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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.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

Whereas, We believe that the primary object of making contributions in our Sabbath-schools should be to carry the message to the regions beyond, and save souls in the kingdom of God, therefore,

1. RESOLVED, That the individual members of our sabbath-schools pay for their own supplies, such as lesson pamphlets, Instructors, Little Friends, and Sabbath-school Workers, as far as possible.

Whereas, The various Sabbath-school conventions which have been held during the past year have proven very helpful, not only in

increasing the interest in Sabbath-school work, but in deepening personal piety and in the salvation of souls as well, therefore,

2. RESOLVED, That we continue the plan of holding Sabbath-school conventions during the coming year.

Whereas, There are among us many isolated ones and others who cannot for various reasons attend Sabbath-school, who should receive help and encouragement in the divine life, therefore,

3. RESOLVED, That we make a decided effort to put into operation the Home Department plan, both for local schools and the state department.

Whereas, We all recognize the propriety of prompt and accurate reports, therefore,

4. RESOLVED, That we as delegates to the West Michigan Conference do request the Superintendents and Secretaries of our Sabbath-schools to recognize their obligation in the matter of making prompt quarterly reports.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

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.

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY.

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.

Christ Commands the Keeping of the Seventh-day Sabbath and the Paying of Tithes.

BY J. B. BUCK.

On one occasion, when some of the disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians came to Jesus, tempting him as to whether or not it was lawful to pay tribute to Cæsar, he ordered that a piece of tribute money should be shown him; and upon inquiry as to whose image and superscription it bore, they replied, "Cæsar's," whereupon he said: "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's." Matt. 22:15-21.

Now let us see what some of the things are that God claims as his. In Ez. 20:10, we read these words, which God thundered from Sinai with his own voice, and engraved on tables of stone: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." And Christ says, "Render . . . unto God the things that are God's;" and can we do this by observing the first day when God says the seventh is his?

Again, in Lev. 27:30, the Lord says that "all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." In verse 32, we find that this tithe is the tenth. And here again the words of Christ, "Render . . . unto God the things that are God's," will apply with equal emphasis; for both the Sabbath and the tithes belong to God. It would be sin to withhold either.

A Snowflake's Complaints.

As I sit at my window watching
The silvery snowflakes fall,
Forming a blanket of purest white,
Tho' each is so very small;
I seem to hear one of them whisper,
"What use is it for me
To try to make the brown earth white,
So small I seem to be?"

And I see the little elf weeping
Because of its humble lot,
And it says, as it melts to a teardrop,
"Go there to be lost, I will not."
So it falls as a drop of water
Instead of a flake of snow,
And melts other flakes that it touches
That had fallen a moment ago.

And it leaves a dark spot on the blanket,
A stain in the silvery robe
Which still other snowflakes must whiten,
As they come from their cloudy abode.
If we as pure, white-robed Christians
Would stand in your place and mine,
The gospel robe would the nations surround
Till the old earth would shine.

But we sigh, as this little snowflake,
For a life of fame and renown,
And by and by when the talents are proved,
We may find we have lost our crown.
But, my brethren, we cannot be lost alone,
We lead some other soul,
Whether it be on the downward road,
Or toward the heavenly goal.

HETTIE L. OLSEN.

Heads and Horns of the Beast.

The great red dragon of Rev. 12:3 was seen, prophetically, in his full development; though he had in John's day only six heads, and no horns, the horns not appearing until the fourth century after. At the time the ten-horned beast arose out of the sea in 538 he had destroyed three of the horns of the dragon, and at no time since has the beast had ten horns, nor will he until the ten kingdoms of Europe "agree and give their kingdom unto the beast." They could not give the beast what already belonged to him as his horns.

When that compact will have been entered into it will heal the "deadly wound," and will endure for a short, indefinite period termed "one hour" which will be marked by the bitter persecution of God's people. "They shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. . . . Ye shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death." Luke 21:12, 16. "This prophecy has been fulfilled in a marked manner. Every indignity, reproach and cruelty that Satan can instigate human hearts to devise, has been visited upon the followers of Jesus. And it will be fulfilled in a yet more marked manner." Mrs. E. G. W. in "Review" January 16, 1900.

The compact will close with the finishing of the gospel. See Col. 1:25; Rev. 10:7; Eph. 6:19. After the close of probation Rome will be unmasked and the ten kingdoms will then fulfill Rev. 17:16.

The "war" of Rev. 17:14 is the last brief, bitter persecution instigated by Satan. See Rev. 12:11, 17. The "called, and chosen, and faithful" are God's remnant people. The final conflict will be with Christ and His angels. Rev. 19:11-14.

A. SMITH.

Missionary.

Some of the Results of the Canvassing Work from the Standpoint of Experience and Observation.

