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Seventh Meeting of the Conference Held at 9 a. m. Monday, February 17, 1908.

"There Is Sunlight on the Hill-top" was the opening song. Elder E. K. Slade offered prayer.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

As the collection taken for the Muir and Lyons church did not reach the desired mark, another collection was taken which made a total of \$41.16.

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials submitted the following report:

For Credentials: A. G. Haughey, M. N. Campbell, I. D. VanHorn, W. E. Videto, W. R. Mathews, A. C. Bourdeau, M. S. Burnham, J. W. Hofstra, S. D. Hartwell, W. C. Hebner.

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For Missionary License: Jennie DeYoung, Zona Carr, Eva Howe, Edna Wilbur, Edith Wilbur, Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden, Edna Bellows, Calista Nelson, Mabel Baker, Mrs. Cleora Green.

All other names were referred to the Conference Committee.

Each name was considered separately, and licenses and credentials granted according to the report of the committee.

Elder Haughey stated that Brother J. M. Irving is at the present time in college receiving further training, and would be ordained at some future time.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

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

EIGHTH MEETING.

Meeting called at 10:55 a. m. at the close of the Association meeting.

The report of the Committee on Nominations with reference to the Cedar Lake Academy Board was re-read and carried unanimously.

The Committee on Plans and Resolutions submitted the following final report:

14. We recommend that the educational department negotiate with the publishers of our text books to arrange if possible for a reduction in price to our teachers, or to the church, where these books are purchased for the teacher's use.

Whereas, The Mission Board is in receipt of numerous calls for the extension of its work in other lands, and

Whereas, It finds itself greatly embarrassed for want of means to effect its enlargement and is sending out to our people earnest appeals for immediate increased assistance, therefore,

15. We recommend That the members of all our churches be encouraged to make liberal weekly offerings, as the Lord may prosper them, to the Foreign Mission Fund.

We further recommend that the Conference Committee devise a plan for the systematic collection of these offerings weekly and that the funds so collected be forwarded monthly to the Conference Treasurer.

16. RESOLVED, That we, as delegates to the sixth annual session of the West Michigan Conference, hereby express our hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality extended to us by those of like precious faith in Charlotte; and to those citizens of the place who so kindly opened their homes for our entertainment.

A rising vote was taken to the last recommendation. The other recommendations were passed unanimously.

Elder Hartwell, in behalf of the Charlotte church, expressed thanks for the appreciation of the delegation for their entertainment, and stated that it had afforded them much pleasure to have the Conference in their midst.

The most impressive service of the Conference was witnessed at this point, when Brethren G. W. Amadon, A. Smith, E. F. Collier,

and J. M. Wilbur were set apart by ordination to the work of the gospel ministry. Elder A. G. Haughey offered a very earnest prayer and Elder J. G. Lamson gave the charge. These brethren were welcomed by Elder M. N. Campbell into the circle of the ministry and invited to share their triumphs as well as their trials and disappointments.

Elder Haughey made a few remarks in which he said: "I am sure we are all glad for this day. Our hearts are made to rejoice. I long to see the day when more young men can be set apart to the gospel ministry. I long to see the time when the work will deepen in the hearts of these men and pass on to others."

Elder Haughey stated further: "I would not feel that I had done my duty unless I expressed my appreciation of the kind treatment I have received from you as Chairman of your meeting, and as President of the Conference. This one thing I can say this morning with an honest heart, I have done the best I have known. I trust that you will pray that God will give sufficient grace that when I make mistakes I may retrace wrong steps. While we are to have the mind of Jesus, and become partakers of divinity in a sense, the body is human. I trust the Lord will give us all wisdom and strength sufficient unto the day."

Brother Benjamin Hill, a pioneer of the message, made an appeal for increased earnestness and zeal in this closing work.

Elder Hartwell said that it had afforded him much pleasure to have the council of Brother Hill who had been the elder of the Charlotte church for many years.

On motion of John E. Hanson the meeting adjourned sine die.

"When the King Shall Claim His Own," was sung to close.

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

FOR SALE, My property in Otsego near the Adventist church and less than ten minutes walk to the Conference headquarters. A desirable place for either keeping boarders or renting furnished rooms.

W. W. SHEPARD.

Lake Union Conference Notes.

March 17, 9:00 a. m.

After the opening exercises the first part of the session was taken for roll call and partial organization of the Conference. The program was arranged for a Bookmen's Convention so that was followed as closely as possible.

Elder Allen Moon occupied some time speaking to the subject, "The Purity, Purpose and Importance of Our Literature, and the Need of a Revival in Its Distribution." He believed that God had inspired some of the writers of our denominational literature. A number of instances were given to show how definite results had come from the distribution of our papers, and books.

H. H. Hall, of California, related an instance of one copy of "Great Controversy" that had been loaned around for eighteen years, and been the means of converting many persons.

