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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE fifth meeting of the conference was called to order at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, December 10, 1902. Prayer was offered by D. W. Reavis. On motion of Elder H. W. Miller the minutes of the two previous meetings were waived. The Committee on Plans then presented an additional report, embracing recommendations 14 - 20. This report was adopted on motion of C. M. Christiansen, and its consideration entered upon item by item.

Dr. Edwards spoke to the first recommendation at some length, relating incidents in connection with an effort made some months since to found a sanitarium at Berrien Springs, which tended to show the deep interest the citizens of that place are taking in our medical work. He said he was opposed to building up a large institution there; but if this recommendation contemplated a small enterprise to meet the local needs, and similar institutions are to be started in other places as the demand is created for them, then he is in hearty accord with the move.

Recommendations 15-17 were spoken to by J. B. Blosser. He thought the success of the canvassing work depends upon arousing the whole people to a sense of its importance. It is impossible, he said, for the canvassing agent alone to do all that should be done in securing workers for that department. He thought the proposition to give credentials to the approved canvassers was a good one, as it would encourage them to know that they are recognized by the conference the same as other laborers. Elder H. W. Miller said he hoped the recommendations, if passed, would not become a dead letter. Several other delegates spoke to the recommendation, and then it passed the conference.

Recommendation 18 was passed without debate.

Recommendation 19 was spoken to by D. W. Reavis. He stated that only about one fourth of our people living in the United States are now subscrib-

ers to the *Review*, — the smallest per cent. since its publication. He hoped all would take hold and make an earnest effort to increase the list of readers. This recommendation then passed.

Recommendation 20 was spoken to by Elder Haughey, R. E. Harter, A. B. Castle and Elder M. B. Miller. At the suggestion of Brother Harter the conference engaged in a season of prayer. Several earnest petitions were offered, the Spirit of God witnessing to the step taken to release one of the workers for service in a foreign field. The recommendation was then voted upon and passed.

On motion of Professor Lamson the conference here adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

The sixth meeting of the conference was called to order at 2 o'clock. p. m., according to appointment. Prayer by S. M. Butler. The Committee on Plans then made a further report, as given in recommendations 21-26.

This report was considered item by item. The first three recommendations were passed with little discussion. Recommendation 24 awakened a lively debate by several speakers. The general opinion was that it did not embrace enough. Elder W. C. White thought the conference should provide the funds for improvements and not place the burden of raising them upon the school management. Elder M. B. Miller proposed to give \$25.00 toward a fund for erecting a barn on the Cedar Lake school farm, provided nine other persons would give a like amount. The following named persons responded to this suggestion: J. G. Lamson, C. M. Christiansen, S. W. Hastings, A. J. Iden, C. Judson, H. W. Miller, A. G. Haughey, J. S. Preston, S. M. and Mrs. S. M. Butler, Cyrus Clark. It was then proposed that slips be passed in the audience and pledges taken for smaller amounts. This was done, and \$20.00 in cash and \$285.00 in pledges were taken for the school. There was afterward paid on the pledges \$45.00 in money, making the total amount of the pledges remaining \$240.00.

Recommendations 25 and 26 were explained to the delegates by the chair, and then were passed without discussion.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses then presented a final report as follows:

We Recommend, That teachers' credentials be granted to the fol-

lowing persons: Eliza Warner, Ada C. Somerset, Mary E. Lamsou, Celian Nowlin, Orson R. VanHorn, Vina M. Sherwood, Ella Sevey-Clark, Mrs. J. G. Lamson.

That teachers' license be granted to the following named persons: Florence Kelsey, Mrs. B. A. Wolcott, Mrs. L. A. Curtiss, Winifred Trunk and James Garfield Smalley.

That the teachers in the Battle Creek and Haskell Home schools be referred to the Educational Superintendent.

That ministerial license be granted to R. E. Tefft and W. H. Heckman, with the understanding that they shall be employed by the conference as soon as the executive committee shall see fit to add to the present force of laborers.

E. H. Root.
S. P. S. Edwards. } Committee.
W. C. Hebrer. }

This report was adopted and passed without objections.

RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BY THE WRIGHT CONFERENCE.

(Continued from last week's issue.)

