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Recommendations and Resolutions Adopted at the Fourth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference Held at Otsego Jan 18-21, 1906.

That we make the Foreign Mission Board of the General Conference a cash donation from our 1905 tithe fund of \$2,500.

That we continue the support of Sister McHugh in South Carolina until January 1, 1907.

That we add \$500 from our tithe fund to the appropriation for India.

That we appropriate \$100 to the General Conference Mission Board to support two native workers in Central Africa.

That we appropriate \$1,000 of our 1906 tithe fund to the General Conference and ask that they sup-

ply the Battle Creek church with pastoral help.

That our aged ministers locate on small tracts of land near the center of the conference districts and take supervision of the church work in the several districts.

That we continue to favor the training of young men and women as missionary workers.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT.

Your committee in harmony with the action taken in other conferences, and especially in consideration of the evident vital need of the hour, and the rapid development of influences manifestly detrimental to the religious liberties of the nations, would RECOMMEND the organization in this conference of a department of religious liberty and the appointment of a field secretary, whose duty it shall be to select local secretaries in each church and take active measures to make known the principles of religious liberty to the general public throughout this conference.

COLPORTAGE AND CANVASSING WORK.

1. That an institute be held during the month of April at some convenient place for the training of colporteurs and canvassers, the same to continue for a period of ten days.

2. That the co-operation of all our churches be earnestly solicited in encouraging individuals to engage in the work of canvassing for the sale of our standard subscription books, and that we especially urge individuals to engage in this work as permanent resident canvassers.

3. That suitable individuals be encouraged to take up the sale of our pioneer missionary periodicals

in such localities as will permit them to secure lists of subscribers sufficient to yield them adequate compensation for their needs, and that they pursue this work continuously from year to year.

4. That in harmony with the recommendations of the general missionary committee of the denomination, we especially urge upon all our people the importance of engaging in the sale of what are known as 40% books, and that they give as much time as possible to this work.

5. We recommend the adoption of the plan whereby students may earn a scholarship for one year in Emmanuel Missionary College by selling \$150 worth of subscription books, turning the whole amount into the Tract Society treasury, the Tract Society to issue the order for the scholarship and to pay the railroad fare of the student from his home or field of labor to the college. Whatever amount the student may sell above that sum they will receive the usual canvasser's commission on.

MEDICAL WORK.

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 conference 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.

6. 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.

From the Field.

BENTON HARBOR, ALLEGAN AND MENDON.

March 2-4 I spent at Benton Harbor. I found an interesting

Sabbath-school and a working church. They hold a weekly Sabbath-school teachers' meeting and it was my privilege to attend the teachers' meeting, and I was glad to see the good attendance and interest that was manifested. A teachers' meeting properly conducted will be a blessing to the Sabbath-school. It was my privilege to organize a young people's society, and I expect to hear good reports from this society, for they have some earnest workers and there are souls in that place who are hungering for the truth.

Sabbath, March 10, I visited the Allegan Sabbath-school, and I found them interested in the Sabbath-school work. There is no young people's society there at present, but hope there will be in the future.

March 16-18 I spent at Mendon. I found a well organized Sabbath-school and the Sabbath-school officers are anxious to obtain help in the Sabbath-school work. They voted to hold a Sabbath-school convention, and nothing preventing, there will be a convention there in the near future. Mendon is the home of Brother Edward Collier, and he is holding a series of meetings in our church. Some souls are interested and we hope they will take their stand for the truth. The brethren and sisters are receiving benefit from the meetings, for some of the younger members of the "household of faith" are getting a better knowledge of the truth. We have the promise that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

GLENWOOD.

I began meetings here according to appointment February 3, and the day was very stormy. Consequently there were only a very few out, and thus they did not hear the appointments for the week; but after the meetings became thoroughly advertised, we had good congregations, when the weather would permit.

The church was greatly benefited by the meetings, and one who had become discouraged and gone back to the world renewed her covenant with the Lord. We have strong hopes that the whole family will follow shortly. A young man of good repute in the community also accepted the message, and his father, brother and sister attended quite regularly, manifesting a deep interest in the words spoken. Some four or five others attended the meetings, and we have hopes that the seeds of truth have fallen on good ground, and will produce a harvest of souls.

Elder H. Nicola was with me twice over Sabbath and Sunday. S. D. Hartwell and George Matteson were with me a few days. The visits of these laborers were greatly appreciated, and were a source of strength to us all.

