabbath School Worker* and "Selections from the Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work."

Whereas, The field is the world, and we are debtors to our fellowmen in the regions beyond; therefore,—

16. *We recommend*, That the Conference support a laborer who will work under the direction of the Mission Board, and who will be requested to report to this Conference.

At this time the meeting took a recess in order to give time for a short session of the Sabbath-school Association. After the adjournment of the Association, the Conference adjourned till 11:15 A. M., and the time was taken by the Chairman and Elds. Prescott and Daniells, in setting forth the plan for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" for the relief of our schools. Pledges and donations were then taken for the material fund to the amount of \$147.45 in cash, and \$560.50 in pledges.

EIGHTH MEETING, June 4, 3 P. M. The subject for consideration was that of our church schools. The hour was occupied by Prof. Prescott. He spoke of the necessity of Christian education, setting forth the proper relation of teachers and parents to the children in this important work. An opportunity was given to ask questions, and many practical thoughts were brought out which were instructive to all.

NINTH MEETING, June 5, 9:15 A. M. The Chairman stated that the subject for the day was our medical missionary work and the relation that our sanitariums should sustain to the general work. Dr. Paulson lead in explanation of the "Sanitarium idea," as he termed it, showing that there is no agency among us that can become a greater factor for good than our sanitariums. But in order that this may be so, great care should be taken that they be carefully guarded against the special dangers to which they are exposed, lest they become a snare and a

trap instead of a blessing. Judge Arthur being called upon, explained the necessity of having the proper legal safeguards placed around all our institutions, in order that they may not be diverted from the proper plan and drawn into the service of the enemy. A recess was then taken till 11 A. M., after which the subject of the previous meeting was continued by Dr. Paulson.

TENTH MEETING, June 6, 9:15 A. M. The Treasurer's report was called for and read.

The auditors reported that they had examined the accounts item by item, and found them practically correct. On motion the reports of the Treasurer and auditors were accepted. The Secretary then read the recommendations not acted upon, and Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11 were passed without discussion. On No. 12 the Chairman stated that the Sabbath-school work has now been made a department of the Conference, and is worthy of careful consideration by the whole Conference. The question as to the propriety of holding these schools on Sunday where attendance can not be secured on the Sabbath, was answered in the affirmative. No. 16 was discussed at some length, and amended by substituting the words "one or more laborers" for "a laborer," as in the original report. Much interest was expressed by the congregation at large to encourage our laborers, "as many as the Lord our God shall call," to go to the regions beyond our own Conference limits. This question was spoken to at some length by Eld. Daniells, Prof. Magan, and many others, and elicited more interest than any other that has been before the Conference. Pending this discussion, Conference adjourned till 3:00 P. M.

ELEVENTH MEETING, June 6, 3 P. M. A motion was made to adopt the resolutions as a whole, as amended, which was carried. After an explanation by Eld. Daniells concerning the relation of the Advisory Committee to the smaller sub-committees, it was moved and supported that the Committee on Plans be requested to bring in a resolution to accept the work of the Sabbath-school Association. The Committee on Nominations made the following report: For President, L. F. Starr; Vice-President, L. F. Trubey; Conference Committee, L. F. Starr, L. F. Trubey, C. A. Washburn, N. C. Bergersen, E. G. Olsen, J. H. Kraft, B. E. Fullmer; Conference Secretary, Mrs. Flora V. Dor-

cas; Conference Treasurer, J. W. Dorcas; Missionary Secretary, Jessie V. Bosworth; State Agent, Thos. H. Jeys; Assistant Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, C. W. Larson; Corresponding Secretary, Della Wallace. We would further recommend, That if any one whose name is suggested here shall be called to any foreign field, the Conference Committee release said party and encourage them to go, and that they be authorized to fill the vacancy. A motion to postpone action on this report till the following day was lost. A motion to adopt the report by considering each name separately was carried, and all the names on the report were elected as nominated. The Committee on Nominations presented the following names to act as trustees for the Iowa S. D. A. Association for the coming year: C. A. Washburn, L. F. Starr, C. G. Johnston, C. W. Smouse, C. W. Larson, J. W. Dorcas, Lewis Johnson. A motion to adopt resulted in the election of each name presented. The following additional report from the Committee on Plans was made:—

In behalf of the great needs of the Southern field and the many urgent appeals of the Lord's servant for the same,—

17. We recommend, That our brethren in Iowa donate liberally to that field as the Lord may lead them.

18. We urge upon our people the importance of establishing church schools.

19. We recommend, That our brethren throughout the State study diligently the principles of Christian education, and step out by faith and put the principles learned into practical use.

