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AT REST.

Luther N. Lane was born in Rochester, Loraine county, Ohio, April 16, 1843. About the time he was of age he enlisted in the army and served one and one-half years in the civil war. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Myers. Farming was his occupation, and to be better situated for this work, he with his mother and family moved to Michigan in 1870, and located in Eaton county. Later he moved to the thriving young city of Charlotte, which was his home to the time of his death, which occurred on Sunday evening, September 18, 1904, at the age of 61 years, five months and two days, caused by that long continued and painful Sciatic rheumatism and heart trouble.

His first Christian experience was in Ohio in 1867 when he united with the United Brethren church. After moving to Michigan he accepted the faith and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventists with whom he remained a zealous mem-

ber unto his decease. Eighteen years of this time he was employed by the Michigan Conference in the ministry, with the result of many souls finding peace in a Savior's love.

Though his suffering for several months was hard to bear he manifested uncomplaining patience. His last rational moments were spent in prayer for his loved ones, and he did not forget to ask God for His blessing and sustaining power in his last moments.

He leaves his life companion a widow, and three children, two of whom are married, to mourn their loss. Although the dark shadow of death has entered their home, yet they mourn not without hope of meeting again in the Kingdom of Glory.

Now he sleeps in the arms of Jesus.
The tired hands folded on his breast;
After all the pain and suffering,
How sweet his peaceful rest.

The angels will watch at the portal
Of the grave where we lay him away,
Until the Savior awakes the sleeper,
In the great resurrection day.

May God help us ever to be faithful,
And follow His teachings of love,
That we may be a family united,
In the glorious kingdom above.

Funeral of Elder Luther N. Lane was held at Charlotte, Michigan, September 20, 1904.

News From the Field.

THE FLINT CAMP-MEETING.

By recommendation of the West Michigan Conference Committee, I came to Flint Thursday, September 15, to take over the deeds for the church properties in the West Michigan Conference now held by the old Michigan Conference Association. In as much as I would need to come to the Flint camp-meeting, I felt to remain during the meeting

and get all the good I could from the service of the Lord in this place. From the very first the brethren have extended to me every courtesy, and I do not know when I have enjoyed a meeting more.

The meeting is a little larger than the Allegan camp, and while the ground is pleasant in every way, it cannot be said to equal the Allegan camp-ground for beauty. Yet it is so much superior to many of the open places where our meetings have been held in the past that all are thoroughly satisfied. There is one objection that could be raised to Thread Lake Park, and that is that it is quite inaccessible to the city people. In spite of the distance, however, a large crowd came out Sunday and many have attended the evening meetings.

The first Sabbath was a day long to be remembered for the presence of the Spirit of God and the earnest consecration of many lives to the Saviour. In the absence of the general conference men and Lake Union Conference workers, the burden of the work has fallen upon the local ministers, but they have rallied nobly to the work and God has blessed them as they have ministered the Word.

This being the annual conference of East Michigan, two business sessions have been held daily since the Sabbath and the work has been accomplished very rapidly. Elder J. D. Gowell, who for eight years has stood at the head of the executive committee, felt that it would be necessary for him to be released from further burdens in connection with the conference, and Elder E. K. Slade of Lansing has been chosen for president for the coming term. At this writing the elections have not been completed, but perhaps will be finished so as to be announced later.

Elder A. O. Burrill of Ontario, Brother J. B. Blosser, and Elder Wm. Covert are now on the grounds and we look for Professor Sutherland and Miss DeGraw.

The weather has been very excellent most of the time.

J. G. LAMSON.

GRAND RAPIDS.

It is interesting to find how the Master is working sometimes to bring us in connection with the honest hearted ones.

One day I sat upon a lady's porch and talked with her. During the conversation she spoke of a certain young lady who was, as she thought perhaps, too particular about religious life.

I was interested in such a young lady. She did not tell me her name. Although we had a study that day, we have never had one since, but the young lady I wanted to find. About all the description she could give of her personally was that of a very pious young lady. At last I got a clue and am now having studies with a young lady who is pious, if she is not the one referred to, she has had some interesting experiences in some meetings.

