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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Conference Proceedings.

SIXTH MEETING.

Elder Haughey called attention to some missionary work being done by ten members of the Battle Creek delegation, each of whom agrees to pay \$5.00 toward the support of a native worker in Matabele Land for one year. Elder Haughey asked if there were any other delegates who were willing to appropriate \$5.00 toward a fund of this kind. Several manifested their desire to do so, but as it was found the matter was being taken up by churches it was thought best to let the work be done that way.

Elder Butler was then called upon to give the financial statement of the Cedar Lake Industrial Academy. Elder Haughey read the auditor's statement, and the report was accepted after a few explanations.

The committee appointed to consider the interests of Cedar Lake Academy submitted the following report:—

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That we as a conference give this school our unqualified support.
2. That sufficient means be raised to meet the present indebtedness on the property.
3. That we instruct the board to devise such plans as shall make the school entirely self-supporting.

4. That the course of study reach to and include tenth grade work.

5. That the name of the school be changed from Cedar Lake Industrial Academy to Cedar Lake Industrial School.

The report was adopted by considering it item by item.

Sister Straight from Cedar Lake spoke of the way in which the spirit of God is working with the students at the Academy, and of her thankfulness for the recommendations brought in by the committee.

Elder Haughey stated that six students were baptized at the close of the spring term, and thirteen during this school year.

Elder Butler stated that when he took charge of the school there was nearly a thousand dollars owing in small accounts. Those have been gathered into one and a note given. No debts have been incurred since then and quite a number of improvements have been made, so the school is not running behind.

In regard to recommendation No. 3 Elder Butler stated that with \$1,500 to pay the indebtedness and to make such improvements as are necessary, fifty students in the dormitory would make the school self-supporting.

Elder Haughey said he just received a letter from Elder Wight saying they have twelve students at Cedar Lake, and North Michigan does not want to see Cedar Lake Academy closed even if West Michigan does.

The reason for recommendation No. 5 was given that in calling the school an academy we are making a false representation.

E. A. Merriam read the report of the Nominating Committee for the Trustees of Cedar Lake Academy.

It is as follows:

A. G. Haughey B. F. Kneeland
M. N. Campbell Clifford Russell
S. M. Butler W. J. McCurdy
W. H. Heckman

Voted to adopt the report.

Recommendation No. 9 in the President's address was read, as follows:

"That we settle by vote at this conference where the conference headquarters shall be, and authorize the officers to raise a fund for securing suitable buildings."

As the conference headquarters were located in Otsego temporarily, the President was very anxious to have the matter settled permanently by the delegates. The conference committee were asked to give their opinions, and all seemed to favor Berrien Springs. The two principal advantages seen in locating at Berrien Springs were that the officers of the conference would be in touch with the students who are in training and expecting soon to enter the field, and the conference printing could be done by the school's printing plant.

A rising vote was taken with the result of 120 in favor of, and 4 against Berrien Springs.

It was moved by Elder M. N. Campbell, and carried, to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

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

The seventh and last meeting of the Conference was held Monday morning, Jan. 22, 1906.

This was an informal meeting which adjourned sine die.

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

From the Field.

GRAND RAPIDS.

When I receive the "Herald" I always look for the reports from the field, for when workers have a good experience they cannot keep quiet. When the seventy returned they had many things to report, for they said, "Lord, even devils are subject unto us through thy name."

I have seen the Lord's guiding hand so much of late. He has given me some rich experiences. One Holland lady and her daughter with whom I am reading have decided to obey God and keep his Sabbath. Another Holland lady wanted to know how to become a child of God, and as we sought the Lord together he came near by his Holy Spirit, and I know the Lord heard our prayers. The Lord is good, and I desire a close walk with him so I may be able to lead others to him.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

KALAMAZOO ASYLUM.

I do not know that I am among those who were requested to report, but perhaps some of the readers of the "Herald" will be interested in knowing that simple treatments are being taught and practiced in the Michigan Asylum for the Insane.

I have been here six weeks and have gained many friends among both patients and attendants, especially the former, as there are so many little things one can do to make them more comfortable and to relieve their suffering.

I have just finished treating a patient's arm that is nearly stiff from the effects of an infection. The flesh has grown fast to the bone. It had been in bad condition for weeks and he thought probably he never would use it again. After hot applications I give it massage, and now after the second treatment he uses it a great deal better. He says, "That is wonderful! Oh, you don't know how much good that does me!" And it is really

wonderful what a little hot water and rubbing will do.

You might think this is a very disagreeable place to work, but it is not, for the majority of the patients will talk more or less rationally, and all of them remember any little kindness shown them.

I am teaching hydrotherapy and massage to a class of seven of the head nurses of the different wards. I give three massages and one regular tonic treatment daily, besides special treatments and baths. We bathe all the patients, fifty in number, every Friday.

I thank God for the privilege of helping these poor wrecks of humanity. It is pitiable to hear them beg to go home when for a great number the only going home for them is the end of things earthly.

