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Sixth Meeting of the Conference.

February 16, 1908, 2:30 p. m.

On account of the absence of the President, Elder J. G. Lamson opened the meeting, and by vote he acted as temporary chairman.

"What Shall I Do for Christ My Saviour?" was sung, and prayer was offered by Elder Slade.

The Committee on Plans presented the following partial report:

9. Whereas, The demand for educated laborers in the cause is far in excess of the supply, and

Whereas, Our schools are now prepared to do efficient work in fitting young men and women for service,

RESOLVED, That we urge all of our people to put forth extraordinary efforts to place the youth in our schools, and

We recommend that the young people of the West Michigan Conference continue the support of one

of their number in the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary.

10. In view of the magnitude of the work of presenting the third angel's message, and the need of utilizing every facility available, and the blessings that come to those having a part in this work, we therefore,

Recommend, That our churches and companies renew their efforts in the circulation of our papers, tracts, and 40% books, and revive the old time spirit of the tract and missionary work.

That we encourage our Conference Committee to provide sufficient help in the office, to largely attend to the routine work, thus enabling the Missionary Secretary to organize, train and foster this work in the churches.

That we appreciate the efforts of our self supporting canvassers and extend to them all the help and encouragement possible, and will as churches and conference workers, encourage suitable persons to engage in this work.

11. Whereas, The Muir and Lyons church has become so decreased in membership that they find it impossible to keep up the repairs and the interest on the mortgage upon the church building unless they have some outside assistance, and

Whereas, Without such assistance the value of this property is likely to be lost to this conference, therefore,

We recommend, That this audience assembled make a donation as individuals to help this church to the extent of \$40 toward the needed repairs.

We further recommend that the property be taken under the supervision of the trustees of the Conference Association with a view to its disposition.

12. We urge upon all our teachers the importance of attending the Lake Union Summer Normal, and by every means seeking to advance the standard of excellence in our schools.

We recommend that School Boards supply their respective schools through the regular organized channel, and that no teacher be employed who does not possess the required certificate.

13. We endorse the action of the Executive Committee in securing the farm and site for conference headquarters, and an intermediate school, and urge that steps be taken to provide the necessary buildings and equipment for the school so that it may open to receive students at the beginning of the next school year.

Recommendation No. 9 was re-read. Brother Russell was glad to say that the Lord has a place for everyone of our educated Christian young people. The importance of the resolution was fully set forth and emphasized by Brother Russell, Elder Hofstra and Brother Blosser. The urgent call for workers demands that we awake and see that our young people get the quick training that will fit them for immediate service in the great harvest field.

The 10th recommendation was spoken to by Brethren Blosser, A. C. Haughey, Butterfield and Gravelle, especially urging united effort on the part of all to revive

the circulation of our periodicals and books which contain the truth for the present time. Several instances were related of people accepting the truth from the reading of one tract and they were now helping to spread the light.

Elder Haughey having arrived took the chair.

The importance of the need of the Muir and Lyons church receiving help was presented to the people and a donation was taken up for the needed repairs and other obligations.

Brother Russell spoke to the 12th recommendation, urging the importance of each school board securing teachers through the regular channel. The necessity of all our teachers attending the Summer Normal of the Lake Union was emphasized. Elder Haughey stated that the conference had borne the traveling expenses of our teachers to and from the summer normal schools for several years. Brother Russell added that the College management had charged no rental for rooms, and that there was no tuition charge, so the expense was very meagre.

Following the presentation of recommendation 13, relative to the new intermediate school to be established at Otsego, a prolonged discussion took place by members of the body.

On motion of Brother Benjamin the last recommendation was accepted. Then the report was acted upon as a whole.

Meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

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

During the Lake Union Conference all the mail addressed to this office will be forwarded to Chicago, and will receive careful attention. The Executive Committee and the other conference officers will be in attendance throughout the session.

Educational.

Wednesday, February 26, I left Otsego for a visit to Cedar Lake Academy. Our train became snow-bound between Grand Rapids and Cedar Lake, so that I was all night in making the trip, reaching the school at 4 o'clock a. m. I found Brother Claude Snyder already astir building the fires, and I was soon greeted by warm friends, who gave me a cordial welcome.

Thursday and Friday were profitably spent in visiting the different departments in the Academy and church school.

The class work is progressing encouragingly, while the school is taxed to its capacity in providing accommodations for the students.

Upon invitation from the church elder, Prof. W. C. Mathewson, I spoke Sabbath to a very attentive audience upon the "Life and Work of Christ."

The Volunteer meeting in the afternoon was conducted by Arthur Gurney. Several students took part, each presenting one phase of the Sabbath question.

On Sunday the senior class, numbering 10, met and organized by choosing Oliver Denslow as president and Myrla Bellows as secretary. Some plans for the closing exercises were discussed, which all entered into with enthusiasm.