WHEREAS, The use of our literature by the members of churches is a very efficient means of spreading the message; therefore,

15. WE RECOMMEND, That a special effort be made to call the attention of the church officers to their responsibility to encourage and instruct the members to undertake during the present winter to place reading matter containing the message in the hands of the people in their vicinity.

16. That we call the attention of the church officers and conference laborers to their responsibility to encourage experienced canvassers, as well as young people of ability, to devote their time to selling our publications, that the work of the third angel may be speedily completed.

17. That the canvassing agent, in connection with the executive committee, select those who should enter the work, and as soon as they have demonstrated their calling they be granted canvassers' license.

18. That the matter of tithe from the Cedar Lake church, which was referred to the Committee on Plans, be referred to the executive committee of the conference for investigation and adjustment.

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Educational Department.

POPULAR SCIENCE TEACHING DEVELOPS DOUBT.

THE educational system of the world not only fails to develop the spiritual life of the student, but as it is at present conducted, it tends to destroy faith in the word of God, the only means by which spiritual life can be developed. Rarely does the student leave the school with an unquestioning faith in the Bible. Scientific teaching appears to be especially blamable for this condition of doubt. We are told that the "pursuit of scientific questions has developed so many apparent Biblical inconsistencies that a circle of student doubters has formed. The students, actuated by skeptical promptings, have raised questions as to whether the Bible is an indisputable moral guide." "Science has determined the sequence of events, and the laws of cause and effect eliminate God from the operations of the universe."

This arraignment does not come from the enemies of secular education. On the contrary it is the deliberate utterance of its most ardent admirers and supporters. It is their calm judgment, after years of careful observation, that the result of worldly education is to lead the student to doubt the Bible, and even to disbelieve in the existence of God.

Nor is this kind of education confined to the higher institutions of learning. It is found more or less in the grades of the city and district schools. Elementary science in the form of nature study is assigned a more or less prominent place in all of the common schools. We enter no complaint because of this. It is eminently proper that the child should early form an acquaintance with the varied forms and phenomena of nature. What we call attention to is the manner in which nature is taught. Christian parents can not afford to place their children under a system of training that encourages doubt.

We have no ground to hope that this condition of things will change for the better. The teachers in the secular schools are largely trained in the normal schools, or in the normal department of the colleges and universities, where they are brought more or less under the influence of skeptical scientific thought. They in turn exert the same influence upon the minds of their pupils.

S. M. BUTLER.

PUNCTUALITY.

To be punctual in filling an appointment is a duty which should not be overlooked nor thought of little consequence. In our relationship with our fellow beings we should aim to be at the place of meeting at the appointed time. If we are tardy, valuable time is lost, an opportunity may pass for doing good, and we lose the good opinion of those whom we are to meet by not keeping our word.

But first of all comes our duty to God. We should be prompt in serving the One on whom our life depends, and who is quick to hear our cries, even sending the heavenly messengers to answer our prayers while we are asking. He is never slack with us concerning his promises. Can it be pleasing, then, to him when those for whom he cares so tenderly are careless in keeping their appointments with him? If we make an appointment to meet with him on a certain day, and at a specified hour, we should be punctually at the place when the time arrives. If the Sabbath school, for instance, is appointed at ten o'clock say, every one, if able to come at all, should be there ready to join in the opening song. This may seem like a small matter, but it really has much to do with making the school a success.

MINA BOVEE.

FEBRUARY OUTLINE OF STUDY.

Text-Book—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work." "Study to show thyself approved of God."

FIRST WEEK.

What God Wants Your School to Be.

- Page 18, second paragraph, first sentence.
- Page 20, second paragraph, first sentence.
- Page 29, second paragraph.
- Page 14, last paragraph.
- Page 33, second paragraph, fourth sentence.
- Page 35, first part.
- Page 41, first paragraph.
- Page 109, last paragraph.

SECOND WEEK.

Teaching by Example.

- Page 34, last paragraph.
- Page 42, last paragraph.
- Page 26, second paragraph.
- Page 45, second paragraph.
- Page 54, third paragraph.
- Pages 96, 97.

THIRD WEEK.

Teachers Should Study Methods.

- Page 98, second paragraph, last part.
- Page 83, first paragraph, first part.
- Page 24, last paragraph, first part.
- Page 9, second and third paragraphs, last part.
- Page 12, second paragraph, last part.

Use of Helps.

- Page 9, first paragraph.

