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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Conference Proceedings.

SIXTH MEETING.

The report of the committee on Young People's work was again called for and Sister McKee stated that they had a meeting during the intermission and that the committee felt there should be no change made in the report.

Moved by J. M. Wilbur that the preamble and the recommendations be considered separately. Carried.

Moved and carried that the preamble be laid on the table.

The recommendations which were adopted as a whole read as follows:

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That definite plans be laid for definite work, uniting the thorough study of the third angel's message with practical Christian help work, as may be suggested by leaders.

2. That one especial feature to be considered and executed will be to place before our young people the privilege of supporting one or more laborers in foreign fields, or sending one or more students to Emmanuel Missionary College or other of our schools.

3. That a competent person be chosen to visit each church and set the work in operation where none exists.

4. That our young people and societies be encouraged to report their work for the encouragement of others, and to report on time.

5. That the whole people be asked to seek the Lord in humbleness and contrition of soul to save the great drifting army of our sons and daughters ere the night falls and their souls are not saved.

Moved by Professor B. E. Nicola that the preamble be taken from the table. Carried.

Voted to refer the preamble to the conference committee.

The remaining portion of the report of the committee on Education was next considered. Recommendations 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were passed. After the reading of recommendation No. 9 Elder Haughey suggested that "asked" be substituted for the word "urged," making it read as follows:

That our teachers be asked to co-operate with the text book committee in any way said committee may desire.

Mrs. Flora Williams, who is a member of the text-book committee, said that this committee would be glad to receive from those interested in school work such books as are suitable to be used in our schools.

Recommendation No. 9 was adopted as changed.

The 10th recommendation was read. It was decided that the publication of the recommendations referred to, in the "West Michigan Herald" would be sufficient if the editor would see that all the teachers receive a copy. Carried.

Brother Russell asked Professor Nicola to make a few remarks regarding recommendation No. 5.

The professor stated that more teachers fail in the matter of government than in anything else. It does not take a very strong man to succeed if he has good backing, and the backing he wants is the right kind of understanding with the parents. While the recommendation is not giving the teacher license to abuse the child, it means to submit a good deal.

The committee on Medical Work rendered the following report:

Whereas, we have been definitely instructed through the spirit of prophecy to establish small sanitariums in various places; and

Whereas, the West Michigan Conference has in operation in the city of Grand Rapids a well equipped sanitarium; therefore,

1. Resolved, That we, as delegates of the West Michigan Conference, recognize this institution as one of the Lord's planting, and that we give it our hearty co-operation and moral support.

Whereas, We as a people are interested in Medical Missionary effort; therefore,

2. Resolved, That we give our people opportunity to become more closely associated with this part of the message by encouraging them to call the attention of those of their acquaintance who are in need of medical aid to our Sanitarium at Grand Rapids, and that we encourage them to endow a bed in this institution with the privilege of using the same for any worthy poor who may come to their attention.

Since it is essential that some definite standard be adopted for our Nurses' Training School,

3. Resolved, That we as a con-

ference adopt the course of study as outlined for nurses' training schools at the last Medical Convention held at College View, Neb.

Whereas, An important part of the third angel's message is the Gospel of Health; therefore

4. Resolved, That we recommend that our Educational Department arrange for definite instruction in healthful living in all the church schools of this conference, and that all church school teachers be given opportunity to become more thoroughly familiar with the principles of healthful living and simple treatment of the sick.

Recognizing the importance of the health reform, and the demand there is among us for instruction along the lines of healthful living and simple treatments,

5. We recommend, That the West Michigan Conference employ a medical missionary nurse to work among the churches, and that all our people be urged to procure and circulate our health literature.

The adoption of the report was moved by considering it item by item. Resolution No. 1 was passed without remarks.

After the reading of resolution No. 2 it was stated that about \$300 would be required to endow a bed in the sanitarium. This and also resolutions 3, 4, and 5 were adopted.

Elder Haughey presented a resolution in this connection which reads as follows:

Resolved, That we approve of the executive committee arranging with the Battle Creek Sanitarium for selling the "Ministry of Healing" in harmony with the arrangements made for the benefit of other sanitariums.

The mission of the book was explained and the resolution adopted.

The committee on Licenses and Credentials presented the following report through its secretary, B. F. Kneeland:

FOR CREDENTIALS.

A. G. Haughey Henry Nicola
S. M. Butler Fred Brink

I. D. VanHorn W. C. Hebner
R. C. Horton W. E. Videto
E. VanDeusen

FOR HONORARY CREDENTIALS.

M. S. Burnham
E. H. Root

FOR ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS.

M. N. Campbell
W. H. Heckman
B. F. Kneeland

FOR MINISTERIAL LICENSE.

J. W. Hofstra Carl Hansen
E. F. Collier G. W. Morse
S. D. Hartwell Jas. M. Irving

FOR MISSIONARY LICENSE.

