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## Conference Proceedings.

### Seventh Meeting.

Wednesday evening session opened at 7:30 with Elder Haughey in the chair.

After singing No. 1252, prayer was offered by Elder Butler. The delegation then sang "I am nearer my home to-day than ever I have been before."

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted.

As the order of this meeting was already previously arranged, the unfinished business of the last meeting was laid over till Thursday morning.

Elder Haughey called for further reports from the laborers.

Elder M. N. Campbell spoke first, calling attention to the many moves which he had made since last year, having been located at Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and

Battle Creek. He also spoke of the plan which had been on foot for his entering the Levant Field, stating that on account of some arrangements at the European end of the line, his going had been postponed for a year, and so at the advise of Elder Daniells, the president of the General Conference, he had found himself located in Battle Creek, the last place on earth he would have chosen. However, on closer acquaintance, he had found some of the best people there he had ever known, and many Seventh-day Adventists as earnest and true to the message as any on the face of the earth and that he was enjoying his work even in Battle Creek. He then gave an outline of his work at that place.

Brother S. D. Hartwell then occupied a few minutes in telling of his experience during the past year stating that he had enjoyed it very much. He gave a very interesting account of his visiting the churches throughout the conference in the interest of the religious liberty work, being successful in helping each church to elect a religious liberty secretary. He had tried to impress on the minds of the brethren and sisters the necessity for being prepared to do instant service in this work we have undertaken to do. And also the importance of always being supplied with the necessary literature on Sunday legislation.

In closing his remarks he said he could only pray that God would give him ability to do the work placed upon him and that at last when the work of life was over, there might be sheaves garnered in as the result of his labors.

Elder Kneeland next told of his taking up the work left by Elder Campbell in Kalamazoo when he went to Grand Rapids, and said that he had found it to be a very pleasant work.

He agreed with Elder Campbell that there were two classes of workers, in our churches,—those belonging to churches where there are so many that no one feels any responsibility, and the other class where there are only a few and so backward that no one wants to work. In Kalamazoo there are a large number of people who have never heard the truth, and their plans for work there are to reach this class. Elder Kneeland also mentioned the fact that in the Kalamazoo church there had been a coming up on the tithe-paying during the past year as well as the offerings. While about a year ago the tithe in that church had been only about \$300, it had now come up to nearly a \$1,000. He stated that he believed a great deal more could be accomplished by encouraging the brethren than by scolding them. Did not believe so much in begging money as in laying the situation clearly before them, then we would find them loyal and true to the message, in a pecuniary way.

Elder Horton mentioned his labors in Bangor, Covert, Glendale, Cassopolis and Benton Harbor making a special plea for Benton Harbor. Elder Haughey here stated that Dr. Hansen was to be located in Benton Harbor and take up the work there. Elder Horton gave a further report of his work with the tent during the summer both before and after camp-meet-



ing, speaking finally of the tent effort made at Hastings after the camp-meeting closed, which made the fourth tent meeting held in Hastings.

Brother Collier next gave an interesting account of his work both at Mendon and Niles. He related a very interesting experience with one man and his wife which he had had in visiting with the people. Suggested that visiting the people was the way to reach them and help remove prejudice. He believed that this was the way they had succeeded in keeping their tent filled night after night. As a result of the effort at Niles some twelve or fourteen persons had taken their stand for the truth.

Brother Irving mentioned some of the experiences he had passed through both in the tent work and in working with the churches which had been assigned to him at the recent council. He had only had about three days apiece to spend with the churches. But he found some of our church members who had not had family worship in their families for twenty-five years but were still church members. Such people as these need the help of our ministers to teach them how to live. He believed that there was work right among our churches for our ministers.

Brother Pitton then said he supposed the delegates were anxious to know what he had to say and assured them he was not going to say much. He then gave a very stirring account of his work with the tent and later among the churches where he had been assigned. Said he thought when assigned to these churches that he had the hardest lot of churches in the conference. He said it was not a very easy matter to secure money from such territory as his, for people could not give when they did not have it to give. Brother Pitton seemed to think that much work was needed among some of our smaller churches.

Brother Gray then occupied some

time in giving a very full account of his work with Brother Hofstra in the Holland districts. Said the Holland people were hard to reach and some of them willfully closed their eyes to the truths presented. But that a few souls had been the result of their labors. He mentioned his work at Edmore, Mt. Pleasant, Emerald, Horr, Lakeview and other small places.

At the close of this talk as it was already 9:45, Elder Haughey suggested that we would save the best till the last and that the sisters would be called next time.