At a meeting appointed for the Lord, eight came and not so many were expected. Next time there were more and then more until it reached forty. It was finally held in a church.

I want to be the means of finding all the jewels I can.

MABLE JAFFRAY.

We have closed our meetings at the Howard church where four went forward in baptism, thus making seven in all.

We are now holding meetings in a school house near Big Prairie, Newaygo county. We believe there are some honest souls here. We will give a report of the work at this place later.

A. L. EVANS,

JAMES THORP.

We closed our meeting at Weidman and went to Lake Odessa. We hoped to begin meetings before the bad weather set in. We left two persons at Weidman keeping the Sabbath. Others admitted that the preaching they had heard was Bible truth, but they were not willing to step out and obey it.

We were disappointed in not finding one of our new tents at Lake Odessa, as the old one was not fit to hold meeting in so late in the season. It would take so long to get one of our new tents, so we decided to continue our work in some school house, and leave the work at Lake Odessa and Woodburn until next year, when there would be more time to do a more successful work.

W. E. VIDETO,

FRED BRINK.

EDMORE.

The Cedar Lake church met with the Edmore church Sabbath, September 17, and enjoyed Sabbath-school and social meeting together, which was profitable to all.

E. FERNEY.

Sabbath, September 17, Elder H. Nicola was with the church in Charlotte. It was a good day for the church in its Sabbath-school and meeting. Four candidates for baptism received the ordinance at the hand of Elder Nicola.

Educational.

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THE TEACHER.

We have now discussed many of the questions that relate to church school work and have left one of the most important parts of the church school system until now. A school without a teacher would be no school. It would be a play day for the children and a loss to the parents. To just the extent that a teacher is not a teacher, just to that extent is the school a loss. What then is a teacher? One who

by precept and example educates those with whom he comes in contact is a teacher. If he educates those with whom he comes in contact in the lines of Christian education, he is a Christian teacher. Said one able writer, "We are educated by every act which touches us in any way from the cradle to the grave." Our education then is not complete at fifteen, twenty-five, or fifty, and thanks be to God, if we endeavor to be educated along the true lines of Christian education, our education will never be complete, for during the ceaseless ages of eternity we shall be learning in the school of Christ. How grateful we all should be that we may begin to learn in this school while dwelling in this wicked world.

A member of the school board in calling for a teacher not long ago wanted the following: We would like a young lady, not too old and yet old enough not to be foolish, who is thoroughly competent to teach any class up to the tenth grade and can teach music, gardening, sewing, hygienic cookery, and perhaps some other line of manual training. We shall expect her to be superintendent of the Sabbath-school, leader of the missionary society, and as often as called upon lead the prayer meeting. The sister that has been our church clerk for a long time desires a change and we presume that at the next election the teacher will be voted in to be church clerk. We hope the teacher will have had the nurse's course so as to teach healthful living to the parents of the children and if any of them are sick, help to take care of them. You may think that this is a little overdrawn, for I have not quoted the words exactly of the request, but as I have added all the different requisites that are called for in the church school teacher, I am sure that you will recognize some of the difficulties under which superintendents of education are placed to supply the vacancies.

The Lake Union Conference at its last session elected a board of examiners of teachers. This board met last summer and adopted a code of rules under which teachers could be licensed. This board decided that all teachers who pass an examination in twelve subjects as follows: reading, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, United States history, government, gardening, Bible, history of education, physiology, and the choice of one of three, namely; sewing, hygienic cookery, or wood sloyd should be granted licenses. Then for meriting a higher order of certificate called credentials we demand a higher standing in the twelve subjects already named and as high standings in any six of the following twelve: music, dress making, algebra, geometry, physics, advanced English, rhetoric, carpentry, agriculture, book keeping, general history and drawing. It will readily be seen that the standings required and the subjects called for are higher for the church school teacher than for the first grade certificate in the county examination. This is as it should be. It is our firm determination to make the church school teacher a power for good in the denomination. We believe that they will win the respect of the people more by a high order of intellectual qualification than by a low order. We believe that the spiritual qualifications must be just as high in every case. We do not believe that spiritual qualifications only are sufficient, even though they are absolutely necessary. We believe that intellectual qualifications are not sufficient, but are necessary, so then when a person is licensed or granted credentials by the conference examining boards, it means that the teachers who have stood the test are entitled to the trust and faith of the people.