FOURTH WEEK.

Avoid Long Speeches.

- Page 107, second paragraph.
- Page 16, second paragraph.
- Page 17, second paragraph.
- Page 111, last paragraph.

Value of Simple Language.

- Page 17, third paragraph, last part.
- Page 24, last paragraph, last part.
- Page 39, second paragraph, first part.
- Page 21, first paragraph.

Right Use of the Hour.

- Page 51, last paragraph.

Avoid Controversy.

- Page 51, last paragraph.
- Page 64, second paragraph.

Missionary Department.

WHY OBJECT LESSONS SHOULD BE SOLD.

I HAVE been shown that many of those who claim to be children of God have become rusty through inaction, and the Lord in his providence has given them something to do; and in thus doing has opened the way for them to become acquainted with the truth.

The work being done with Object Lessons is a good beginning. This is a work that is to be a blessing to all who engage in it. The more you do in this work the less weary and the less perplexed you will be. As you go forth to sell the book that the Lord has said should be sold, you will realize that to you is spoken the benediction, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you."

The Lord comes very near to the workers, and the angels go before them. The work of selling the book is to accomplish double and triple good in different lines. Many more will buy the book when they are told the object for which it is being sold than if it were sold for the ordinary purpose. The work is done with such earnestness that it appeals to their hearts. It is a lesson to them, and although many are not of our faith, *they appreciate the effort that is being made.* They are impressed with the earnestness of the workers. They realize that what they are doing is commanded by the Lord, who blesses every good work. Light shines into their hearts. To many the conviction of the Spirit of God will come through the seed sown by this unselfish work done for the Master.

The saving of many souls will be the result of the work done in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." Those who purchase the book feel that they are doing something to advance a good cause.

Under the divine guidance go forward with your work, and, as you go, trust in the Lord for aid. Remember that when with thankful heart you do the best you can you are allied with the angels of God. *They go before you.* There is sympathy and union between divine and human agencies.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"God calls us to action that our educational institutions may be freed from debt. Let God's plan be worked out after his own order."

God has placed upon Christians the responsibility of making known his saving power to every creature.

Medical Department.

MEDICAL WORKERS' INSTITUTE.

MENTION was made in last week's HERALD of the medical institute which was held in this city from January 13-19. During the first three days of this institute lessons were given in the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Beginning with the cell, a somewhat detailed study was given the structure and action of the cells, how they differ anatomically and physiologically, and how they may become diseased. This was followed by a study of the nervous system, the circulation, respiration, and the functions of the skin. From this we passed to the effects of heat and cold upon the body, the purpose being to show how hyriatic treatments assist nature in restoring diseased conditions. Demonstrations illustrating the methods of giving treatments accompanied the oral instruction. Directions were also given regarding the different forms of treatments, and when they should be used.

During each lesson opportunity was given to ask questions, which was well improved. From a testimony meeting held during the institute we were pleased to learn that the workers had been much benefited by the lessons. All realized more keenly than before the truthfulness of the statement made by David, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We were favored with a visit by Dr. Geisel, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, who gave us in her very interesting manner four lectures on the following subjects: Dress; How to Make and Unmake a Drunkard; The Problem of Life; and Rescue Work. The latter subject is based upon four years of personal experience among the fallen classes of our large cities. These lectures were much appreciated.

P. S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

HOW TO GIVE A FOOT BATH IN BED.

IN certain nervous disorders, congestion of the head and abdominal organs, the hot foot bath is very beneficial. Many people, however, are not aware that this form of bath can be taken with the patient lying in bed. While visiting a very sick person a few days ago, I suggested a hot foot bath. "A foot bath!" said the attendant; "why that would be impossible; the patient is not able to be out of bed." That furnished an opportunity to demonstrate that this can be done without discomfort to be patient, or danger of wetting the bed clothing.

Place the patient on the back, with

the knees flexed. Have ready a foot bath tub or a pail half full of hot water. To protect the bed from any water that may be accidentally spilled, put under the tub several thicknesses of paper covered with cloth. In placing the pail, lift the feet, with the knees still flexed, high enough to allow the pail to pass under them. Now lower the feet into the water and fold a small towel over the edge of the pail next to the patient. Take care that the towel does not come far enough down on the inside of the pail to touch the water if the pail should be slightly tilted backward.