I closed the meetings March 4th, but felt sad, because I did feel that there was seed sown in hearts that ought to accept of God's message for this time. I expect to have baptism there some time the last of April or the first of May, no preventing providence. There are several young people that I would like to see go forward with their Lord in baptism. May God impress their minds to take this important step, is my prayer.

W. C. HEBNER.

SAND LAKE.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of working with him by carrying the printed page to the homes of the people. I hold sweet communion with him as I walk by the way, and I could relate many instances where I have seen his direct leading. I realize that it is just as important to represent Christ in the proper way in the canvassing work as it is in the ministerial work.

I have never been a fast canvasser and I have never canvassed for the money, but for the salvation of souls. I want to be "as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove,"

and in every home I try to speak a word for my Master. Many times the people shake hands with me, and with tears in their eyes say, "God be with you, and if you ever come this way again, call on us, for we have enjoyed this talk." I go on my way rejoicing and praising God for the privilege of speaking a word for him that may shed light in the path of some soul.

I believe if all our workers would do more house-to-house work, that more churches would be raised up, for in the canvassing work we find precious jewels. We are told in Jeremiah 16:16 that we are to be hunters.

May the Lord bless all his servants with the true missionary spirit, is the prayer of an humble canvasser.

JAMES JOHNSON, SR.

Report of Church Schools for January, 1906.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	14	11	25
	Minnie Hart	16	9	25
	Mrs. C. N. Sanders	15	13	28
	Frances L. Case	12	15	27
Bauer	Harriot Hefley	8	11	19
	Janet Campbell	12	9	21
Cedar Lake	VoWyla Aiken	7	8	15
Charlotte	Mrs. E. A. S. Clark	6	9	15
Covert	Amv Woodruff	3	6	9
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	5	3	8
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	9	8	17
Maple Grove	Edna C. Bellows	2	4	6
Paw Paw	Grace Davis	6	4	10
So. Monterey	Eugene C. Waller	7	8	15
Wright	Winifred Trunk	7	6	13
Totals		120	124	253

Fountains vs. Cisterns.

Although the cistern may be ever so large, yet there is a limit to its capacity, only so many gallons can be drawn from it. But not so with the fountain; constantly taking away does not diminish the supply.

When I was a child we procured our supply of water from a spring, or fountain, and I could not comprehend how we could take away in any quantity and yet the flow always remain the same. Where

did it come from? The mystery was great indeed.

Then again, though the cistern might be filled with the purest of water, yet in time the same water would become insipid, perhaps nauseous, while the water of the fountain would always be fresh, sweet, and invigorating, and the temperature not affected by atmospheric changes of heat and cold. Then there is danger, or at least the possibility, of the cistern becoming broken and the contents leaking out at a time when most needed. Jer. 2:12.

The tendency of the human nature is to depend upon cisterns and to think if our efforts have been blessed that we have done something. The king to whom much light had been given, and also great possibilities, had lavished his great wealth and resources in building and beautifying a great city, and then self-complacently, boastfully said, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built?" Dan. 4:30. But, how quickly did this great cistern become broken and fail!

The Saviour said to the woman at the well of Samaria, (John 4:10) "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." Again, (verse 14, last part) "But the water that I shall give him shall be IN HIM a well of water springing up into everlasting life," unceasingly flowing throughout all eternity.

In "Desire of Ages," page 187, last part of third paragraph, we read: "The cisterns will be empty, the pools become dry; but our Redeemer is an inexhaustable fountain. . . . He in whom Christ dwells, has WITHIN HIMSELF the fountain of blessing,—'a well of water springing up into everlasting life.' From this source he may draw strength and grace sufficient for all his needs."

We need this connection in all the walks of life, in all we under-

take; without it, our work will be "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

A. B. C.

Quotations from Standard Authors.

Troubles are like hornets, the less ado you make about them the better, for your outcry will only bring the whole swarm upon you.

If you would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.

A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain; it is a seed which, even when dropped by chance, springs up a flower.

Learning is wealth to the poor, an honor to the rich, an aid to the young, and a support and comfort to the aged.

Happiness is a perfume that one cannot shed over another without a few drops falling upon himself.

Prosperity is no just scale, adversity is the only true balance to weigh friends.

A wise man knows his own ignorance, a fool thinks he knows everything.

Every good deed is a benefit to the doer, as well as to the receiver.

It is not wealth but wisdom that maketh a man rich.

True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

We should not forget that life is a flower which is no sooner fully blown than it begins to wither.