There is an earnest spirit of devotion manifested by nearly all the students, which is a source of great comfort and encouragement to the faculty, who have labored faithfully to maintain the spiritual atmosphere of the school.

Monday afternoon I rode to Edmore with some of the students, where I took the train for Portland. I was much pleased to note the improvement in this school since my former visit in the fall. I found the teacher, Miss Hastings, encouraged with her work, and endeavoring to do her best.

Wednesday evening I arrived in Grand Ledge, and the next day

visited the little school under the faithful guardianship of Miss Hall. This school is increasing in membership, and growing in interest and spirituality.

If some of our fathers and mothers who do not see the necessity of placing their children in a Christian school could only step into such a school for a day, I am sure they would change their opinion.

Several years ago we were instructed that the time had come when our children should be placed in our schools. Some churches have rallied nobly, and 478 pupils are enrolled as students in our schools and academies. We have in our conference about 1200 pupils of school age. Where are the other 722? Where is your boy and girl? "Are all the children in?"

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

The Institute at Berrien Springs.

The Canvassers' Institute at Emmanuel Missionary College was a pronounced success.

The College Faculty generously granted the chapel period for general instruction, the President and dean giving some valuable assistance during this period. All other drills were conducted by J. B. Blosser assisted by the writer.

Each book received special study. An earnest class of Christian workers, about thirty in all, attended. About one third of these, being West Michigan Students, will remain here and labor during vacation, engaging in the sale of Bible Readings, Daniel and Revelation, and the Heralds of the Morning. All others were recommended to their home conference.

The term examinations and this drill coinciding a number were unable to attend. So in council with the President it was decided to continue this work a few days near the close of the school year, when we hope to enroll others and finish the work preparatory to the field. At that time the writer expects to go into the field with some of the inexperienced ones and help them

to put in practice the things taught in the class drills.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

On Time.

History teems with confirmatory illustrations of Shakespeare's saying, "There are tides in the affairs of men, and knowing them and catching them is the secret of what the world calls success." Washington was always on time, and so won American independence. From Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shilo, and Vicksburg to Appotattox, Grant was always on time, and so gave the United States a new birth. VonMoltke was ever on time, and united Germany, the dream of centuries, was the result. Dewey was on time at Manila, and Schley and the captains at Santiago, and so were won two of the most brilliant naval victories of history, settling the question of the independence of Cuba. Grouchy was not on time, and so Napoleon lost Waterloo and the imperial throne of France.

From the very day the canvasser enters the field he should be on time. If there is one thing he will be tempted concerning, it will be that of time. Satan knows there is very little time in which to do it, so he tries in every possible way to get us not to be on time. O, that our people everywhere could only see the importance of being on time! "Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light be placed before as many as possible."

Brethren, let us work while it is day. Let us remember the examples of the wisdom and importance of being on time. To-day is yours; to-morrow ?

—R. J. Bryant, in Atlantic Union Gleaner.

Obituary.

Mrs. Louise S. Cole was born June 29, 1862, in the township of Spencer, Kent Co., Mich. She was married Sept. 28, 1879, to Mr. O. E. Cole. Sister Cole died February 26, 1908, of pneumonia, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marion Powell, of Charlotte, aged 45 years, 7 months, and 28 days. Sister Cole was converted and, with her family, united with the Seventh-Day Adventist church near Trufant, in 1895, when the church was first organized by Elders S. M. Butler, L. N. Lane, and the writer.

She always endeavored to live a consistent Christian life and was highly esteemed and respected both in the church and in the vicinity in which she lived. It was the privilege of the writer to see Sister Cole give her heart to the Master, and to know that she remained faithful to the last is a source of consolation in this hour of sorrow.

She leaves her children and the husband and father besides numerous relatives and a host of friends. In a bereavement like this we can but say:

"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding
On the spoils that death has won,
We would at this solemn meeting,
Calmly say, 'Thy will be done.'"

The remains were taken to their Sand Lake home for interment where she was laid beside her daughter Myrtle. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church in Sand Lake.

Words of cheer were spoken by the writer from II Sam. 14:14.

W. R. MATHEWS.

The "Proceedings of the Medical Missionary Convention" held at Loma Linda, Cal., October 28-31, have been published and can be supplied to all who may desire them. A careful perusal of this report cannot fail to broaden our minds and renew our interest in the medical missionary work. Price, 15 cents per copy, postpaid.

Financial Report.

February Receipts of the West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	\$2,079.34
Sabbath School Offerings	103.77
Weekly Offerings	19.34
Chinese Mission	7.75
Bills Payable	216.07
Bills Receivable	61.63
Conference Improvement Fund	160.00
Scandinavian Mission	5.00
Charloe, Ohio. Church Fd.	47.78
Otsego Intermediate School	9.60
Colored Work	5.50
Salary Account	6.77
Mission Board Offerings	33.63
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	47.65
Self-denial Fund	1.00
Offerings (field not given)	.97
Finnish Mission	3.21
Annual Offerings	67.13
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	6.00
Stanbourough Sanitarium	.75
Southern Field	.25
African Mission	4.00
Religious Liberty Offerings	139.81
General Fund	195.39
Jewish Work	8.00
Missionary Volunteers' Educational Fund	21.15
Total	3,251.49

West Michigan Tract Society.