G. W. Amadon Mrs. M. Harnden.
E. A. Merriam Jennie DeYoung
L. J. Otis, M. D. Mrs. T. S. Dock
Fred Hutchinson Edna Wilbur
A. L. Bayley Edith Wilbur
T. S. Dock Nellie Nelson
Mrs. Hutchinson J. C. Brower
Margaret Haughey J. Drury Reavis
Jennie Nelson Mable Jaffray
Mrs. W. H. McKee Clifford Russell
Mrs. N. Richmond Geo. Matteson

REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

H. C. Pitton.
W. D. Lakin
A. L. Evans

All other names referred to the Conference Committee.

The report was adopted by considering each name separately.

An intermission of five minutes was then taken.

(To be continued.)

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,
E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

Canvassing Work.

I have visited several churches in the interest of the sale of our denominational books, and am glad that I can report a live interest in this branch of the Lord's work. There is no question but that the Lord of the harvest is impressing minds with the importance of placing our publications in the hands of the people. Those who have been actively engaged in the work but have laid it aside, are feeling themselves urged to again take up the work. Many who have never engaged in the sale of our books,

are hesitating because they realize their insufficiency. It takes more than human wisdom to rightly present and take an order for one of our books, but the lack on our part is supplied by Him who to-day says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

If we could only realize the interest that the Lord with all the host of heaven has in the third angel's message, it seems that we all would double our diligence and step out by faith, depending upon God to use us as he sees fit. No man can tell another what to say, but He that created man can put the right words in the mouth that is consecrated to His service.

It is a good thing to be humble, but let us be careful we do not get so humble God can not use us.

The institute for the northern half of the conference will be held at Cedar Lake, Mich., April 4-12, and announcement of the one for the southern half will be given later. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend to study for the sale of our books.

I trust that all who are now engaged in this work, or who may be in the future, will be faithful in reporting to the Field Secretary the results of their efforts. Do not think an order or delivery too small to report. The conference is anxious to know what is being done. Your report, however small, will encourage some one. Whatever we do let us "do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men," and then we will not be ashamed of a small order.

I also find our people waking up to the importance of the religious liberty work. Three sisters of the Shelby church, realizing the importance of the work, started out without orders and secured over two hundred signatures to the remonstrance against religious legislation. This was done in a few hours, and the list included nearly all the business men of the village and the best element of society.

It is certainly encouraging to go

to our churches and find them alive to the situation. Our own courage is only increased as we go from place to place. Let us remember that the battle is the Lord's.

GEORGE MATTESON.

Financial.

February Receipts.

TITHE.	
Allendale	\$ 5 31
Bangor	14 10
Battle Creek	760 84
Benton Harbor	46 15
Berrien Springs	52 36
Burlington	9 19
Carlton Center	19 87
Carson City	10 94
Cedar Lake	45 08
Clifford Lake	27 00
Eaton Rapids	5 06
Frost	2 65
Grand Ledge	35 75
Grand Rapids	191 79
Howard City	13 69
Individuals	10 51
Lowell	17 00
Monterey	40 50
Otsego	43 21
Potterville	15 34
Portland	13 44
Rothbury	18 48
Shelby	10 27
South Lancaster	5 14
Stockholm, Sweden	5 00
Sturgis	21 56
Takoma Park	6 54
Waverly	3 75
Wright	66 53
	\$1517 05

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	\$1517 05
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	9 00
West Mich. Sanitarium	191 17
S. S. Offerings	19 74
Weekly Offerings	22 47
Haskell Home	1 50
Annual Offerings	17 05
Mission Board Offerings	5 40
Self-Denial Fund	69
C. O. Lessons Fund	4 50
Southern Field	10 00
African Native Workers Fund	4 00

Literature for the Blind	5 00
Religious Liberty Fund	9 95
	\$1817 52

West Michigan Tract Society.

Merchandise	\$ 32 33
On Account	127 76
West Michigan Herald	6 27
Expense	24
	\$166 60

Educational.

Report of Church Schools for November, 1905.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	15	12	27
	Minnie Hart	17	11	28
	Mrs. C. N. Saunders	15	13	28
	Frances L. Case	15	15	30
	Harriot Hefley	12	12	24
Bauer	Janet Campbell	9	9	18
Bloomington	Estella Murphy	4	4	8
Carlton Center	Grace Evans	4	4	8
Cedar Lake	VoWyla Aiken	10	9	19
Charlotte	Mrs. E. A. S. Clark	5	7	12
Covert	Amy Woodruff	3	7	10
Glenwood	Ruth Saxby	9	7	16
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	5	4	9
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	6	6	12
Maple Grove	Myrtle Lawrence	2	4	6
Odessa	Tina Jorgensen	2	2	4
Paw Paw	Grace Davis	9	3	12
So. Monterey	Eugene C. Waller	10	10	20
Wright	Winifred Trunk	7	7	14
		159	146	305

The Sabbath School Work.

Several superintendents have asked if we could not have a corner in the HERALD for the Sabbath-school work. We have been very much surprised at this question, for we thought it was understood by all that the Sabbath-school work is a part of the educational work. Our educational work consists of the church school work, young people's work, and Sabbath-school work, and from time to time articles have appeared in the columns of the HERALD under the head of "Educational" and many of these articles have been on the Sabbath-school work.