E. R. Palmer of, Washington, D. C., called attention to the attractive threads of evil that run through nearly all the literature of the present day. Comparatively few can be reached by the preached word but the minds of men are being molded by what they read. The recent hearing before the District Commissioners in Washington was used as an illustration, showing how the minds of the people there had been influenced by the Memorial to Congress and the literature that had been scattered throughout the city.

March 17, 10:30 a. m.

"The Development of the Publishing Work in Connection with this Message," was the subject assigned to E. R. Palmer for this hour. Reference was made to Martin Luther as the first man to train canvassers or colporteurs. Forty young men were prepared for this work in connection with their University studies. They went out as "flaming torches" through the land. The quiet, personal work of individuals with their

neighbors is most effective and can be carried forward when other avenues have been closed.

The first papers and tracts were distributed far and wide. "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" was the first subscription book, followed by "Marvel of Nations" and "Great Controversy." From 1845 to 1882 the total book sales were about \$300,000. These had increased until in 1892. The sales for that year were \$819,000. The next few years this department was not pushed as it should have been. The Lord has not permitted his people to leave it thus, however, but the work has now been brought back so that it is even greater than in 1892. The schools have much larger canvassing classes than ever before.

S. N. Curtiss, manager of the Review & Herald Publishing Co., spoke of the signs of encouragement we have before us this present year and urged that the spiritual side of the question be made uppermost.

H. H. Hall said the fact that our printing offices no longer do any commercial work, takes us out of competition with other shops and does away with union objections to our books that do not have the union label.

James Cochran, of Kansas City, made mention of the prospects in the middle west, especially in Kansas.

D. W. Reavis rejoiced that the publishing work is developing so rapidly, and that every live member is now a missionary, helping to scatter the printed page.

March 17, 2:30 p. m.

At the opening of the afternoon session Elder S. D. Hartwell was chosen to prepare for publication the speeches and papers read.

The order of the hour was a paper by H. H. Hall on the "Revival of the Missionary Work, and How to Organize It." Moses divided up the responsibility of the government of Israel, and, following the same plan, we should

not weigh down any one man with too heavy duties. The plan of organization should be carefully studied. Charts were used to show our general plan as it exists at present.

Brother Hall outlined a new arrangement with a view to increasing the sales of our publications, including books and periodicals.

This paper was supplemented and emphasized by E. R. Palmer. He advocated continued, persistent effort all the year around. A vehicle should have wheels enough for efficiency. A wheelbarrow is not designed to carry heavy loads rapidly. If we take the message to the world in a short time we should have the best methods and an organization that will be large enough to meet the demands. The speaker advocated the appointment of a Missionary Secretary in each conference, as suggested by the previous speaker.

(To be Continued)

The United States Navy.

Sixteen mammoth battleships, the flower of the United States Navy, are now slowly making their way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

It is expected that the fleet will enter San Francisco harbor about May 6, 1908, and then will occur one of the grandest naval demonstrations in the history of the world. In addition to this battleship fleet, the entire Pacific Coast squadron will be in the harbor.

The mayor of San Francisco has appointed a large representative committee to make preparations to receive this fleet, and a very elaborate program has been arranged.

From fifteen to twenty thousand men are on these battleships, and their arrival will bring together a vast concourse of people.

The attention of the whole country,—yes, of the whole world,—is now turned toward this event, and their arrival here is being watched with great interest. It is a subject of general conversation.

This presents another splendid

opportunity for us to get the truth before the people. We have therefore decided to make the SIGNS OF THE TIMES dated May 13 a number devoted especially to this subject.

This number will be beautifully illustrated with special half-tone engravings.

On the first page there will be a large portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet, surrounded with an illustrated naval border, printed in colored ink.

The fourth cover page will contain a view of the United States battleship fleet.

On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon by Mr. Maybell, our New York artist, entitled

"CONSECRATED SERVICE."

Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on to victory.

The whole paper, sixteen pages and cover,—will be filled with live articles on the great themes of the Gospel, written with a view not only to interest the reader, but to save souls. Here are some of the subjects:

God's Call to Service: The Conflict; The Captain; The Reward.

Signs of the Times: Riches, Intemperance, War Preparations, etc. The Law of God.

Bible Readings on Important Topics.

The Outlook Department, specially illustrated. Here we will give the statistics of the navies of the world, their wonderful growth within the last few years, what all this means, etc., etc.

Altogether it will be one of the most interesting, attractive and important numbers we have ever issued.

The California Conference expects to circulate 25,000 copies, at least, among the soldiers, sailors, and marines, and in the cities around San Francisco Bay.

It will, no doubt, sell equally as well all over the United States, and it is hoped that a special effort will

be made to give it a wide circulation. This event presents another opportunity to give the truth to people in an attractive form.

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From the Field.

Charlotte and Grand Ledge.

Since the Conference I have spent one Sabbath with the church at Charlotte. The brethren here greatly enjoyed the Conference and a good impression was left on those who entertained, by the delegates in attendance.

