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Conference Proceedings.

The fifth meeting of the conference assembled at 3 p. m. January 23. Song number 263 was sung by the congregation, after which Elder S. E. Wight offered prayer.

The reading of the minutes of the past meeting was waived until Tuesday morning.

It was voted to invite Elder E. K. Slade, president of the East Michigan Conference; Elder S. E. Wight, president of the North Michigan Conference; and E. I. Beebe of the East Michigan Conference to participate in the proceedings of the conference.

The Chair called on our field canvassing agent, M. N. Campbell, to give a report for the canvassing work for the past year. In this report he stated that it had been his privilege to add twenty-five churches to the roll of honor in which every family have access to the "Review," and other interesting facts as to how souls have been brought into the truth through the reading of books sold. He stated that at present there are six persons engaged in the canvassing work in this conference.

Elder Butler being called on for a report from the Cedar Lake Academy, read the financial statement, which was unanimously adopted as given. He stated that though much could be said he thought it would be better to let the delegates ask questions, and in this way they would obtain the information they desired.

Professor B. E. Nicola, principal of the Battle Creek Industrial Academy, gave a report in which he states that their regular daily attendance is about 170 pupils. Six full teachers are employed and some cadet help is required in the school. He spoke especially of the interest the teachers take in the spiritual welfare of the pupils.

Recess was taken until five o'clock, at which time the meeting was called to order and the congregation joined in singing that rousing song, "Let your lamps be trimmed and burning."

The time was then given to reports from the church organizations. Brother R. A. Hart reported for the Battle Creek church. Reports from Allendale, Bushnell, Grandville, Pottersville, Eaton Rapids, Byron Center, Trufant, Mecosta and Denver churches were read by the various delegates. These reports will appear in the future issues of the "West Michigan Herald."

Sister McKee then gave a very interesting report of the work in the Michigan Home for Girls, and how the Lord had led from the very inception of the work to the present time, and how He had prepared her to take it up, and the evidence she had of a divine calling to do this neglected work.

The Committee on Delegation reported, favoring the seating of Frank Abbott of Battle Creek, and Martha Smith of Allegan among the delegates. By vote

these persons were seated as delegates from their respective churches.

The meeting adjourned until 8:00 a. m. Tuesday.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Chairman.
E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

Does Canvassing Pay?

The prevailing question in this age concerning every venture in which men are invited to participate is, "Will it pay?" This question is proper enough providing the right standard is considered in weighing the reply.

In the first place do the results justify the efforts put forth? Are enough persons brought to the truth by means of the canvassing work to make it a profitable avenue for the expenditure of our energies?

While the writer has not the complete statistics at hand, the reader is referred to a census taken some years ago through the columns of the "Review." Our people were invited to send postals to the Review office stating the means by which they were brought to the truth. The result was very surprising. Very nearly half of those who responded came into the truth by reading our publications.

In Testimonies, Vol. V., page 405, we find these words:—"The canvassing work is God's means of reaching MANY who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth." These statements being true, it is certainly established that the canvassing work pays well so far as winning souls is concerned.

How about the financial side of the question? Can a man provide a living for himself and family and devote himself wholly to the canvassing work? It would be folly to answer "yes" to this question without some consideration. Every one could not make a success of any given calling. That would prove nothing against that calling

as a profitable means of support. The Lord is calling men and women to engage in canvassing for our books, and He certainly does not call any one to failure, but invariably to success.

The experience of our workers during the past year may be worth considering in this connection. Of the twenty-three persons who canvassed in this conference, seventeen were men and six, women. The men averaged \$1.61 profits per day of eight hours. The women averaged \$2.53 per day of five hours. The statistics are as follows:

4 persons averaged less than \$1.00 per day.

7 persons averaged from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day.

4 persons averaged from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day.

4 persons averaged from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day.

4 persons averaged over \$3.00.

