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Annual Meeting of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The sessions of the Review and Herald were held at 9 a. m. On Monday, the 23rd the reports of officers and departments were given and the committees appointed. There has been a very substantial gain during 1907 but the obligations are so great as to severely handicap the management.

Tuesday morning the Committee on Plans submitted a report. A resolution favoring a slight increase in the prices of our books was discussed as some length. A statement of the increase in the cost of materials used in the manufacture of books was made by S. N. Curtiss. It is as follows:

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| Binder's Cloth | 7% |
| Binder's Silk Cloth | 50% |
| Binder's Board | 28% |
| Morocco | 8% |
| Law Sheep | 50% |
| Title Leather | 26% |
| Book Paper | 15% |
| Average | 26 3-10% |

The general sentiment of all the speakers was in favor of allowing the publishing houses a sufficient margin of profit so they could be enabled to free themselves from debt. When this is accomplished there will be an opportunity to turn the profits of these houses into missionary channels.

Resolutions were also passed urging an increased circulation of the REVIEW AND HERALD and the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

A resolution with reference to LIBERTY and LIFE AND HEALTH was discussed by D. W. Reavis. LIFE AND HEALTH began with a circulation of less than 2,000 copies, and has grown until there are now published about 40,000 copies monthly.

His talk was filled with actual experiences of those who sell LIFE AND HEALTH in the cities as a means of livelihood. There are twelve hundred agents for this magazine and some are selling several thousand copies each month.

The following named persons were elected directors for two years: W. W. Prescott, S. N. Curtiss, D. W. Reavis, Morris Lukens.

Lake Union Conference Notes.

MARCH 18, 7:30 P. M.

The subject of this session, "The Best Methods of Working Large Cities," was taken up by H. H. Hall. In California they have been giving more preparation before taking up active work. They have been very particular about dressing neatly. The results show large sales, some running as high as \$6.00 per hour, with very few as low as \$1.00 per hour. The large books have been handled mostly, "Heralds of the Morning" being the smallest.

Elder E. K. Slade followed with a paper on the same subject. He laid special stress on the necessity for expending more effort in the large cities. About one-half our total population are in cities of 5,000 or more. The city workers should be selected with reference to their adaptability, and supplemented with careful training.

MARCH 19, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by Elder N. W. Kauble.

MARCH 19, 9:30 A. M.

"The Relation of the Publishing House to the General Work" was the title of a paper read by Elder Morris Lukens of Washington, D. C. By way of explanation he stated that his experience of only four days in the office did not qualify him to handle the subject in the manner he would like. However, he made some good points bearing on the sale of our publications.

Elder I. H. Evans took up the discussion by stating that the publishing houses should be the agents of the denomination. Instead of this being the case the publishers have been forced to take the lead and use every effort to make the work successful. They have also been forced to print books at an actual loss, so unless a change is made they can never be free from debt. With the proper margin of profit this can be reversed. The speaker hoped the day would soon come when 50% of the Adventists were obtaining their living from the book business.

MARCH 19, 11:00 A. M.

Elder L. H. Christian led the discussion of the "Production and Distribution of Our Foreign Literature." He asked that they might have an opportunity to counsel with the publishers about what was to be translated and printed. Another request was for a Scandinavian canvassing agent.

Elder I. H. Evans was very much interested in this work and urged that plans be laid to assist this department.

O. Montgomery, S. N. Curtiss, C. McReynolds, F. F. Byington, Jas. Cochran and others had helpful information to give the convention.

MARCH 19, 2:30 P. M.

"The Evangelistic Character of the Canvassing Work" was the subject assigned to Elder Wm. Covert for this hour. He said,

"The principal object to be gained in the production and sale of our literature is, that souls may be won for the kingdom of Heaven

The literature which our canvassers handle will, if properly studied and handled, keep them in living touch with the Everlasting Fountain. And if they are drinking from this living spring, they will tell their customers of the precious flow and help them to find this living way."

When will the thousands of responsible men and women among us who ought to be in the canvassing work get into the place and work where the Lord wants them? Our church officers should take up these matters in deep earnest, and talk them most thoroughly in their churches. There is no question but that we have the best literature on earth, and God is now calling upon every member to enter the work.

J. B. Blosser, Morris Lukens, E. R. Palmer and G. A. Irwin took part in the discussion.

MARCH 19, 4 P. M.

The session was given over to E. R. Palmer for another study in the "Selling Features of Our Large Books." Now that the publishing houses are all doing nothing but denominational work, it helps to stiffen the backbone of the agent as he goes from house to house. An interesting history of the sale of books in Australia was given. The talk was full of original ideas and held the close attention of the audience.

MARCH 19, 7:30 P. M.