Much has been said and written upon this subject by those who were well qualified for the task. The only apology the writer has for offering anything on the subject is the hope that something may be said that will be helpful to someone, especially the beginner. Of course in this article we have reference to the canvassing work as related to the promulgation of the gospel message that is to ripen the harvest of the earth.

One of the first results is that from the moment the individual decides to take up this work, a deeper consecration pervades the soul and a closer application is given to the study of the Bible, for whatever book may be taken, whatever the subject treated upon, the underlying principles are found in the Word of God,—are based upon that word. Hence any preparation that neglects this will prove disappointing in the results. Then the book study should be simultaneous with the study of the Bible. So far the results have apparently been confined to benefits the individual has received by making his choice and entering upon the work of preparation. To some it may seem that this would not properly come under this heading,—may seem paradoxical,—that a person might go through all this preparatory work and never canvass an hour; but it would still be true that the canvassing work was responsible for this study and discipline of the mind, which is not only a blessing to the individual himself, but he is prepared more intelligently than before to present these truths to those with whom he comes in personal contact and also by correspondence. For these and other reasons the writer believes his position to be logical.

Again, many persons who enter

the work have had very limited advantages for gaining an education, and have not had many social privileges, and these things hang over the sensitive, self-conscious person like an incubus. He sees that to succeed, these things must be overcome, he must study to enlarge and improve his vocabulary, to improve his manners, to lose sight of self, becoming wholly absorbed in his work, and he must learn to observe intuitively what perceptible effect his effort is having upon his listener. All this and much more is inseparably connected with the final result of his work.

Another result to the canvasser is a deeper, broader insight into human nature than can be gained in any other way. Naturally the people he meets at their own homes do not feel that restraint they would at any other place or under any other circumstances, so this experience or educational feature may be of great value in life's later experiences. So one result of the canvassing work may be the fitting up for other fields of usefulness.

What we sometimes term the "staying qualities" of a person are often developed in the experience gained in the canvassing field. Our lamented Brother F. L. Mead who laid down his life in the Dark Continent a few years since was among the first to demonstrate that our bound books can be sold by subscription. We would not have to go beyond our own conference to find an ordained minister, an acceptable laborer, whose first public labor was in the canvassing field, and he had so little confidence in his ability that he would not venture it only on condition that an experienced canvasser should go with him.

We also know that the truth finds its way into many a home through the efforts of the canvasser when no other means are available or practicable. In whatever we engage it is the prospective result that decides our course, and salvation full and free for others as well

as ourselves is the fruit we must see if our work is a success, although the full results can never be known in this life.

Next to your Bible, take "Gospel Workers" as a help along this line, and as God has given to each his work, may we each find our work.

A. B. C.

Educational.

Musical Education.

"Music is an expression of the soul,
Uttered or unexpressed:
An inspiration of hallowed zeal—
A grace by all confessed."

We often see people take a small instrument, or sit at the piano, and fumble over the strings or keys, apparently in sport, and yet behind it we can see they regret that they do not have a musical education. Many times we hear the following expressions: "I wish I could play," or "I never could learn to play." Is it uttered as a plea for sympathy, or to check that inborn longing for a musical education? The following thought expresses much: "The ability to sit down at a piano and render some of the old or new masterpieces of melody with some degree of understanding is an accomplishment much desired by young people, when they enter their own particular social sphere in life; and the lack of it has caused many hidden regrets."

With the many advantages offered to-day, nothing but actual poverty is a sufficient excuse for people not having a musical education. Out of a sincere desire to learn, grows the attempt to learn. Spasmodic efforts are of no avail. We want to know how to begin, and then comes systematic study and practice.

When we make a study of music we want to understand the fundamental principles and review them from time to time. We can remember an eighth rest because it is like the figure that comes before eight—seven; a whole rest is so heavy it falls through the line; an eighth note has a full head, with a stem and flag, etc.

The Lord has told us by his Spirit that "we do not make the most of this branch of worship." Let us learn to praise God with our voices and on instruments.

J. DRURY REAVIS.

Report of Church Schools for February, 1906.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	15	13	28
	Minnie Hart	15	10	25
	Mrs. C. N. Sanders	15	10	25
	Frances L. Case	14	16	30
Bauer	Harriot Hefley	7	12	19
	Janet Campbell	12	9	21
Byron Center	Maud G. Henry		19	19
Carlton Center	Grace Evans	4	4	8
Cedar Lake	VoWyla Aiken	7	9	16
Charlotte	Mrs. E. A. S. Clark	5	11	16
Covert	Amv Woodruff	3	5	8
Glenwood	Ruth Saxby	13	6	19
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	5	3	8
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	9	9	18
Maple Grove	Edna C. Bellows	2	4	6
Odessa	Tina Jorgensen	2	2	4
Paw Paw	Grace Davis	5	4	9
So. Monterey	Eugene C. Waller	6	10	16
Wright	Winifred Trunk	6	7	13
Totals		145	163	308

News and Notes.