I do not present these statistics as an incentive to any one to take up this work from a mercenary motive, but they are given to show that those who respond to the Lord's call for workers in this branch of the service, putting in full time and earnest, conscientious endeavor, are paid as well and rather better than those engaged in many other pursuits. We are safe in trusting to the call "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Political References.

We are living in perilous times. Perilous, not only to the world in general, but also to the people of God, in that there are so many side issues to divert attention from the only remedy provided, the Third Angel's Message.

God has called his remnant people to occupy a high and holy position above the standard of the world, and of popular Christianity. Among the many diversions calculated to weaken the spiritual standing of many is that afforded by the alternatives of a political contest.

Jesus came into the world to save

sinners. He took no part in political controversy to the prejudice of either Jew or Roman, even though he was the rightful heir to the throne of Israel. When tempted to take sides in a political controversy he said concerning the payment of tribute, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." As he declared himself to be "Not of the world," so also he said of his followers, "Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world."

Paul said of the followers of Christ, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek," (and he might have added prophetically) there is neither Democrat nor Republican. Any person affiliating with a political party thereby becomes bound in a bundle of tares. Matt. 13:30-40.

Whatever the political preferences of one may be, he should never give expression to it in a way to prejudice one of an opposite view against him as an exponent and advocate of the third angel's message. Our business is to give the message, and not to draw lines on political issues.

A. SMITH.

The Law a Transcript of God's Character.

Most of us are familiar with the statement that the law of God is a transcript of his character. It is interesting to note that in many cases the scriptures use the same word in describing both the Lord's character and His law.

	God	Law
1 Holy	1 Peter 1:16	Rom. 7:12
2 Perfect	Matt. 5:48	Ps. 19:7
3 Righteous	1 John 3:17	Ps. 119:172
4 Love	1 John 4:8	Rom. 13:10
5 Spiritual	John 4:24	Rom. 7:14, 8:7
6 Unchangeable	James 1:17	Ps. 111:7, 8
7 Truth	John 14:6	Ps. 119:142
8 Good	Matt. 19:17	Rom. 7:12
9 Just	Zeph. 3:5	Rom. 7:12
10 Great	Ps. 77:13	Hos. 8:12
11 Pure	Hab. 1:13	Ps. 19:8
12 Worthy of Honor	Isa. 58:14	Isa. 42:21

W. E. VIDETO.

Financial.

January Cash Receipts.

Acre Fund	\$ 28 08
Annual offerings	485 91
Cedar Lake Academy F'd	5 00
Christ's Object Lessons F'd	6 25
Freewill Offerings	75
Haskell Home	15 78
India Mission	50
Merchandise	42 03
Mission Board Offerings	73 44
Oakwood School	5 50
On Account	269 56
Otsego Church School	12 00
Sabbath-school Offering	283 53
Southern Field	16 47
Sumatra Fund	5 52
Tithe	4,054 14
Washington Fund	4 25
Weekly Offerings	58 58
West Michigan Herald	19 00
	\$5,386 29

January Tithe Receipts.

Ainger	\$ 22 25
Agnew	48 08
Allegan	23 31
Allendale	19 25
Bangor	43 00
Battle Creek	1,354 92
Bauer	53 60
Bedford	148 23
Benton Harbor	41 55
Berrien Springs	4 25
Brookfield	5 54
Burlington	11 32
Byron Center	9 63
Carlton Center	50 21
Carson City	34 63
Cedar Lake	21 62
Ceresco	1 00
Charlotte	136 22
Clifford Lake	36 03
Coldwater	15 55
Decatur	71 95
Denver	22 19
Diamondale	36 66
Eaton Rapids	6 96
Edmore	107 40
Fremont	34 38
Frost	17 35
Glenwood	4 50
Grand Ledge	11 00
Grand Rapids	116 12
Grandville	7 35
Greenville	143 64

Hastings	8 23
Hesperia	16 87
Holton	28 60
Homer	31 10
Howard City	5 03
Individuals	36 89
Kalamazoo	41 25
Kent City	30 00
Kinderhook	35 58
Lakeview	20 40
Lowell	34 26
Lyons	9 34
Maple Grove	123 00
Mecosta	22 33
Medical Department	12 00
Mendon	43 79
Monterey	133 85
Muskegon	20 75
Orange	88 16
Otsego	137 88
Palo	9 00
Paw Paw	101 14
Pottsville	11 87
Quincy	130 63
Rothbury	34 65
Sand Lake	41 49
Shelby	43 23
Trufant	4 84
Urbandale	13 81
Waverly	46 94
West Leroy	30 54
Wright	47 30
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	\$4,054 14

Educational.