Elder N. W. Kauble read a paper entitled "The Co-operation of the Schools and the Publishing Work in Training Efficient Missionaries." The importance of more thorough training in canvassing was given emphasis. What sound reason exists for any course in our schools, that does not apply with equal force to a training for the canvassing work? Those students in our schools who have had a training as canvassers are nearly always

spiritual lights. Seventh Day Adventists have just one purpose in this world and that is to give the third angel's message.

Prof. M. E. Kern followed using the same subject for his paper. There are two essentials: a theoretical training in the schools, and a practical training in the field. We should search out young people and urge them to secure an education. The canvassing work is a test of strength. It is a training school for efficient workers in every line of God's work, but many should make it their life work.

Prof. C. L. Stone of Indiana, expressed as his belief that our school men should be largely canvassers. One can not get others to follow unless he can lead.

Prof. Thurber, of East Michigan, thought that the main idea was to get our students wrapped up with the thoughts expressed in our literature. Then they would be prepared to take up work outside when released from school duties.

MARCH 20, 9:00 A. M.

The hour was thrown open for the Question Box. J. B. Blosser, E. R. Palmer and others replied to such questions as had been asked. Our plans should be laid more distinctly to meet the demands, rather than for the coming of the Lord at any definite time. When the laborers get together so that plans agree then the Lord will give of his Spirit in a marked manner. Now is the time to throw ourselves heart and soul into the work.

(To be continued.)

Workers' Meeting.

A workers' meeting will be held in Grand Rapids, May 4 to 8 inclusive. Anyone knowing of a good location for tent meetings this summer should make their requests known to the conference officers before that time. Written notice will be mailed to those expected to be present.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.
E. L. RICHMOND, Sec'y.

Distribution of Labor.

The following recommendations were made at the Lake Union Conference:

That James M. Irving and M. C. Whitmarsh labor in the Southern Union Conference.

That W. C. Hebner and M. B. Butterfield labor in North Michigan.

That P. G. Stanley labor in West Michigan.

That East Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana each furnish a tent company for the Southern or South-eastern Union Conference.

That C. J. Tolf labor in Southern Illinois.

That J. H. McEachern labor in East Michigan.

That H. C. Pitton and John E. Hanson labor in the Southern Union Conference.

That R. T. Dowsett and wife be released to labor in the South-eastern Union Conference.

That M. N. Campbell be released to labor in Iowa.

That W. D. Parkhurst be released to labor in Iowa.

Around Battle Creek.

Another month has been spent by the writer in work that it pleases God to have done here. In some respects Battle Creek is like the city spoken of in Isa. 22:2. It is a city "full of stirs." There is always something here to take people's attention; it may be the excitement of the public playhouses, or a flood, or something else. But the minds of Battle Creek people do not especially center on religion; generally the town is more interested in money and business than in meetings. This emphatically is a hustling center.

There was considerable unrest here recently in consequence of the removal of the pastor, Elder M. N. Campbell, who has done so well with this charge. But though Brother Campbell has been absent for some time, there has always been someone to fill the pulpit. Help from abroad has been furnish-

ed us in the persons of Professors Lamson and Videto, of Berrien Springs College, and Elder S. D. Hartwell, of Charlotte. On Sabbath, March 28, Elder Campbell gave his farewell discourse, which was a most pathetic exhortation to Christian faithfulness and constancy, based on Paul's language in I Cor. 15:58. And on the following Sunday night Elder Daniels, of Washington, D. C., gave a most appropriate sermon for this place on "The Progress of the Cause." This was a decided spiritual uplift, and his visit, though altogether too brief, will not be forgotten soon. We only wish for more occasions of the same kind. It should be added that Elder Evans assisted at this service.

At the conclusion of this inspiring discourse there was a pleasant "hand-shake" in one of the vestries, into which hundreds of the audience had crowded to bid Elder Campbell and his wife a reluctant good-bye, and to extend a Christian greeting to Elder Hartwell, the incoming pastor, and his good wife.

The writer in looking over his memorandum finds that during the past month he has made 110 church visits, conducted one funeral service, occupied the time two Sabbath afternoons in the Young People's meeting, visited and prayed with the sick between forty and fifty times, conducted one Sabbath service in the Tabernacle, and helped in other ways as he was able. Were he forty years younger he could do better work, and more of it.

G. W. AMADON.

Grand Rapids.

While Elder Wilbur was attending the Lake Union Conference, the services were conducted the first Sabbath by Brother William W. Robinson, who preached an interesting and comprehensive sermon on "Faith." Brother Frank J. Gravelle spoke with great freedom the second Sabbath, on the

"Triumph of the Sabbath," before a large and highly interested congregation, many fine thoughts being brought out through "Spirit of Prophecy."

Dr. Ingersoll, one of our medical missionaries in India, spoke Sunday evening, March 29, on "The Work in India."

Cedar Lake Academy.

At a meeting of the Academy Board held last week it was decided to remodel the heating plant in the dormitory and the Educational Secretary and the business manager of the school were authorized to solicit funds for this purpose.