Before placing the feet in the pail the covers should be turned back from the foot of the bed over the knees of the patient. After the feet are in the water cover the pail with a large towel, bringing it well up to the knees to prevent it falling back into the water. Now turn the bedding down over the pail to shut out the cold air.

Add hot water occasionally. This may be done without inconvenience to the patient by raising the bedding slightly at one side and pouring the water gently from a dipper, circulating it with the hand meanwhile. In removing the patient from the bath, take out one foot at a time; carefully dash over it a little cold water, and dry well with a towel. Remove the pail before drying the other foot.

In cases of congestion, this form of bath may be given with benefit several times a day, as it tends to relieve the congested condition, and equalize the circulation. It is also a great comfort to persons troubled with nervousness.

T. CAROLYN LEMONS.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

SINCE the institute closed I have had more time to answer the calls that have come to visit persons suffering from various diseases. The Lord has blessed us as we have tried to minister to their wants physically and spiritually. One lady, while realizing benefit from rational medication, said to me, "I do believe that your religious belief must be the truth." Several families have opened their doors for us to hold cottage meetings with them and their neighbors. A lady not of our faith, but who felt the importance of this work, at the close of a recent meeting gave me sixty cents of tithe money which she had saved. She said she wished us to use it to help on this work.

Many are hungering to learn the gospel of health. We greatly desire that it shall be the means of leading them to a full knowledge of the whole gospel. P. S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

PERHAPS some of the readers of the HERALD may have questions which they desire to ask along the lines of our work. If so, we shall be pleased to answer them, either through the HERALD or by letter, depending upon the nature of the question. Address all communications to the undersigned, 93 East Bridge street, Grand Rapids, Mich. The name and postoffice address of the writer should accompany the question in all cases. The name will not be published if the writer so requests, but it should be given as an evidence of good faith, and also that a personal reply may be made when it seems advisable. P. S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BY THE WRIGHT CONFERENCE.

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19. It is the sense of this conference that every Sabbath-keeping family in the conference should have the benefit of the weekly visits of the *Review and Herald*, and that our members should do all in their power to influence those in the churches who are not now taking it to become subscribers.

20. That in harmony with the request of the Mission Board we consent to release from the work of the conference Brother R. E. Harter for service in foreign fields.

21. That the church officers and company leaders be requested to make a special effort at once to place the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD in each family in their church or company.

22. That the conference donate one thousand copies of the Swedish "Life of Christ," now in the office, to the Greater New York conference, and that the executive committee be empowered to donate as many copies to the North Michigan conference and the Superior mission field as they can judiciously use.

23. That we instruct the treasurer of the conference in opening the books of the conference to enter only the actual value of the books, tracts and other property.

24. That we undertake to raise \$1,000 during the present winter for the purpose of erecting a barn on the Cedar Lake farm, and for making such other improvements as may be decided upon by the board of managers.

25. That the West Michigan Conference Association, when formed, assume its share of the General Conference Association indebtedness which was allotted to the Lake Union conference.

News From the Field

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

THE work here is progressing nicely. Our Sabbath school numbers from thirty-five to forty, over twenty of whom are adults. We expect more to join us. The interest manifested in the school is very encouraging.

From December 23-31 I was at the Denver meeting of the Colorado conference. We had a profitable season while there assembled.

On the way from that meeting I spent two weeks with the church at Trinidad, Col. In the meeting there the blessed Spirit witnessed to the preaching of the word, and precious souls found freedom in Jesus. As a result of the effort, Elder Hoover has since baptized twelve, who united with the church. One was admitted subject to baptism, and another will follow her very soon. Besides these, two backsliders of long standing were reclaimed.

Our courage is good, and we are determined to be so used of God that our work shall be successful. Please remember us in your prayers.

MIL0 D. WARFLE.

CLIFFORD LAKE SCHOOL.

OUR school opened September 29 with seven pupils enrolled. The number has since increased to twelve. The children of this church have never before had an opportunity of attending a church school; but after a trial of three months none of them desire to return to the secular schools. They say that they enjoy the church school better.

I can see an improvement in the children in many ways. They show a deeper interest in the Sabbath school than formerly, and improved deportment in the day school is noticeable. One girl who, with her brother, drives about six miles to and from the school every day, in a letter written to one of her former school mates in the public schools, said: "I would like to visit the school once more; but I would not leave this school for anything, for I am learning to love God here. I wish you could come here too."