20. We recommend, The appointment of a church school superintendent for our State, who shall co-operate with the Conference Committee and the N. W. Union Conference church school superintendent, the superintendent to be appointed by the Conference Committee in consultation with the Union College superintendent and these in charge of our training school.

21. Owing to the demand for earnest, consecrated, competent teachers for our schools, we call upon S. D. Adventist teachers who have been successful in secular schools, to consecrate their talents and experience to the cause of the third angel's message, to study the principles given to this people upon the subject of Christian education, and to hold themselves in readiness to fill places in our school work, as the providence of God opens the way.

22. As Union College is intending to hold a summer school, commencing about the middle of July, for the benefit of church school teachers, we ask that special effort be made to get our teachers throughout the State to attend this school or institute.

Recognizing the necessity that something effectual be done at once to save our children, youth, and young people, and to educate them to be "laborers together with God,"—

22. We recommend, That our young people be encouraged to organize themselves into companies, that they may labor unitedly for the salvation of souls. We further recommend that the suggestions presented before the General Conference regarding this work be adopted as

the foundation for this branch of the work in our State.

The Chairman made very earnest remarks concerning the church school work, and its importance as a training school for Conference workers. Eld. Daniells followed, explaining the suggestion made before the General Conference regarding young people's societies, and some of the plans contemplated to make this work interesting and instructive to our youth. Prof. Magan spoke of plans to unite the church school work and the Sabbath-school work, and that its benefits be extended to those not of our faith.

TWELFTH MEETING, June 7, 9:15 A. M. Eld. Hoopes explained his relation to the work and how he happened to be acting as president at these meetings, and stated some of the reasons why he had consented to take work in Union College instead of remaining in the Conference, as he had expected to do by reason of the recent action of the General Conference. At this time he introduced Eld. L. F. Starr as duly elected President of the Iowa Conference, who took the chair as presiding officer. The following resolution was presented by Bro. J. O. Beard:—

That the constitution be so amended as to make the Sabbath-school work a department of the Iowa Conference, providing for a secretary and treasurer, and that such other field help as may be needed shall be provided by the Conference Committee.

The resolution was adopted as read. It was moved and carried that A. Helen Wilcox be elected as Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Sabbath-school Department of the Iowa Conference. On motion, the following churches were dropped from the rolls of the Iowa Conference: Alta, Belmond, Fostoria, Logan, Unionville, Radcliffe. The Committee on Licenses and Credentials made the following partial report: For credentials,—C. A. Washburn, C. F. Stevens, H. Nicola, J. T. Mitchell, E. G. Olsen, J. S. Hart, J. W. Adams, W. B. Everhart, E. E. Gardner, L. F. Starr, L. F. Trubey, Wm. Guthrie, R. H. Habenicht, Frank Washburn, B. E. Fullmer, B. L. Dieffenbacher, N. C. Bergersen, J. H. Kraft, C. J. Kunkle, J. O. Beard; for ordination,—F. L. Moody, Henry Johnson, W. M. Adams, U. P. Long, W. E. Frederick, T. H. Jeys, C. T. Adams, C. A. Hanson; for ministerial license,—E. H. Adams, P. P. Adams, N. L. McClintock, C. W. Neal, N. M. Jorgensen, J. W. Dorcas, Carl Jensen, Wm. Johnson, Chas. Heald, P. L. Hoen, G. R. Hawkins, Mrs. G. R. Hawkins,
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—THE address of Eld. L. F. Starr, is Stuart.

—THE BULLETIN comes out a day later than usual this week, on account of a press of other work in connection with the closing of the camp-meeting.

—THE financial report of the Conference Treasurer and the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, also the report of the Corresponding Secretary, will be given next week.

—ELD. AND MRS. S. F. SVENSSON spent a few days at the camp-meeting, going from here to visit Mrs. Svensson's parents at Stuart. *en route* to their new field of labor in Colorado.

—THE Testimony for Iowa which was read at the camp-meeting, will be sent out to all our churches, to be read on Sabbath, June 29. No "Helps" will be sent out from this Office for the fourth Sabbath of this month.

—THE attendance at the camp-meeting was estimated at about eleven hundred, and over two hundred tents were pitched. This has been a most precious occasion, and our people return to their homes filled with new courage and zeal. Look for a general report next week.

—BRO. LLOYD MANFULL, of this State, and Miss Ollie G. Fulk, of Atlanta, Nebraska, were united in marriage May 21, 1901, at the home of the bride, Prof. J. T. Boettcher officiating. May they receive much of the blessing of the Lord as they thus unite life's interests.

—BRO. PETER JOHNSON and Sister Christine Hendricksen, both of Terrill, Iowa, were married Monday, June 10, at 8 A. M., at the reception tent on the camp-ground, Eld. L. F. Trubey officiating. Only a few of the most intimate friends were present. We wish them true Christian joy in united service for the Master.