A motion to adjourn till 9 o'clock Thursday morning then prevailed.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

### Financial.

#### One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Previously Reported	\$793 63
Carlton Center Church	19 54
Grandville Church	3 76
Lowell Church	8 50
Sturgis Church	20 00
John Snyder	15 00
Mrs. Boyd	2 00
Bauer Church	9 05
Muskegon Church	1 00
A Friend	5 00
Belding	55
Mrs. Ada Foster	1 00
Etta Kemerer	1 00
Kate Messer	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley	5 00
Otsego Church	17 14
Cedar Lake Church	24 59
Mrs. Tasker	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Staines	1 00
Allegan Church	12 00
Fremont Church	8 25
Clifford Lake Church	2 00
A Friend	3 50
Charlotte Church	9 06
Jennie Kennedy	3 00
Battle Creek Church	109 02
Pottsville Church	11 00
Berrien Springs Church	4 00
Horr Church	1 83
F. E. Osborne	7 00
Chas. Belle	1 00
C. Oliver	2 00

D. Forde	1 00
Neils Larson	2 00
Dimondale Church	3 00
Kinderhook Church	6 50
Bushnell Church	15 00
Bedford Church	26 50
Sand Lake Church	2 65
Monterey Church	10 52
W. A. Doering	2 50
Allendale Church	14 77
Homer Church	11 00
Geo. E. Kelsey	2 25
Judson Barrett	3 00
L. S. Morey	2 00
Wm. Barchelder	1 00
Emery Ferney	2 00
C. A. Ross	1 00
P. Parmenter	80
Elmer Ross	1 00
A Friend	5 00
Edmore Church	2 40
West Leroy Church	21 00
Ida A. Smith	50
Decatur Church	2 00
Maple Grove Church	1 10
Shelby Church	6 47
Trufant Church	2 10
William Dexter	3 00
Lucinda Dexter	3 00
Portland Church	14 50
Holton Church	2 00
Agnew Church	2 35
Brookfield	8 00
Douglas Church	7 00
Mecosta Church	1 70
Hastings Church	53 80
Palo Sabbath-school	1 00
Quincy Church	20 35
Benton Harbor Church	3 65
Marrietta Drake	3 00
M. S. Burnham	5 06
Lyons	3 00
Total	1,357 05

#### Conference Improvement Fund.

Previously Reported	\$412 09
John Snyder	10 00
Mrs. Lent	1 00
A. C. Bordeau and wife	5 00
Collection at Conference	22 00
Mrs. Haysmer	50
J. H. Haysmer	1 00
Martin Wilson	50
H. Hendrich	55
Lottie Staines	50
J. A. Dispelder	10 00



G. W. Amadon	2 50
W. E. Videto	2 00
Potterville Church	25 00
Minnie C. Hamden	10 00
Clifford Russell	5 00
Dimondale Church	3 00
Jennie DeYoung	2 50
James Irving	5 00
W. H. Hickman	9 00
B. F. Kneeland	25 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$552 14</b>

### From the Field.

#### SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Elder R. T. Nash and Brethren Allie Johnson and J. E. Soper of Campobello, S. C., were indicted and tried here January 10 for working on Sunday. They did not employ any lawyer. Elder Nash conducting his own defense.

He made the Sabbath truth very plain and clear, also the evils of religious legislation, and many people said they had learned more on these subjects than in all their lives before.

The judge and jury, however, were against us. A verdict of guilty was returned, and a fine of one dollar each was imposed. Some parties in the court room paid fines for all three, saying it was the best sermon they had ever heard.

Many minds and hearts are now stirred to inquire about the Sabbath and other points of our faith. O that we had more laborers to enter the harvest just now, the field here is white and waiting. Soon the interest will pass and the golden opportunity gone. Who will say, "Lord, here am I; send me."

ELIZABETH McHUGH.

TRUFANT.

We had good meetings during the week of prayer. On account of sickness we held most of the meetings at the homes of the brethren. Brother Pitton was with us one afternoon and we appreciated it very much.

As I was returning from the

Conference I met Brother C. A. Hansen and wife at Howard City, who were returning from India. We were afraid that we would not see him again, but we praise God that his life has been spared and he is gaining in strength.

Dr. L. J. Otis and Brother H. C. Pitton visited us recently and we were much pleased with their visit and would be glad to have such visits often.

Most of our members took part in the quarterly meeting. Brother Hansen was present, but was not able to talk to us. We are looking forward to the time when he will be able to talk to us, for we know he will have something good to tell us, as he always does when he is well. We are always glad to read reports from other churches.

MRS. SAMUEL MEDLER.

#### Battle Creek Young People's Society

Much interest is manifested by the members of the Battle Creek Young People's Society in the study of the weekly lessons appearing in the Youth's Instructor, which are considered in the Sabbath afternoon meetings.

We are onward for the finishing of this work in this generation, and believe that a great many of our members are getting the necessary preparation, consecration, and willingness to go forth as laborers for the Master.

The average weekly attendance is seventy-five. Although our numbers have somewhat decreased during the past year, we are not at all discouraged, as this is largely due to the fact that many have gone to other fields, where they are giving this glorious message to those who know it not.

During the first part of the year our donations went to the Egyptian field. About six months ago we decided to assist the educational work in this country. Cedar Lake Academy and Huntsville school being among the first to enlist our attention. Over three hundred

dollars have been expended this year by our society for missionary purposes.