Selected by M. S. Burnham.

Comparative Statement of Funds Received by the General Conference.

	1904	1905
From Conferences for the support of laborers in foreign fields,	\$ 8,088 31	\$15,414 77
Annual Offerings,	41,361 18	41,970 33
Missions,	20,722 30	47,106 05
Mid-summer Offering,	3,103 58	6,432 57
Tithe,	5,523 81	7,629 41
Second Tithe,	5,261 38	3,773 30
Sabbath-school Donations,	24,321 09	32,136 67
Specific Funds,	15,263 59	15,572.84
First Day Offerings	20,521 91	23,981 19
Donation for work among the colored people in		

the South		7,992 44
Totals.	\$144,167 15	\$201,959 57

Notes from the Last Meeting of the Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the conference held at Cedar Lake, Mich., March 20th, 1906, the following actions were taken:

That a canvassers' institute be held at Paw Paw following the one at Cedar Lake. The date of the Paw Paw institute is April 17-26.

That the Battle Creek church be requested to loan their gospel tent to the conference for use during the summer.

That Elder Haughey go to Ohio on a business trip for the General Conference.

That Mrs. Cleora Green of Battle Creek be recommended to engage in self-supporting Bible work at Coldwater.

That a spring council of the conference workers be held at Berrien Springs in connection with the session of the Lake Union Conference May 8-18.

That the following named persons be delegates from the West Michigan Conference to the Lake Union: A. G. Haughey, delegate at large, S. M. Butler, I. D. Van Horn, R. C. Horton, Henry Nicola, Fred Brink, W. C. Hebner, E. Van Deusen, M. N. Campbell, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland, M. S. Burnham, J. W. Hofstra, E. F. Collier, S. D. Hartwell, James Irving, Carl Hansen, G. W. Amadon, E. A. Merriam, L. J. Otis, Margaret Haughey, Mrs. Minnie Harnden, Jennie DeYoung, Clifford Russell, George Matteson, Byron Sperry, A. L. Bayley, W. D. Lakin, Edith Wilbur, Edna Wilbur, Jennie Nelson.

That Moses Whitemarsh locate in Muskegon and engage in Bible work and canvassing.

That J. C. Brower move to Belding at the close of the winter term of Cedar Lake Academy and engage in Bible work.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

The Lake Union Conference will be held May 8-18, at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Send in your orders early for the Sabbath-school quarterly for the second quarter of 1906.

Elder E. VanDeusen has been visiting churches and isolated Sabbath-keepers in District No. 5. He reports an interesting and profitable time.

Your subscription expires with this number. We hope you have enjoyed the "Herald" so much that you will want it to continue its weekly visits.

Mrs. Edith E. Bruce, formerly of Michigan, has accepted a call to labor in this conference in medical missionary work.—Southern Illinois Herald.

Sabbath, April 7, is the day for the Haskell Home collection. This is a church collection and is not to be reported through the Sabbath-school Department.

The April number of the "Life Boat" will be a "Special Prisoner's Number." It will be furnished in any quantities up to one hundred at two and one-half cents apiece, and at two cents apiece for one hundred or more.

All our readers will appreciate the contents of the April number of "Life and Health." This number of the journal might properly be called "The Mental Cure Number," as it contains several articles upon the power of the mind over the body. The proper dominion of the mind over the body is emphasized. Extreme views and practices are condemned. This number of "Life and Health" ought to have a large circulation because a great majority of people are suffering from mental hallucination rather than from any real physical affections.

Twenty-five copies of the April number of "Life and Health" will cost only 65 cents when sent at one order to one address. Let all our readers do all they can to increase the circulation of this excellent health journal.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Brother J. C. Brower has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mrs. C. M. King and daughter, Celia, of Stanton attended the Sabbath services March 24.

A donation to the school of one hundred pounds of honey was received last week from the West Michigan Conference. It is a very acceptable gift.

Brother C. J. Tolf, one of the students of the North Michigan Conference, occupied the hour of Sabbath service. His remarks were based on James 4:14. He said that as our lives are so short, we should seek to improve our time and follow our Saviour in giving our lives for others.

The last prayer meeting of the winter term was held March 23rd. The principal of the school gave an earnest talk from Mark 8:36, 37. He said that in all probability all would not meet together again, but that there was a grand reunion day coming and he hoped all might meet then. He spoke of the allurements and pitfalls that Satan has for the youth and exhorted all to stand true to principle and not barter away their hope of eternal life.

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