James Irving is finding considerable interest in Buchanan.

Moses Whitmarsh and wife have just located in Muskegon.

Brother E. A. Merriam met with the Charlotte church Sabbath.

H. C. Pitton, who recently located in Niles, finds all the openings he can fill.

Elder W. E. Videto will spend the summer vacation in tent work in the West Michigan Conference.

Elder Fred Brink has been laboring near Coleman for a time and it is expected that a church will be organized there soon.

The water tank at Emmanuel Missionary College burned the 25th of last month, and they are installing a new water plant.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent last Sabbath at Berrien Springs.

A canvassers' institute is in progress at Cedar Lake. It will close April 12. The Paw Paw institute will be held April 17-26.

We hope the church officers, Sabbath-school secretaries, and secretaries of the young people's societies will send in their quarterly reports as soon as possible.

Will all the ministers and workers who have telephones in their homes please send their telephone numbers to the HERALD, as we want to revise our telephone directory.

Remember that next Sabbath (April 7) is the day for the annual collection for the Orphans' Home. It is a church offering, therefore the Sabbath-schools have nothing to do with it.

FOR SALE—House and lot in Cedar Lake. Ten-roomed house in good condition, finished throughout, flowing well in house. Wood shed, hen coop and park, nice lawn with large maples in front. Five minutes' walk to the Industrial School. Address A. D. Jobes, Cedar Lake, Mich.

Perhaps some of the readers of the HERALD will be interested in the following, which appeared in the "Pasadena (Calif.) Evening Star" of March 20, 1906:

Hundreds of people were turned away from the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Sunday evening unable to gain admission. Evangelist Wm. Simpson, the converted infidel, spoke on the "Binding of Satan." Mr. Simpson has rented a large store building at 43 West Colorado street, nearly opposite the post-office and spared no expense in transforming it into a ground floor hall, where he will conduct a series of illustrated lectures on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. The first lecture on the series

commences to-night. The subject will be "The Dream of Nebuchadnezzar. This subject was the means of his conversion from infidelity to a belief in the inspiration of the Bible. If you don't believe the Bible you should hear him to-night. You will go away convinced that it is more than a common book. If you are a believer of the Bible you should hear him. It will establish your confidence in the old book. Seats are free. Come to-night in time to secure one.

Battle Creek.

The Battle Creek church schools have been enjoying a vacation during the past week. Work began again Monday morning.

Elder A. G. Daniells made Battle Creek a flying visit last Wednesday on his way from California to Washington, D. C. He brings most encouraging reports of the work.

Brother John Quinn spoke to the young people Sabbath afternoon on the subject, "The way back to our Father's house." His talk was illustrated, and very interesting to the young people.

Elder Heckman of Battle Creek, and Elder Campbell of Grand Rapids exchanged pulpits last Sabbath morning, and the Battle Creek congregation was greatly instructed by the sermon delivered by Elder Campbell on the text, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

At 4 o'clock a missionary program in the interests of the home missionary work was rendered, at which time Brother G. W. Amadon gave a few minutes talk on "The Missionary Work of the Past," and Brother A. G. Adams spoke of the "Missionary Work of the Present." Some brief reports from the canvassers and colporters were given, also a report of the work of the Dorcas Society. A song from the

little boys at the Haskell Home and another from some of the Sabbath-school girls, together with two beautiful selections from the choir, made this hour a most enjoyable one.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Miss Frankie Gurney of Saginaw made her brother, Arthur, a visit last week.

The winter term of school closed Tuesday, March 27. Examinations were held Monday and Tuesday.

O. V. Rumsey had to go home on crutches, as he had the misfortune to sprain his ankle two days before school was out.

Tuesday evening the young ladies in the school gave a reception at Capt. Thomson's, to the young gentlemen. A program consisting of music and recitations was rendered.

Mr. Gaylord Reavis made his brother, J. D. Reavis, a visit last week. He came Monday evening in time to take part in the exercises of the evening. His help in the orchestra was much appreciated.

Brother J. C. Brower and wife left Friday morning for their new field of labor in Belding. Our prayers follow them. We trust they may see souls born into the Kingdom as the result of their labor.

A vocal and instrumental recital was given in the dormitory parlor Monday evening, March 26, by the pupils of Mrs. H. Straight and J. D. Reavis. The program consisted of selections on the organ, piano, and the orchestra. About eighty were present, and all seemed well pleased with the work accomplished in musical lines during the school year.