The teacher should be willing to do anything to aid the cause of Christ wherever she is, but there may be many times when it is

questionable as to what will aid the cause of Christ the most. To ask a teacher to work all day in the schoolroom, walk some distance morning and night, prepare lessons for the day following, and during the night watch at the bedside of the sick is too much. It is right to watch over the sick. It is right for the teacher to call upon the sick when the disease is not contagious. It is right for the church to ask the teacher's counsel, if she be a nurse, but will she be serving Christ more by dwarfing her physical strength in night work so that the work of the day is deficient, or by being released from the many outside duties, whether watching the sick or other lines of work, so that she can put her entire energy into the work of training the young. We believe that reason will say that a teacher should make teaching the main business of her life.

She should be an example to all the church in quietness, in kindness, in modesty, in chasteness of dress, in purity of language; and these things the church have a right to expect. On the other hand, the teacher has a right to expect earnest consideration, kindly thought, unfailing assistance in all hard places, and no unkind criticism. That parent who criticises the teacher in the presence of the child commits a most heinous offense. He wrongs the teacher, he wrongs the child, he wrongs himself. No matter if the teacher be guilty of indiscretion, and conduct that is reprehensible, the parent should follow Matthew 18 and speak to the teacher alone. If then no good results come, follow Matthew 18. If then no good results come, follow Matthew 18, but no where in the chapter does it give authority to a parent to express disapprobation of a teacher's conduct in the presence of the child. In any meetings of the church that might be called to take the last step in any such difficulty, children should be excluded most

rigidly. Yes, even if they are members of the church and at the same time members of the school, they should be excluded; but I believe that no teachers now working will ever be placed in such positions. Our teachers are sensitive,—perhaps too much so, but yet sensitive. They desire above all things to please God and next they desire to please the patrons. Long before the third step of Matthew 18 could be followed, all our teachers would hand in their resignations.

If your teacher does not suit, be sure that you are converted and then talk with her. If then she does not suit, make more earnest efforts to be converted and ask counsel of the superintendent of education to see whether your ideas are best or not. Seldom will any difficulty ever go beyond this.

Lastly remember that it is the duty of the parents every morning to have morning worship. When you kneel about your altars with your children with you, the teacher's name should be spoken before God in earnest prayer. Teach your children to pray for the teacher. Let it become part of their regular service. The teacher has been praying for the children. Boys and girls who start from home with words of prayer in their hearts for the school of that day will have no difficulty with a Christian teacher. When prayer fails, something serious is the matter.

J. G. LAMSON.

Since the Allegan meeting all the papers have been examined and the lists made up for the certificates for the ensuing year. Twenty-seven teachers have taken the examinations and there are some others yet to take special tests. There are three classes of certificates now granted in this conference. The first "permits" do not require previous experience nor as high averages as the other papers. Permits are good for only a limited time and for a certain locality. Permits only, can be granted only to teachers who have never taught

anywhere. Licenses are granted to those who have had some experience and whose standings average 75 with nothing below 60.

Conference credentials are granted to the teachers whose standings average 80 with nothing below 70, while Lake Union Conference credentials are granted to teachers whose averages are 90 with nothing below 80. In the last examination only three teachers had standings high enough to get credentials. These were Miss Lottie Bell of Union City, Bert B. Davis of Kalamazoo, and Miss Eliza Warner of Quincy. Licenses have been granted to Mrs. E. A. Clark, Rosella A. Snyder, Orson Van Horne, Ordis Dow, Myrtle Hall, Winifred Truck, Otto Rathbun, and Irene P. Carter. Permits have been granted to Jennie Judson, Janet Campbell, Mildred Wilson, Mrs. L. A. Curtis, Mrs. M. J. Wyatt, Leslie Avery, Florence M. Kelsey, Nina Fleetwood, Vo Wyla Aiken, Myrtle Lawrence, Grace Evans, and Ruth Saxby. Some of those who were granted permits had standings sufficient to receive licenses but had not sufficient experience, while some received high enough standings for licenses, but could not be granted credentials because of lack of experience. Altogether the examinations were very satisfactory, considering that this is the first one ever held.

