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Recommendations.

For the benefit of those who wish to preserve the recommendations and resolutions introduced at the Charlotte Conference, we reprint them all together.

1. We recommend, That the selection of the departmental officers be referred to the Conference Executive Committee.

2. In view of the serious results of the late financial panic, and the possibility of a recurrence of a similar condition in all worldly business,

We recommend, That our people, instead of depositing money in worldly enterprises, deposit with the West Michigan Conference Association at a low rate of interest or without interest.

3. We recommend, That all of our churches and members of the West Michigan Conference secure a full set of the "Testimonies for the Church," including "Early Writings;" and that all of our ministers and other workers encourage

this; also that each church take steps to systematically study these at such time and place as local conditions will permit.

4. We recommend, That all our conference laborers be more prompt in writing reports of their work for the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD.

5. Whereas, We are instructed that the health reform shall be an entering wedge for the message, and inasmuch as the health reform stands in relation to the message as the right arm to the body, and because we are told that when we as a people fully live up to the light of health reform, we will be occupying higher ground in regard to the whole message,

Therefore, We recommend that a plan be set on foot whereby a thorough course of instruction be arranged and carried out including a medical institute in which each church shall be represented by at least one delegate, and

That we more thoroughly organize the medical department among our churches by appointing a health secretary in each church, whose duty shall be to keep the truths of healthful living before our people, and that one Sabbath service each month be given to the consideration of some health topic, and

We recommend, That our people procure a copy of "Ministry of Healing" and subscribe for the LIFE AND HEALTH to aid them not only in the study of health principles, but in the circulation of these principles among their neighbors.

6. Whereas, We have been warned by the Spirit of prophecy that if harsh words are spoken against the government, and unad-

vised positions are taken with regard to Sunday laws and wrong methods of presenting the mark of the beast are used, they react upon us, and that the extreme positions will be urged against even those who had no part in making them, therefore

RESOLVED, That our workers and lay members be cautioned against taking such extreme positions, or making harsh criticisms against the government or rulers;

RESOLVED, That our laborers and lay members be urged to acquaint themselves with the true principles of religious liberty.

RESOLVED, That our people be urged to take and circulate the magazine LIBERTY.

7. RESOLVED, That we extend to the family of W. D. Curtis, our sincerest sympathy in this their time of sorrow.

8. Whereas, The injudicious use of the Testimonies would result in harm, we therefore urge our people to take special heed to the instruction given in I Cor. 14:22 to the effect that the gift of the Spirit of prophecy is for those who believe and not for unbelievers, and that we confine ourselves to the words of Scripture in defending the faith.

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 ad-

vance 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.

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.

Lake Union Conference Notes.

March 17, 4 p. m.

H. H. Hall discussed "The Tract Society and Field Missionary Secretaries and Their Work," supplementing the papers of the previous session. It was urged that a Missionary Secretary be appointed in each conference. His work to be,—

1. Assist librarians to a thorough knowledge of the details of their work.

2. Secure periodical agents

3. Hold missionary conventions.

4. Secure workers for 40% books.

5. Interest our young people in our schools.

6. Assist in Tract Society Office.

The work of the Tract Society Secretary was discussed in the same connection. A number of questions were asked in such a way as to bring out the prominent points.

D. W. Reavis took up the discussion of the duties of the Missionary Secretary and was of the opinion that such a person would find all he could do in the field without being in the office very much.

Elder Moon and E. R. Palmer both talked in favor of this additional officer.

MARCH 17, 7:30 P. M.

Elder A. G. Haughey read a paper entitled "What a Conference President and His Committee Can Do in Promoting the Distribution of Our Literature." First, the requisites for an ideal committee were outlined, and special stress was laid upon their having been successful canvassers. Second, our schools, if taught by persons who have had a thorough canvassing experience will materially aid in swelling the ranks of those who are carrying the printed page. Third, supplement the work by a thorough-going Field Secretary and the institute for special training.

Elder C. McReynolds read another paper on the same subject. He said that the Conference President and his committee has no

other duty than that of seeing that the third angel's message is carried to the people. The canvassing work is the most important feature. There is no better way to train workers for every other branch of our work.