Myths and Fairy Tales.

In the education of children and youth, fairy tales, myths, and fictitious stories are now given a large place. Books of this character are used in the schools, and they are to be found in many homes. How can Christian parents permit their children to use books so filled with falsehood? When the children ask the meaning of stories so contrary to the teaching of their parents, the answer is that the stories are not true; but this does not do away with the evil results of their use. The ideas presented in these books mislead the children. They impart false views of life, and beget and foster a desire for the unreal.

The wide-spread use of such books at this time is one of the

cunning devices of Satan. He is seeking to divert the minds of old and young from the great work of preparation for the things that are coming upon the earth. He means that our children and youth shall be swept away by the soul-destroying deceptions with which he is flooding the world. Therefore he seeks to divert their minds from the word of God, and thus prevent them from gaining a knowledge of those truths that should be their safeguard.

Never should books containing a perversion of truth be placed before children and youth. And if those with mature minds had nothing to do with such books, they would be far safer.—Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, No. 36, pp. 308-309.

A Tract With A Record.

Less than a month ago the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Washington, D. C., began the publishing of the tract "An Appeal to Clergy." Before the first edition of 40,000 was off the press orders were received for more than the whole edition, and another edition of double the size was printed, making in all 120,000. This too was ordered, the tracts were finished, and another edition of 40,000 was at once put on the press. These flowed out to all parts of the country in like manner and yet another edition was necessary, making in all 200,000. This is also gone, and still another edition of 40,000 is on the press and orders are already in for a large part of this.

Thus in about a month practically a quarter of a million copies of this tract have been ordered. It is indeed gratifying to think of the amount of good that will be done by this publication. It was prepared by a number of our ministers, sent to the clergy of Washington, D. C., and published in the Washington "Post." It presents the Sabbath question so perfectly minister or lay member cannot but appreciate the vital truths contained therein.

Let the good work go on. If you are circulating this tract, keep it going. If not, send to your tract society for a supply. 40 cents per hundred, \$3.75 per thousand, post-paid.

A Call For Religious Liberty Conventions In The Churches.

The General Conference Committee at its recent session recommended that Sabbath, February 25, be set apart by all of our churches in the interests of the Religious Liberty work, by holding conventions and taking up a special collection for the advancement of the cause of Christian liberty.

There will be a suggestive program prepared for the conventions. This it seems would be an opportune time, following so closely as it does the series of Sabbath-school lessons on this subject. There certainly should be a special effort made not only to enlighten others but our own people as well. Many who have embraced the truth during the past few years, since the lull has been prevailing among us on the question of religious liberty, have not been thoroughly instructed on this subject. All should be aroused to the importance of heading the counsel of the Lord in giving the warning message to others before it shall be too late.

All are more or less familiar with the campaign that has been carried on so vigorously along Religious Liberty lines in Washington, and in fact throughout the whole country during the past few months. This expense, together with that of starting the work anew, has drawn heavily upon the collection that was taken for this line of work nearly a year ago.

It must be evident to all that a large amount of means will be required to push the work as it should be in these closing days of the message. We hope that all will do their best to make the collection a large one.

Let conference and church officers begin at once to announce this special day that has been set apart

for the Religious Liberty work, and study to make it a marked success.

We hope all will watch for the suggestive program which will appear in the Review of February 16.

K. C. RUSSEEL,

Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.

Obituary.