We are glad that the young men and women throughout the denomination are pressing to the forefront of the battle. Let not one soul in the West Michigan Conference remain inactive. No matter how few our talents, the Lord asks us to improve them.

The following words, taken from one of the late articles by Sister White, are so pertinent that we would like to emphasize them for the special benefit of the young people:

"Awake, my brethren, awake, and do not let angels see that you do not feel but little obligation to act your part in sustaining the work that is being done. Be wide awake. Pray while going about your daily duties. Draw strength from Christ; and let your hearts be filled with the deepest gratitude that the Lord is working. Be laborers together with him.

"If in this opportune time the members of the churches will come humbly before God, putting out of their hearts all that is wrong, and consulting him at every step, he will manifest himself to them, and will give them courage in him. We must be ready to use our God-given capabilities in the work of the Lord. We must be ready to speak words in season and out of season,—words that will help and bless.

"As the church members do their part faithfully, the Lord will lead and guide his chosen ministers, and strengthen them for their important work. In much prayer let us all unite in holding up their hands, and drawing bright beams from the heavenly sanctuary."

May we each one sow the seed, that we may reap the harvest with joy.

ELLEN OXLEY.

#### Allegan Young Peoples' Society.

Under the leadership of Sister Pratt, who has done so much to



bring about the present interest among our young people, we have a membership of twenty-one with an average attendance of fifteen.

Our work has been to study different subjects pertaining to the message and with the hearty co-operation of the church we feel that a good measure of success is the outcome of our efforts. We have not done very much missionary work as yet, but we hope that at the end of another six months we will have some fruit from our labors. Asking your prayers to aid us in the work for the Master we are yours in the service of the Lord.

ALLEGAN YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY.

### Educational.

#### Uniformity In Our Schools.

It is the studied purpose of nearly all connected with the educational work of the Lake Union Conference to get our schools to all work in harmony upon a systematic basis.

As a means to this end the Course of Study passed upon at the College View convention, was adopted at the Lake Union council held at Benton Harbor in the fall; and an outline for teachers, based upon this course, giving the subjects to be pursued in each grade during each semester, was prepared. This has made it possible to conduct a mid-year examination in all grades above the third. This examination was held during the week commencing January 21. A similar examination will be held at the close of the year.

Another matter of the greatest importance in securing uniformity in our work is the subject of text-books. A uniform series of text-books has been adopted, and all examination questions will be based upon these texts. A large committee, composed of some of our leading educators, worked faithfully for many weeks, upon the text problem, with the result that the line of books suggested by

them has been adopted by our union conferences everywhere.

Some are complaining that they have to change books so often. I cannot see how this complaint can well be offered, inasmuch as this is the first time in the history of our educational work that a series of text-books has been presented to our people for acceptance.

I wish now to say a few words in behalf of our new readers, and the placing of them in our schools just as soon as they can to be used in the class work already organized.

I recently wrote a personal letter to each of our teachers regarding this series of readers; but, as it is the parents who have the books to purchase, I take this means of reaching as many of the latter class as possible.

It would be far beyond the limit of this article to attempt to enumerate all the merits of this series of books. I will mention but a few. I consider the method employed the most rational of any yet devised—the phonetic system coupled with the word method. The books are carefully graded, but few new words being introduced in each succeeding lesson—a fact which will appeal to the most of our teachers. The subject matter has been most carefully chosen and nothing has been introduced but that is true and pure and ennobling. The matter has been chosen, also, especially in the lower grades, with a view of correlating with the reading, the elements of physiology, geography, nature study, and even number work to a certain extent, thus avoiding the necessity of organizing separate classes for these subjects in the lower grades. The books are printed upon an excellent quality of book paper, in very large, clear type, and substantially bound in buckram.

The complete series consists of eight numbers—one for each grade. Numbers 1 and 2 are off the press, and orders for them may be sent to

this office at any time, and will be filled the day the books arrive, which will probably be some days hence. Price 75¢ each, post-paid. Nos. 3 and 5 will soon be ready. The other numbers of the series will probably not be ready before next summer.

Some may think the price is high; but when you consider the comparative size of the edition, and the fact that phonics are made so prominent through the entire set, including the marking of silent letters, all of which requires a special cutting of the type, the matter of the price is fully explained.

I trust that all will see the importance of this matter furnishing their children with uniform books, and thus co-operate with us in our work of endeavoring to secure uniformity and system in all our schools.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

### Notice.

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### Be True.

Walk in the clear bright light,  
Purchased by heav'n at cost so great;  
Stand nobly for the right.  
Let not the dreadful words—"too late"  
Be said of thee:  
For opportunities that may not come,  
Do not wait, but loyal be—  
Be true.

MRS. J. M. C.

"We cannot put too great emphasis upon the duty of giving happiness and cheer to others. But it is no less a duty that we should be happy and cheerful ourselves."