The most substantial men, the ones bearing the heaviest responsibilities, are those who have been successful in selling our books and periodicals.

Before the end comes every Seventh-Day Adventist will be a worker.

Elder E. K. Slade, of East Michigan, led the discussion, expressing his approval of the papers read. He said that when our workers bring accessions to our ranks, the Committee should make sure that all are instructed in missionary work and encouraged to engage in it. The canvassing work should be held up as the highest type of ministry.

Elder C. A. Hansen, of North Michigan, paid a tribute to the canvasser and offered the suggestion that our church members everywhere encourage the canvassers by entertaining them whenever there is opportunity. He also believed that all our ministers should do more or less canvassing.

Elder Wm. Covert emphasized the thought that all new converts should be thoroughly conversant with the contents of our books, then they will be interested in helping to sell them.

MARCH 18, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by Elder C. McReynolds. The Lord in his goodness gave showers of rich blessings.

MARCH 18, 9:30 A. M.

Elder S. E. Wight read a paper on "The Work of a Field Missionary Agent." He must be an all around man, able to talk on any subject the people are interested in. A cheerful front under all conditions is a necessity.

A. J. Olsen, of Wisconsin, led the discussion. The agent must shout "Victory" all the time, no matter what the outlook is.

E. R. Palmer was glad that the sentiment that the canvasser was not a gospel worker was rapidly vanishing. During his remarks he gave some good advice as to the best manner of obtaining and keeping a State Agent.

MARCH 18, 11:00 A. M.

"Institutes: Place, Duration, and Outline of the Work to Be Done in Them," was the subject discussed. J. B. Blosser read the first paper. The canvasser who is best trained is the one most likely to be successful. Many helpful ideas for the agent were advanced.

A. C. Haughey followed with another paper bringing out further thoughts along the same line as the previous speaker.

H. W. Johnson, of North Michigan, read a paper giving special attention to what the Testimonies say about the canvassing work. The speaker dwelt upon the necessity for individual study of the book sold.

A. Wright, of Indiana, read a most excellent paper on the field training of canvassers. The Field Agent can do much to assist, especially during the first few weeks. Proper correspondence is a good tonic, but a careless word will sometimes cause discouragement.

Fred Numbers and O. Morris followed, laying emphasis on points previously mentioned, as well as presenting new ones.

MARCH 18, 2:30 P. M.

E. R. Palmer gave a study on the "Selling Features of Our Large Subscription Books." Our literature is all helpful; we have a few books which are masterpieces. There is a power in them that carries conviction to the hearts of the people. The personal experience of the agent expressed while giving a canvass, will oftentimes arouse sufficient interest to materially assist in placing the book.

By way of illustration, numerous questions were asked by the speaker, using "Great Controversy" as a basis for study. The lesson was not only of great profit to those en-

gaged in the canvassing work, but was calculated to enthuse every listener with the importance of the book under consideration.

Our large books are the ones that should have our backing. The speaker expressed it as his opinion that a conference will prosper in proportion as the sale of these better books is pushed.

MARCH 18, 4:00 P. M.

S. N. Curtiss gave an illustrated talk on "Book Making." The making of books was explained in detail, in a manner to be easily understood by those who were not familiar with the technical terms employed by the printer. Samples of the raw material used in making paper were shown and the difference in quality of texture explained to the audience. The talk was not only interesting, but it gave the workers an insight into the making of books that should be of future benefit.

(To be continued.)

"Church School Manual for Parents and Teachers."—This book is nearly ready. It furnishes ample instruction from the Spirit of prophecy and from leading educators concerning the principles of Christian education. The proceedings of the General Conference Educational Convention, held at College View, Nebraska, June 29 to July 10, 1906,—probably the most important educational meeting in the history of our denomination,—are outlined quite fully. The "Manual" gives exhaustive outlines of the courses of study, including not only the common branches, but manual training as well, with suggestions on materials and where to procure them; also chapters on Drills, Daily Program, Text Books, School Organization and Management. The paragraphs on Discipline and the chapter on the Home School alone are well worth the price of the book to parents of children under school age. Nearly 400 pages, cloth. Price 50 cents postpaid. Address this office.