Pray for me that I may ever do the duty God has given.

NED COLLINS.

Converse, S. C.

Since my last letter to the HERALD I have enjoyed the privilege of attending the Southern Union Conference held in January at Nashville. I was indeed glad to meet and form the acquaintance of my brethren and sisters in the work in the Southern field. Many times since, their faces come up before me while engaged in prayer, and I am glad to remember and present these new faces in prayer before our Father's throne.

Upon returning from the conference I was taken very ill with pneumonia and was not able to leave my room for three weeks, but with the Lord's help and using rational treatments I am again able to be about and do a little toward warning the people of the near coming of the Lord. The people here can not understand how I am recovering so successfully from such a dangerous illness without either doctor or drugs. So that has opened the way for me to reach several cases with the health principles which the Lord has given us, and as a result prejudice has been removed.

Since getting able to go out and walk some, I have visited a lady who is very ill. She got so she could not take the medicines left by the doctor. I gave her a few treatments as I felt able, and she improved so much that she decided to quit the medicine entirely. One day last week after feeling badly that I was not stronger and could do so little, I visited this lady and she told me that she had decided to keep the Sabbath and obey God. This encouraged me quite a little and showed how God can bless the least effort put forth in weakness for him. To him be all the praise.

We had a good meeting yesterday (Sunday) at a private house, fifteen being present. The subject was "Signs of the Lord's Coming and Preparation to Meet Him." The Spirit of the Lord was present to impress hearts with the solemn message of present truth. Six hands were raised for prayer—one a man eighty six years old who had never had any Christian experience. He remembered seeing the stars fall in 1833, but did not know of that being a sign of the end. A lady present invited me to speak at her home next Sunday afternoon. So the good work goes on.

Marguerite distributes papers and helps me in a great many ways, sometimes by remembering things which I forget easily. She will be eleven years old next Wednesday, and I trust will some day be a good and valuable worker in the cause of God.

The weather is delightful now. It is sixty in the shade as I write.

How I wish our young people could get a view of the hundreds of thousands of people in our large cities who know nothing of the Lord's coming, are in no way prepared for it, and suffering with disease for lack of the knowledge which we possess and for which the Lord holds us accountable. We need teachers and nurses here very badly. One could scarcely explain the great need so you could understand unless you come and see for

yourself. I pray the Lord to fill some with his Holy Spirit and send them into the harvest field, for the laborers here are few and the field is white.

The following is a report of my work for the past year:

360 Bible readings given,
106 meetings assisted in,
477 family visits,
6564 pages of tracts given away,
706 papers distributed,
46 books sold,

6 adults and 3 children with whom I have held readings are keeping the Sabbath. Two have been baptized and several more are under deep conviction.

ELIZABETH MCHUGH.

Educational.

There is no grander or nobler work on earth than the proper training of the youthful mind. While my duties preclude my taking an active part in our education alwork, my interest and sympathies are centered there.

I believe the average child receives more lasting impressions from example than by precept. If this is true, what an incentive to the really conscientious teacher! The teacher is constantly watched, and every look or act interpreted in some way by the active minds before her. Be firm, but be pleasant; be dignified, but not stiff; be enthusiastic—be alive; be natural—no masquerading in the school room.

No teacher who does not have a natural love of children has a right to impose herself upon a school. I do not believe such a teacher will ever become a real success, and I pity the child who must endure such a task-giver. Neither do I believe that a teacher who does not enjoy her work can ever obtain the best results.

Never was that trite saying, "Variety is the spice of life," more strictly true than in the schoolroom. We older ones tire of dull monotony, and how much more the vi-

vacious child, full of life almost to the point of "bubbling over." Give them a change. Make every recitation full of surprises for them, and inspire in them a desire to broaden out, to grasp knowledge outside the immediate field of the text. There is usually to be found a sad lack of what might be called general information. Encourage them to follow the trend of current events. For variety, give occasional drills in rapid fire geography questions; addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division at sight; spelling drills; diacritical marking of words; composition work, (to be accurately corrected later by the teacher); letter writing, etc. The wide-awake teacher will find many ways to awaken and maintain an interest in school work. In some future article I will outline a few simple plans which I have found successful along these lines, and I hope our teachers will feel it a pleasure to contribute to our page any plan or lines of work which they have found helpful. Our editor tells me we can have all the space we need. Come now, let's hear from you.

But above everything else, we must instill into the hearts and minds of those under our care an implicit belief in the word of God, and unbounded confidence in the message for to-day. Indeed, we should have no apology for Christian schools did we not make the Bible and its truths paramount to every other consideration.

I believe the fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message can be so simplified as to be taught to, and comprehended by the children; and I should like to see a series of graded Bible lessons covering this ground placed in every school, so that there might be uniformity in this work. Why is it that so few Catholics, comparatively, ever change their religious views? Because from childhood the doctrines of their church are drilled into them. Of how much greater importance, then, that the truths of

the gospel for our time should be so instilled into the minds of our children that they will become a very part of their being.