John Andrew Haughey was born in Clinton Co., Ohio, Feb. 28, 1823. He was the eldest son (except one who died in infancy) of a family of eleven children.

He came to his death in the manner expressed by Job.—“Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season.” He died peacefully Jan. 15, 1905, at the age of 81 years, 10 months and 18 days. He was united in marriage to Christianna E. Thorp Oct. 24, 1850. To this union were born two sons who are both living. In a few years death took this christian wife and mother from the husband and sons. In 1859 he was united in marriage to Ann Bently. To them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters who are all living except one son who fell asleep in 1888. This wife and mother departed from this life March 23, 1904.

He was led to give his heart to the Saviour in early life and united with the body of Christians known by some as Newlites. He remained a faithful member of this church for many years. In 1867 he heard the “Third Angel’s Message” explained by Elder J. H. Waggoner and I. D. VanHorn. This led him to search the Scriptures to know “if these things were so.” A little over twenty-five years ago he and his companion began the observance of the Bible Sabbath. Eleven years ago he moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio, in order to give his younger children the advantages of a Christian education and fit them for the Master’s service. When this end was consummated the wife and mother died and was laid to rest, but the father was permitted to

live a few months longer and visit another state and conference and reside with his son, Elder A. G. Haughey, in Otsego, Michigan. For more than a year he had been a sufferer, yet he was not, even in his last sickness confined to his bed. He earnestly prayed the last few days of his life that his Saviour would let him fall peacefully asleep in Christ to await, with the loved ones gone before, the consummation of the Christian’s hope. His remains were taken to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where funeral services were conducted by Elder N. W. Lawrence. Five out of eight children who survive him followed his remains to their last resting place by the side of the wife and mother who had gone on ten months before. Sabbath, Feb. 11, 1905 a memorial service was held in the tabernacle at Battle Creek. His son Elder A. G. Haughey, and daughter, Margaret Haughey and other near relatives were present. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder I. D. VanHorn from Rev. 14:13. While the sons and daughters mourn, “they sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.”

Canvassers’ Institute.

As announced last week, arrangements have been made for a general canvassers’ institute to be held at Allegan, Feb. 23 to March 5. The brethren and sisters of the Allegan church have kindly offered to entertain free of charge those who attend. All who are interested in this matter are invited to correspond with M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw, Mich., and learn the plan for paying the railroad fare for those who attend.

News and Notes.

The office has a supply of Religious Liberty tracts. Send in your orders at once.

Elder C. E. Hansen of the North Michigan Conference is located in Kalamazoo. He will have charge of the work in that city. The West Michigan Conference gives him a hearty welcome.

The April number of the “Life Boat” will be a special temperance number.

Brother W. E. Videto spoke at the Otsego church Sabbath, Feb. 11. The Lord was present by His spirit and gave freedom.

Brethren A. L. Evans and William Drier write that the company at Goodwell are making advancement in the spiritual life, and that one brother will enter the work in the near future.

There are two Sabbath-schools at Berrien Springs. One is held in the Emmanuel Missionary College and the other one is held in town to accommodate those who cannot get out to the college. These schools will hold a convention in the near future.

A few days ago the editor had the privilege of visiting the Michigan Sanitarium in Kalamazoo. While there we had the opportunity of testing the skill of one of the nurses. If you pass through Kalamazoo give the sanitarium a call and you will receive a hearty welcome from Brother and Sister Midgley.

Brother O. R. Staines, manager of the Huntsville, Ala., school, wrote a letter to the Otsego church thanking them for the barrel of rugs and bedding which they had just received from Otsego. He said they appreciated the donation and were thankful that they sent new and clean things instead of soiled and cast off garments.

A little incident to cheer some disheartened worker: “In a letter just received one of our canvassers states that in making a delivery he dropped a copy of “Heralds of the Morning” into a mud-hole, and so sold it to an interested lady at a discount, but the lady thought so much of her book that she told all her neighbors about it, and as a result many of them wanted a copy. So you see the Lord can bring good out of apparent evil.”—F. E. Fairchild.