The work in Charlotte is not all we would wish for it, yet there are evidences that the Lord is working, and that hearts are earnestly seeking Him.

I spent one day in Grand Ledge recently, and am pleased to report evidences of God's presence with the company of believers there. One young man has recently returned to the truth as a result of the power of the Lord through some of the brethren. He and another young brother have asked for baptism. I trust that others here will be desirous of going forward in this ordinance ere long. Such results are sure to follow in a church that is willing to obey the injunctions of God's word.

There is much work to be done by all our churches in behalf of the youth among them, and many souls will yet be made to rejoice in present truth where it is apparent that God is working in and for his people. But the youth and the world in general must see something to desire in the professed people of God before they are willing to exchange the pleasures (so called) of the world for what the

church offers them. May God help us all to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works, and be led to glorify our Father which is in heaven.

S. D. HARTWELL.

Battle Creek Notes.

Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden has been sick for sometime but is improving and it is hoped that she will soon be able to resume her duties as Librarian.

Sabbath, March 14, Elder S. D. Hartwell spoke in the Tabernacle to a large audience, using Matt. 7:21 as his text. He impressed upon his hearers the necessity for having Christ to actuate the very life of the individual. Sunday evening Elder Hartwell used as his subject "The Sabbath."

The south vestry of the Tabernacle was very nicely decorated for a reception tendered Brethren Bayley, Crandall and Richmond, Saturday evening at 7:45. A great many friends were there to shake their hands and bid them God-speed. After an hour of sociability all were seated in the auditorium and listened to a very pleasing musical program, arranged by the choir and other members of the congregation.

At the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon Brother John E. Hanson read the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes and exhorted the youth to give their hearts to God. He urged all to get into active service and laid special emphasis on doing whatever came to hand with all the might and strength. At the close of these remarks the leaders of the bands were called upon for their experiences. All gave encouraging reports in one line or another. Some did not have much success in selling papers but reported good missionary visits where they had called. They found many who seemed to understand the cardinal points of our faith. Others found opportunities for supplying food and clothing and in visiting the sick. The mem-

bers of the Society, though most of them are busy people, find time to do various kinds of missionary work.

Kalamazoo.

Missionary Volunteer Day was observed by the Kalamazoo church.

The program outlined in the INSTRUCTOR was carried out. Mr. and Mrs. Bert VanHorn assisted in rendering appropriate music for the occasion. Every feature of the day's exercises was satisfactory, helpful and interesting.

The discussions were entered into very heartily, and plans are under way for a Young People's library, several books having already been donated toward it.

The offerings, not the least important, were very generous.

The Kalamazoo Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers are alive and awake to all that is good in the line of Christian endeavor.

EDNA COLLIER,
Secretary.

Conference Items.

Elder G. A. Irwin and I. A. Ford, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived Thursday morning.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days at the Conference.

F. F. Byington, of College View, Nebraska, arrived Thursday and took part in the discussion.

D. W. Reavis went down in the business district one afternoon and sold fifty copies of LIFE AND HEALTH in a short time.

The Conference Notes in another column are rather brief and disconnected but about all we can do is to catch a thought occasionally as it is expressed. We wish it were possible to give a more extended report but perhaps some of the papers can be published entire at some later date. The discussion is very inspiring and it is difficult to put the enthusiasm into cold type, but we believe our readers will appreciate our efforts along this line.

News and Notes.

Elder A. G. Daniells came on Friday morning, March 20.

The representatives of the various publishing houses held a council between sessions.

J. E. White, of Edgefield, Tenn., stopped over a few days on his way home from the West.

Prof. J. G. Lamson and wife reached Chicago in time for the Friday afternoon session, March 20.

Elder M. N. Campbell, arrived Sunday morning on his way from Des Moines, Iowa, to Battle Creek.

Grace Evans and Hattie Hansen passed through on their way home from DuQuoin, Illinois, where they have been teaching in the intermediate school.

Prof. M. E. Kern, of College View, Nebr., is giving special attention to the work for the young people, both in the Educational and Volunteer departments.

Cora Blosser, Irene Campbell, Rose Pringle and Olive Huber paid their way to Conference and return by selling the Special WATCHMAN. They will spend their vacation in this manner and be in Berrien Springs again when school begins.

Notice of Meetings.

Byron Center, March 28; Agnew, April 4; Bauer, April 11; Kent City, April 18.

Ordinances will be celebrated in each church if desired and prepared for, and other meetings held if thought best. Would like to meet Scandinavian brethren at Agnew. Subject to the Lord's will.

A. SMITH.

Year Book.

The 1908 edition of the "Year Book" is just from the press. A new feature is an outline map of each Union Conference, which shows the location of all our various institutions. The book is larger than usual but the price remains the same, 25 cents per copy. We have a supply on the way from the publishers and will be glad to fill orders as soon as the books arrive. First come, first served.