—MARRIED, at Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 1901, Bro. John Grove and Sister Ina B. Hibbs, both of Modale, Iowa, Eld. T. H. Jeys officiating. Bro. Grove has been engaged in the canvassing work, and Sister Hibbs has taught church school for some time. As they thus unite their interests for life we wish for them the rich blessing of God.

—SEVERAL unexpected laborers came during the camp-meeting. We were especially pleased to have Eld. B. J. Cady with us during the last week, and his talks concerning the work in the South Sea islands were listened to with profit and interest. Prof. P. T. Magan arrived on the last Thursday, and his stirring addresses were a source of added inspiration to the closing meetings, especially in the work for the relief of our schools.

—BRO. O. E. CUMMINGS, our District Canvassing Agent, arrived the first day of the workers' meeting. Daily meetings were held for the canvassers, and earnest efforts were made to advance this line of work in our State. Quite a corp of canvassers are just entering the field, and we hope for excellent results.

—PROF. M. W. NEWTON entertained a large audience one evening with stereoptican views of Union College, especially presenting the industrial department of the college.

—PROF. J. E. TENNEY, of the Wisconsin Industrial School, stopped at the camp-meeting for a few days, *en route* to the Southern field.

—BRO. IRVING KECK, of Florida, spent a few days on the camp-ground, exchanging greetings with old Iowa friends.

NOTICE.

At the late State Conference meeting J. W. Dorcas was elected Conference Treasurer. In sending tithe address him at 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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Lewis Johnson, C. E. Graham, J. H. Wierds, H. L. Stenberg, Arthur McClintock, Henry Rorholm, G. A. Larson; for missionary license,—Mollie Long, Bertha Jorgensen, Minnie Beaman, Mrs. Carl Jensen, Peter Lindahl, Andrew Johnson, A. J. Iden, Jessie L. Adams, Flora V. Dorcas, Mamie Beaman, A. Helen Wilcox, Lizzie Carter, Martha Lenz, Calvin Starr, A. W. H. Milliard, Margaret Young, J. C. Clemens, Lizzie Neal, T. S. Jackson. The Committee also suggested that Bro. U. P. Long labor under the direction of the Colorado Conference, and that the Iowa Conference support him for a period of six months. The report was adopted by considering each name separately. After a short recess

Eld. B. J. Cady occupied the time by giving a very interesting account of his experience in the Society Islands.

THIRTEENTH MEETING, June 9, 9:15 A. M. The report of the Corresponding Secretary and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Missionary Department were then read and accepted. Following this the committee appointed to audit the Conference books reported that they had examined the same to their satisfaction and found them correct. This report was accepted. The Committee on Plans made the following final report:—

Since something should be done to help the worthy poor who need the benefits of Sanitarium treatment,—

23. We recommend, That the sum of four hundred dollars be raised to be used by the Board of Trustees and the Conference Committee for charitable sanitarium work.

24. We recommend, That those having the recognized medical work in charge be encouraged to push the health work by holding health schools, lectures, demonstrations, etc., and that such persons be granted missionary licenses.

25. We recommend, That our ministers and other laborers use diligence in encouraging those in need of medical aid to patronize our Sanitarium.

26. We recommend, That this Conference continue the missionary programs, and that their use be optional with the churches.

27. We recommend, That the Conference Committee be authorized to foster, encourage, and plan for the starting of a Conference Industrial school or schools, as the way may be opened by the providence of God.

A motion was made to adopt this report, which was carried. Eld. A. G. Daniells then offered the following recommendation, which was adopted:—

We recommend, That the expense of the Sabbath-school Department of the Conference be paid from the tithe of the Conference, so that the Sabbath-school contributions received may be passed on to the needy mission fields for which they were made.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses made the following final report, which was adopted: For missionary license,—May Chitty, Ollie G. Manfull, Lloyd Manfull, W. L. Manfull, Mrs. Linnie Clemens, John Weber. They recommended that all names known to the Committee, which have not been considered, and those to which attention may be called, should be referred to the Conference Committee. Eld. A. G. Daniells introduced a resolution recommending Eld. F. L. Moody as general canvassing agent for the Lake Union Conference. Carried. The great need of money for the material fund for "Christ's Object Lessons" was then presented by Prof. Magan, after which about two thousand dollars was raised in cash and pledges. The question, "Shall the tithe be used for the support of the church school teachers?" was spoken to by Eld. Daniells and Prof. Magan, who gave their decided opinion, from the Bible and the Testimonies, that it should not. After the benediction by Eld. A. G. Daniells, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

L. F. STARR, Pres.

C. F. STEVENS, Sec.