I am glad to have a part in the Lord's work, and it is my earnest prayer that these children, with many others, may learn to love God and devote their lives to his service.

CELIAN A. NOWLIN.

THE ODESSA MISSION SCHOOL.

THIS school opened September 29, 1902, in Brother Steele's home, about six miles north-east of Lake Odessa. Brother Steele had felt for some time that his children should be provided with facilities for obtaining a

Christian education. Accordingly last year he built an addition to his house, and equipped it as a school room. The school is free to other children of the church and the community.

Our work is based upon the word of God, the student's chart and compass through life. This word fills the minds and rules the hearts of the children who seek to be like Jesus. Every week I can see that they are learning to put to practical use the lessons learned.

We need much of the Spirit of Jesus to carry on the work for the children. When I think of the great work that must be done for them, I feel inadequate to properly discharge the duties devolving upon the teacher, even with God's help. But when I think of the worth of a soul, I feel that if this school is the means of saving just one youth in this community, it will be worth more than to gain the whole world. Remember us in your prayers.

JAMES G. SMALLEY.

ECHOES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Grandville—If some one is sent to join us, we will do all we can.—A. Smith.

Grand Ledge—Since the opening of the second campaign we have taken our full quota of four books per member.—Simeon Smith.

Eaton Rapids—When it was decided for each church member to take four books, we fell in line and took our quota.—B. F. Bellows.

Kalamazoo—We will be pleased to find places for three or four canvassers to come to help us in this Object Lessons' campaign.—M. G. Langdon.

Homer—We will be glad to have some one come and help us in this Object Lessons' work, and we will do all we can to co-operate with them.—Mrs. Augusta Walworth.

Lyons—This church has taken its quota of books. We have a few yet unsold but are ready to do our part in this final effort to close up the Object Lessons' work.—Cordelia A. Preston.

Coldwater—My enthusiasm is growing. I verily believe this big effort will be successful, and in a few days the church will say to us ministers, "Go about your appointed work, and we will look after the Object Lessons."—W. D. Parkhurst.

Paw Paw—I presume we are like many of the churches. Some have been faithful, and others have done but little. We are of good courage, and if you think best to send us help it will be thankfully received.—Helen M. Sterling.

News and Notes

A new Sabbath school has just been organized at Ferry, with Alfred Ross as secretary.

Brother W. H. Edwards, the conference auditor, was at this office recently auditing the conference books.

The retiring secretary of the Edmore Sabbath school writes: "We are having a good school. At the election just passed two of the younger members were chosen as superintendent and secretary."

Elder Bert Fullmer, of Iowa, is now connected with Emmanuel Missionary college under the pay of the West Michigan conference, in harmony with recommendation 12 passed by the Wright conference.

Elder Horton and Brother Harter write from Lawrence: "Our interest is exceedingly fine; our congregations are large. It will be impossible for either of us to leave to enter the Object Lessons' campaign."

Through an oversight the name of the Potterville church was omitted from the list of "Jubilee Singers". We are sorry for this error but glad to know that that church has been so prompt in selling its share of Object Lessons. May God bless the brethren there and make them fruitful in every good work.

Dr. Edwards, formerly the science teacher in Emmanuel Missionary college, was recently chosen the field secretary of the medical missionary work throughout the world. Dr. Elsie Merritt succeeds him in the college. In harmony with recommendation 13 of the Wright conference, the salary of Dr. Merritt is now paid by this conference.

The following named persons from the Battle Creek sanitarium enlisted in the "Jubilee Army" last Friday the 23rd instant: Eddy D. J. Nonn, Grace N. Smith, Grace Donnely, Miss Cora Berge Bertha L. West, W. A. Rosenthal, J. M. Kilgore, Byron Covert, Thos. Nystel, Miss Katharine Van Voorhees, Mrs. Edith Bruce, Frances C. Killen, Alberta Brown, Rachel Sones, Bessie Lambert, Gertrude Fishback.

The headquarters of the "Jubilee Army" are now located at 220 Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids, whence is issued a daily bulletin announcing the progress of the campaign for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." This bulletin is issued as an extra to the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD, under the auspices of the conference. All communications concerning the work should be addressed to the West Michigan conference.