LOCATION.

As far as assigned, the teachers are located as follows: Berrien Springs, Ada Somerset; Glenwood, Myrtle Hall; Sturgis, Nina Fleetwood; Paw Paw, Janet Campbell; Kalamazoo, not assigned; South Monterey, Leslie Avery; Bloomingdale, not yet assigned; Battle Creek, B. E. Nicola, Pearl Hallock, Frances Case, Ella Sanders, Flora Williams, Minnie Hart; Haskell Home, Mrs. L. A. Curtis, Edna Bellows, Irene Carter, Miss Thompson; Bedford, Vina Sherwood; Carlton Center, Grace Evans; Maple Grove, Mildred Wilson; Grand Ledge, Winifred Trunk; Charlotte,

Myrtle Lawrence; Bauer, Vo Wyla Aikin; Wright, Gilbert Iles; Grand Rapids, Florence Kelsey; Lake Odessa, Jennie Judson; Portland, not yet assigned; Clifford Lake, not assigned; Howard City, not assigned; Bass Lake, Orson Van Horne; Cedar Lake, Ruth Saxby; Mecosta, M. J. Wyatt; Horr, not assigned.

It is doubtful if the school at Kalamazoo re-opens. We have yet a call for a school at Kinderhook, at Bloomingdale, and some prospects of a school at Eastmanville. We hope that all these places that desire schools may soon be visited and teachers found to take up the work. There is no reason why the number of schools might not be increased from twenty-three to twenty-seven or twenty-eight during this year if we can find the teachers who are qualified to do the work. I dare not place a young, inexperienced girl in some places that demand schools. What shall we do?

Items of Interest.

Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau spent Sunday, Sept. 18, in Battle Creek looking after the interests of the medical work.

We are glad to receive the reports from the workers. Let us hear from you again, for we are always glad to hear from you in this way.

Many times our space is abundant, but this week it is limited, and for this reason we are obliged to leave out some interesting matter. It will appear in the next issue.

Dr. Hill, the Indian doctor from Canada, where he is also chief of the Six Nation Tribe, spent a few days in Battle Creek last week. He says that his Indian brethren are doing well, and they have their church building almost completed.

The Sabbath-school lessons for the last quarter of 1904 will be on the doctrinal points of our faith.

We hope that all our Sabbath-schools will take a special interest in the study of these lessons. In these days of peril we need to be "rooted and grounded" in the truth.

S. N. Curtiss, manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association at Washington, D. C., spent a few days last week in Battle Creek visiting relatives and friends. He had been attending the General Conference Council at College View.

Brother A. Smith writes as follows: "One member of the Grandville (Michigan) church, who lives in Alabama, reports that by missionary effort he has led three persons to keep the Sabbath. Another member who lives at Ada has brought one to the observance of the Sabbath.

If any of our brethren and sisters know of those who are too poor to take the REVIEW, please send their names and addresses to the Battle Creek Tract Society, and they will endeavor to supply them with this good paper. They will also supply you with names and addresses if you desire to remail your REVIEW to some one.

We learn through the columns of the "Flint Daily News," the paper published in Flint, Michigan, where the annual conference and camp-meeting of the East Michigan Conference just closed, that Prof. J. G. Lamson was elected superintendent of the department of education of the East Michigan Conference. We are sorry to lose Prof. Lamson, but what will be loss to West Michigan will be gain to East Michigan.

Canvassing Work to September 16th, 1904.

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
Ella Porter	22	5	\$13.75	\$ 1.00
G. Jorgenson	21	1	2.25	4.50
Heralds of the Morning				
Chas. Faber	110	6	8.00	24 85
Coning King				
Gusta Blosser	36	34	34.00	1 00
Cora Blosser	35	29	29.00	1 50
	224	75	87.00	32.85

Total Sales, \$53.00.

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.