Now, we hope if any of our superintendents have some good sug-

gestions to make, or can tell us of some good things they are doing to make their schools better, we give you a cordial invitation to send them to us, and we will see that they have a corner in the HERALD. The success of the Sabbath-school work does not depend upon one or two persons, but it is the hearty co-operation of all that will give success. May the Lord help us to be "laborers together" for him.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Junior Societies.

Some have asked us what to do for the children who are too young to attend the Young People's Societies. We would suggest that Junior Missionary Societies be organized, where it is practicable, for we have been told that the children must not be neglected. We quote the following:

"Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves. The Lord is not glorified when the children are neglected and passed by. They are to be educated, disciplined, and patiently instructed."

Thus we see from the foregoing statement that the children are to be trained to work for the Lord. It will require wisdom, tact, and much of the Spirit of God to do this work. Some have asked, "Who would you suggest as leaders of the Junior Societies?" In some places the church school teacher may be the leader, but we see no reason why the parents cannot be the leaders, for they have had experience in training children.

"When the dew of youth is upon them, children should be trained to do service for Christ.

"As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,' so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the

truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up."

It does seem that now is the time to begin to train the children for the part they are to act in the closing work, so we would suggest that our church and Sabbath-school officers take this work up and we will see the fulfillment of Mal. 4:5, 6.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

From the Field.

BANGOR, BENTON HARBOR, GLENWOOD AND DECATUR.

Sabbath and Sunday, February 10 and 11, Brother Matteson and the writer spent with the church at Bangor, holding a meeting each day in the interests of the book work and "Religious Liberty." The brethren at Bangor appreciate the importance of all branches of the work, and are planning to do their duty in every way. One person will take up the canvassing work, as the way opens, and two others will plan to devote themselves to it as soon as possible. Brother W. R. Pearce was selected as Religious Liberty Secretary.

At Benton Harbor two meetings were held and some visits made, which were appreciated by the church, and the laborers were encouraged by the interest in aggressive work manifested by the church. One family are taking a club of twenty "Signs" and a club of other papers, beside what the church society is doing.

Sabbath, the 17th, was spent at Glenwood, where Elders Hebner and Nicola were holding meetings, which were proving of benefit to the church, and in which an outside interest was manifest. An opportunity was given for presenting the object of our visit, and at the request of Elder Hebner the writer returned to Glenwood on Monday night and spoke on the present at-

tempt at Sunday legislation in the National Congress, to a good sized and attentive audience.

At Decatur three meetings were held on the night after the Sabbath and Sunday. This church is but few in numbers, but they are very much in earnest in holding up the light of present truth. It was very encouraging to the laborers to note the faithfulness of the sisters, several of whom are quite old, in attending the meetings. Many with much less excuse would feel unable to attend evening meetings. But we are sure the Lord has rich blessings for these faithful souls at Decatur.

After spending a few days assisting Elder Hebner at Glenwood, the writer goes to visit churches in the northern part of the conference in the interest of the canvassers' institute at Cedar Lake.

S. D. HARTWELL.

A New Religious Liberty Magazine.

To meet a persistent effort to increase religious legislation, it has been decided to publish a quarterly religious liberty magazine. It will be about the size of Life and Health, with the annual subscription (including extras) placed at the very low price of 25 cents. Single copies of regular issues, 5 cents each. To agents 25 or more copies of regular issues to one address, 2½ cents per copy postpaid, and 40% discount on 5 or more annual new subscriptions to different addresses. To individuals who are not agents the same discount will be made on annual clubs of 10 or more copies to one address.

Every reader of THE WEST MICHIGAN HERALD should at least subscribe for the magazine, and as many as possible should order clubs for a year, and as time and opportunity presents, take large quantities of single issues for general distribution, through sales of single copies.

Obituary.

Spaulding—Died at Cedar Lake, Michigan, February 17th, 1906,

from Strangulated Hernia, Brother Eli Spaulding, aged 70 years, 7 months and 4 days.

He gave his heart to the Lord 50 years ago and united with the Disciple church. About fifteen months ago he accepted the doctrines as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist people, and rejoiced in the truth until his death. He died with a firm belief in the power of the Son of God to raise him from the dead. That belief was sufficiently strong to rob death of all its terrors.

He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 26:19.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

A good supply of ice has recently been harvested. It is in fine condition.

A class in the principles and applications of simple, rational treatments is conducted Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the young ladies, by Mrs. J. C. Bower.

Miss Myrta Kellogg, educational secretary of the North Michigan Conference, spent a few days at the Academy recently visiting the school. She visited the different classes in the school and spent some time with the North Michigan students. We were glad of the opportunity thus afforded for counsel concerning educational matters.

According to his promise, Elder W. D. Curtis stopped again at the Academy on his way from visiting the North Michigan schools. He spent some time with us. On the evening after the Sabbath he gave a lecture to the students and public, in the Assembly room, on "Seven Years in Missionary Work in the Islands," which was much appreciated by all present. Being history, geography and Bible combined, it was interesting and instructive. His visit was much appreciated.