Two-thirds of the waking hours of our children are spent in the schoolroom, and seven-eighths of their instruction is received at the same place. O my fellow teachers, when we realize the responsibility of rightly training all these young minds, we are led to cry out with one of old, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But thanks be to God, the answer comes back, "My grace is sufficient for thee." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Pray earnestly for the success of our educational work.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Report of Church Schools for December, 1905.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	15	11	26
	Minnie Hart	15	11	26
	Mrs. C. N. Sanders	15	13	28
	Frances L. Case	14	17	31
	Harriot Heffley	8	11	19
Bauer	Janet Campbell	12	8	20
Bloomington	Estelle 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	6	9
Glenwood	Ruth Saxby	12	6	18
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	5	3	8
Maple Grove	Myrtle Lawrence	2	4	6
Michigan Home for Girls				
	Maud Henry		9	9
Odessa	Tina Jorgensen	2	2	4
Paw Paw	Grace Davis	6	3	19
So. Monterey	Eugene C. Waller	8	8	16
Wright	Winifred Trunk	8	6	14
Totals		148	142	290

Obituary.

Cole—Died, at her home near Grand Ledge, Mich., March 8th, 1906, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole. She was a faithful wife and mother. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn their loss. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church in Grand Ledge. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder A. G. Haughey, from John 5:39.

Religious Liberty.

LIBERTY Will Sell.

It has been demonstrated that our new publication, LIBERTY, will sell readily for five cents a copy. In less than three hours' time one of our sisters here in Washington sold fifty-five copies. If this journal can be sold as rapidly as this right here at our nation's capital, with its manifold opportunities for reading the best of everything without cost at the great libraries which are located here, it would seem that the sale of this journal would be guaranteed in other places.

We would recommend that, in canvassing for LIBERTY, each person first try to secure a yearly subscription of his customer; and, if he fails to take a subscription, try to sell a single copy. Many people will, without doubt, as quickly give twenty-five cents for a yearly subscription to a journal like this one, with its extras, as they will buy a single copy.

It will be remembered that the Lord instructed us several years ago when short-term subscriptions were being taken for the SIGNS that it would be better to secure subscriptions for a longer period of time. The same principle will apply in the sale of LIBERTY. We hope that our people, as far as possible, will begin at once a thorough canvass of their respective communities for this journal.

Send all orders to the Review and Herald, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

Let there be no delay, for "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

K. C. RUSSELL.

All circulating petitions against religious legislation should see that the blank space left for indicating where the petition is circulated is properly filled in before forwarding the petitions on to Washington. This should, in fact, be attended to before the petitions are circulated.

A petition with no state or town indicated on it is valueless. Either the town and State, or at least the county and State, in which the signers reside, should be indicated.

W. A. COLCORD,

Sec'y Religious Liberty Bureau.

Let The Good Work Go On.

It is not too late to secure signatures to the petition blanks against the Sunday bills now before Congress, so let the good work go on; and, when the petition blanks are reasonably full, they should be sent direct to the Religious Liberty Bureau, Takoma Park, Wash., D. C.

We would also urge all who have not yet written to their representatives from their respective Districts, to do so without delay.

K. C. RUSSELL,

Char'm. Religious Liberty Bureau.

News and Notes.

H. C. Pitton is located at Niles.

Elder G. B. Thompson was in Battle Creek last Sabbath.

The Executive Committee held a meeting in Cedar Lake Tuesday, March 20.

The Tract Society has a supply of "Christ in Song" and is able to fill orders.

The Lake Union Conference will be held at Berrien Springs, commencing May 8, 1906.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth has returned to his home in South Lancaster, Mass. His labors in Battle Creek were appreciated by many.

Brethren Hartwell and Matteson are visiting the churches in districts 4, 5, and 6, in the interest of the canvassers' institute to be held at Cedar Lake.

The future subscription of "The Life Boat" will be fifty cents a year. In clubs of five or more, thirty cents a year; monthly lots of 100 or more, two cents a copy; or-

ders for less than 100 copies, two and one-half cents a copy.

Within two miles of the Denver church there are four 40 acres wild land for \$100 each; 160 acres, \$600; 40 acres, house and barn in front of church, \$1,200; 80 acres, \$800, 20 acres cleared; also a forty-acre farm to let. Further information can be obtained by writing to J. C. Wells, Huber, Mich.

A young people's society has been organized recently at Benton Harbor. Both old and young manifest an interest in the work. There is an opportunity in that city for missionary work, and we are glad to learn that some are holding Bible readings and visiting the people, and we know that "their labors will not be in vain in the Lord."

Special Notice.

All churches within the West Michigan Conference holding "Christ's Object Lessons" as custodians for the conference will please ship these books to the West Michigan Conference, Otsego, Mich.

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