**Financial Statement of the Cedar
Lake Academy for Two Years—
June 30, 1905-June 30, 1907.**

LOSS AND GAIN.

GAIN.

Personal Property	\$ 397.59
Tuition and Room	720.86
Book Stand	29.17
Dining Room	480.22
Laundry	139.36
Donation	89.04
Old Accounts Payable	298.80
Music Department	60.85
Net Loss—June 30, 1907	1,485.95
Total	\$3,701.84

LOSS.

Real Estate	\$ 397.56
Farm	1,823.79
Apiary	100.00
Hennery	11.73
Library	17.54
Fuel and Light	198.33
Expense	113.65
Telephone	93.10
Interest	35.41
Loss and Gain	484.49
Old Accounts Receivable	426.19
Janitor	.25
Total	\$3,701.84

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Personal Property	\$2,658.52
Real Estate	7,810.00
Hennery	90.80
Book Stand	29.58
Dining Room	61.30
Library	150.00
Fuel and Light	13.05
Expense	8.05
Laundry	19.97
Church School	50.00
Personal Acc's Receivable	307.74
Edmore State Bank—deposit	67.45
Cash—in safe	5.00
Total	\$11,271.59

LIABILITIES.

West Mich. Conference	\$1770.00
W. W. Kimball Company	20.00
Personal Acc's Payable	237.53
Stock—Present Worth	
July 1, 1907	9,244.06

Total **\$11,271.59**

STOCK.

Net Worth July 1, 1905	\$10,730.01
Net Loss for Two Years	1,485.95
Present Worth July 1, 1907	9,244.06

Obituary.

Stephen Alchin died at his home in Bushnell, Montcalm Co., Mich., Wednesday, March 4, aged 78 years, 11 months, and 22 days. He fell from a load of hay, striking his head on the ground and breaking his neck. Brother Alchin was born in Kent, England. His parents moved to this country in 1832 landing in New York. From there he came to Michigan in 1849, settling in Lenawee county, where he was married. Later he moved to Montcalm county on the farm where he died. He was twice married, and five children were born to him, two of whom are living. He embraced the Adventist faith forty-two years ago, and was the elder of the church in Bushnell. His loss is mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends. Funeral at the Bushnell church, March 7, conducted by the writer.

J. M. WILBUR.

News and Notes.

Subscribe for the HERALD.

Leslie Avery of Berrien Springs, joined the West Michigan delegation Sunday afternoon, March 22.

Myron Butterfield writes that the interest has been good in Bangor and is encouraged to believe that the Lord will give them precious souls for their labor there.

Elder C. McReynolds and Miss Mary Cook were married Sunday, March 22, at 5 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Elder Wm. Covert, at 313 Addison street.

The WATCHMAN is planning for a special Temperance Number in April. In many states temperance will be made a strong feature of the next election. Prominent W. C. T. U. workers will be contributors and a great many copies should be used by that body. How many will you take? Address this office.

When you want anything that is published by this denomination write to this office. Our work is planned with a view to supplying these demands, and we are in touch with all the publishing houses.

The South is in need of a number of good, live, consecrated canvassers. A burden for the work in this field is essential. Any one who feels this responsibility can obtain particulars by addressing this office.

Several incidents have shown us that the influence of the delegation on the people of the South Side has been good and created a favorable impression, even in districts somewhat remote from the church.

The studies on "Organization" by Elder Daniells are a most excellent feature. He said that one evening on the train he became so interested in studying the subject in the Bible that it was morning before he knew it. We hope to give a good synopsis of these talks a little later.

No doubt there are times when every church officer is in a quandary as to just what is the correct course to pursue. When any of our officers have a question that perplexes them we hope they will feel free to write to this office. We may not be able to answer every query off hand but we will look up answers to such and reply as soon as possible.

Special Notice.

Will our correspondents please make all money orders and drafts payable to the West Michigan Conference. E. A. Merriam and Mrs. Margaret Hilliard are no longer in the office and it causes delay when business matters are addressed to them.