The faculty thus far arranged for includes Leslie Avery, Principal; Fred Green, Business Manager; and Miss Edith Shepard.

Brother Avery was also given the place on the Board made vacant by the resignation of Elder M. N. Campbell, who has taken up work in the Iowa Conference.

A committee is working on a new calendar which will be issued just as soon as possible.

Denver Center.

Our school, which opened September 2 with a membership of nine pupils, has been progressing nicely.

Our membership increased from nine to fifteen, but since then we have lost three, one going out as a teacher of a district school. In October, another pupil joined us from the East Michigan Conference. Our work has been very enjoyable and we have now nearly completed that outlined for the grades.

For the last few months there has been a decided improvement in the work done and we sincerely hope that the lessons learned may be such as will help to form characters that will be able to stand the tests before us as did Daniel and Paul of old.

We have been made sad at having to lose, the past week, two of our number, one being our oldest pupil who was preparing to enter

the church school work. She was obliged to go and care for her mother, who is seriously ill. The other one has left us for her home in Ithaca.

Truly God has been with us and we thank Him for His help and strength, also for the pleasant surroundings. We have a small dwelling house consisting of two rooms and a wood shed situated on a knoll near a poplar woods, away from the noise of the world and close to the beauties of nature—an ideal place for an intermediate or church school.

Our schoolroom, which seems quite home-like to us, will be one of the pleasant pictures in our memories as we are called to go the different roads of life.

Pray for us that as teacher and pupils we may be prepared to enter the higher school in which God himself will be teacher.

GRACE L. DAVIS.

A. Misunderstanding.

We have been somewhat disappointed because our people have not seemed to realize the value of the "Report of the Mt. Vernon Convention." We believe, however, it is largely because of the impression that seems to have gone abroad, that this is nothing but a dry report of a convention. While it is a report, there is nothing dry about it. The talks and papers were prepared and put into excellent, readable shape. They are bright and sparkling, full of splendid information and instruction that will be standard for a long time to come.

Every person who is at all interested in the Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Departments and does not have at least one copy of this book is missing one of the best possible aids in their work. If there is a Seventh-Day Adventist who is not interested in both of these departments of our work, something is wrong with their spiritual condition and they ought to read it anyhow.

The price certainly can not keep very many from having the benefit of this book, for it is only ten cents per copy. It is well worth a dollar or more, judged by the value of its contents, and if there are any who are really unable to get one, and will notify us, we will see if arrangements cannot be made to supply them. Come, brethren and sisters, order today before you forget it.

Obituary.

Died, February 14, 1908, of spinal meningitis, John Carl Gustave Steinkraus, aged 11 years, 1 month, and 21 days. He was born near Albion, Michigan, and died there at the home of his parents.

The following is the prayer he always said on retiring at night:

Father, now the day is past,
On thy child thy blessings cast.
Near my pillow, hand in hand,
Keep thy guardian angel band;
And throughout the darkest night
Bless me with a cheerful light.
Let me rise at morn again
Free from every thought of pain.
Passing through life's stormy way
Keep me, Father, day by day;
And when Thou shalt come again,
Take me home with Thee to reign.

Words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 26:19.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

News and Notes.

Elder J. W. Hofstra spent the Sabbath in Grand Ledge.

Elder J. M. Wilbur made a call at the office Wednesday afternoon.

T. O. Lewis, formerly of Battle Creek, was a visitor at the Lake Union Conference.

Minnie O. Hart, of Battle Creek, visited her sister in Chicago for a week during Conference.

Clifford Russell went to Cedar Lake before returning home from the Lake Union Conference.

The Lake Union Conference Committee held a meeting in Chicago, Sunday, March 29, at 2:30 p. m.

Elder R. A. Underwood, of Minneapolis, spent Sabbath, March 28, at the Lake Union Conference, on his way East.

Word received from A. L. Bayley states that he has found a nice place to live in Philadelphia and is much pleased with the city.

The Conference Committee met in Otsego Wednesday, and went from here to Cedar Lake to consider matters with reference to the Academy there.

At a meeting of the Conference Committee Elder S. D. Hartwell was chosen vice-president in place of Elder W. N. Campbell, and it was also recommended that he act as pastor of the Battle Creek church.

The Constituency of the Central S. D. A. Educational Society held a meeting in Berrien Springs, Monday, March 30, at 1 p. m., for the election of officers and for attending to such other matters as were necessary.

Miss Maude Henry, has accepted a position as stenographer for Elder Morris Lukens in the Book Department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, at Washington, D. C. She is now visiting at her home in Auburn, Ind., and will go East from there about the middle of April.

Yoshio Tanimoto, a native of Japan, who has been attending Emmanuel Missionary College, spent a few days at the Lake Union Conference. He expects to go to the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington for a time before returning to his own country with the truths he has learned in America.