Merchandise	37.73
On Account	179.08
West Mich. HERALD	4.50
	221.31
Grand Total	3,472.80

February Tithe Receipts.

Allegan	\$ 25.66
Bangor	3.07
Battle Creek	653.64
Bedford	61.09
Belding	21.33
Benton Harbor	15.31
Berrien Springs	136.75
Bloomington	7.03
Brookfield	19.46
Buchanan	3.54
Burlington	2.45

Carson City	12.41
Cedar Lake	140.54
Coldwater	51.77
Covert	3.23
Decatur	5.75
Denver	35.32
Dimondale	4.88
Douglas	97.00
Emerld	11.43
Frost	6.75
Grand Rapids	131.89
Grandville	4.63
Greenville	46.15
Hastings	50.00
Kalamazoo	58.86
Otsego	109.26
Paw Paw	94.16
Potterville	15.00
Sand Lake	10.05
Shelby	31.39
Sturgis	6.85
Wright	117.21
Individuals	36.22
East Michigan Conference	3.50
Iowa Conference	40.00
Ontario Conference	4.00
Kansas Conference	1.76
Total	20,79.34

From the Field.

Muskegon.

With this monthly report will send a brief note concerning the work here.

Readings held	27
Meetings held	2
Families visited	24
Went to Conference.	

The interest among the readers is fairly good.

This one thing is true, where the Lord works Satan is always ready to oppose and overthrow the work done. The Lord has said that His word shall not return unto Him void and that is a great source of encouragement to the Bible worker.

"Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Pray for the work here.

Yours in the Master's service,

ZONA CARR.

Battle Creek.

At the recent meetings of the church board the following actions were taken:

Miss Ellen Oxley elected as clerk and treasurer in place of A. L. Bayley who leaves to be secretary and treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference with headquarters at Philadelphia.

J. Q. Foy is to do the collecting formerly done by Brother Bayley, but it is expected that all who can do so will bring in their tithes and offerings to the treasurer's office, thereby giving heed to the scriptural injunction.

H. M. Aldrich and M. H. Minier were elected as deacons in place of G. H. Crandall and E. L. Richmond, who have taken up their work in connection with the conference office.

Sister Nina Crane was elected as deaconess in place of Mrs. E. L. Richmond.

A standing nominating committee of nine members was selected to act for the balance of the current year, in nominating officers for all church positions.

Musings.

Blessed Jesus thou hast promised
To be ever near our side,
Day by day our footsteps leading,
Hour by hour to be our guide.

Though the way be rough before us,
And our hearts are crushed with woe,
Thou didst tread this path before us,
And Thou'lt never leave us so.

But our feeble footsteps guiding
O'er the way which Thou hast trod,
Thou wilt still in safety lead us
To the city of our God.

There in heavenly love abiding
With our Saviour we shall dwell,
Knowing that our Lord and Master
Ever doeth all things well.

SUSIE M. BARRY.

FOR RENT, 40 acres of land, three miles from the city. Interested parties can secure further information by addressing Martin DeVries, 698 North Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

News and Notes.

Elders Hartwell and Collier were at the office last week.

Elder J. W. Hofstra has accepted a challenge from Rev. T. W. Bellingham, pastor of the Disciple church at Fremont, Michigan, for a debate on the Sabbath question.

There has recently been issued, "Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 10," which is an appeal to our workers. We expect to have a supply soon and will be glad to receive orders. Price, 5 cents post-paid.

The series of articles on Christian Science, by Elder R. A. Underwood, that appeared in the SIGNS, is now published in pamphlet form as Bible Student's Library No. 197. It is gotten up with a neat cover and is a valuable acquisition to our literature. We have a quantity at this office. Price, 10 cents per copy.

The annual offering for the support of the poor aged people and the orphans in our midst is to be taken the first Sabbath in April. The fund raised in this territory will be used under the direction of the Lake Union Conference Committee. It is hoped that the donation will be a liberal one, for it is taken but once each year instead of twice as formerly. Will not all our churches plan to make this as large as the needs of the case demands?

The following persons will go as delegates to the Lake Union Conference: A. G. Haughey, M. N. Campbell, S. D. Hartwell, J. W. Hofstra, W. R. Mathews, G. H. Crandall, E. L. Richmond, C. A. Russell, A. C. Haughey, L. J. Otis, J. E. Hanson, M. C. Whitmarsh, E. F. Collier, J. M. Wilbur, and Miss Eva Howe. Any mail for these individuals will reach them if sent in care of Wm. Covert, Room 670, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago.