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### Resolutions.

The following is a brief synopsis of the resolutions and recommendations passed at the Lake Union Conference:

1. Expressing gratitude to God for his bounties since the previous session.
2. While bowing to the will of God we feel a loss in the death of Elder W. D. Curtis.
- 3 to 8 inclusive deal with the plans for raising funds for the use of the Mission Board.
- 9 and 10. These resolutions urge earnest effort in procuring the payment of a full and honest tithe.
11. This favors the prohibition of the liquor traffic and calls attention to the special Temperance Number of the WATCHMAN about to be issued.
12. Provides for a permanent summer normal school to be established at Berrien Springs.
13. Suggests that each local conference appoint a field missionary secretary to develop the mis-

sionary work in the churches, train and assist librarians, and select and train agents for tracts and periodicals.

14. Recommends that missionary meetings be held in the churches the fourth Sabbath of each month, and that a report of the work done during the month be sent in for publication.

15. Arranges a plan for placing the names of those who purchase our books in the hands of our churches to follow up with other literature and correspondence.

16. Approves the plan of encouraging our students to earn scholarships by the sale of our literature.

17. Requests that Emmanuel Missionary College provide a department of canvassing with a competent teacher at the head.

18. Recommends that our tract societies make a strenuous effort to pay up all accounts with the publishing houses and adopt a thirty day cash basis.

19. Recommends that the publishing houses co-operate with the tract societies in encouraging our people to send their orders direct to the tract society offices, and that all orders received from any conference territory be credited to the tract society doing business in that territory.

20. Arranges a plan whereby isolated Seventh-Day Adventist can become members of a conference church to be organized for that purpose, and that efforts be made to hold a meeting at least once a year where the ordinances shall be celebrated, and which meeting all members be expected to attend or send a letter.

21. Plans for a colporter to work at the American Soo and circulate our literature.

22. Recommends that health and temperance lectures be given in connection with tent and other meetings, and that special instruction on health topics be arranged for at camp-meetings, canvassers' institutes, etc. Also that the circulation of LIFE AND HEALTH be encouraged.

23. Approves of the plan of reorganization and recommendations of the Young People's Convention at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

24. Suggests that our schools train the young people for Missionary Volunteer work and assist the churches as opportuning affords.

25. Urges that all workers especially obtain the Report of the Mt. Vernon Convention and study it carefully.

26. Urges the appointment of a Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the Lake Union Conference who shall give his entire time to the development of this work.

27. Appoints the fifth Sabbath in May as Educational Day to be observed in all of our churches with a suitable program to be prepared by the Educational Department.

28. Recommends that the General Conference Department of Education be asked to prepare leaflets upon the subject of true education suitable for enclosing with correspondence.

29. Recommends that HOME, FARM, and SCHOOL be made the Lake Union Conference paper.

30. Authorizes the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference to provide for treatment



rooms in connection with Emmanuel Missionary College, the expense of same not to exceed \$10,000.

31. Authorizes the Executive Committee to raise a College fund to liquidate the outstanding indebtedness and provide improvements as may be needed.

32. Resolved, That the entire surplus of the tithe of the Lake Union Conference be sent annually to the treasurer of the General Conference, and that all requests for financial help from the tithe be referred to the General Conference.

33. Advises that the Educational Department procure if possible a better price on our text books for the teachers' own use.

34. Suggests caution in regard to using wrong methods and taking extreme positions in connection with Sunday laws, etc.

35 and 36. Change the by-laws to omit the Ohio Conference and include the new Missionary Volunteer Secretary and Field Missionary Secretary.

37. Recommends a ministerial institute in the local conference.

38. An expression of thanks to the South Side church and Northern Illinois Conference for courtesies received.

### Lake Union Conference Notes.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

At 7:30 p. m., Elder J. G. Lamson addressed the assembly. Matt. 11:27 was made the basis for the study. There is a provision in this text for every one of us to know the Father. If we look at Jesus we see the Father. Through all the endless ages of eternity, Jesus is ours. He is a gift. All power in Heaven and earth is given Him. It is to manifest the Father that the Word was written and that Jesus came to us. The one who has been forgiven most will have the greatest power of loving God. He wants those who are willing to say to him, "I love thee." He could make a machine that would say this, but how much

satisfaction do you think he would obtain from it?

God has given to every man a measure of faith. Whatever measure you needed, that is what you have been given. You will never get the faith "without measure" until you exercise that measure that God has given you.

Already God is withdrawing his Spirit from man. If man had not sinned there would have been no civil government. It has been instituted for the protection of those who do well. Satan has so obtained control, however, that it has become many times an "aid" to evil doers instead of being a "terror," as originally designed. When they ask me to do what God has said I shall not do, I am not going to obey, neither am I to resist, but to submit for conscience's sake. The individual who obeys the State instead of God, elevates the State above God. Just so long as a nation does what it can to protect those who are true to God, just as long will that nation stand.

God has a kind way of fixing up our blunders and turning them to the good of mankind. The angels give unselfish service to put a race of fallen rebels in a place they themselves can never occupy. The thing which discourages us the most may be the thing that will bring us the most good. The greater the difficulties, the happier will be our rejoicing.

(To be continued.)

### Canvassing.

There are fundamental principles and rules that are applicable to all lines of soliciting, but in strictly commercial branches some methods are in vogue that the Christian canvasser cannot employ.

The person who engages in the circulation of our evangelical literature must recognize the fact that it is based upon the word of God, that it is an unfolding of the word, and as Christ is the Word (John 1:1-3), the person interviewed must see Christ in the word and must

also see Christ in the one presenting the literature. If this should not be so the effort would fail of accomplishing its object. The person interviewed may not be a believer in Christ, and God designs the person to see Christ in you and in the work presented to him. Should the person know Christ he will the more readily recognize Christ in you and your work, and you thus more readily influence him or gain an interest in that which you are presenting.

A person might go out and engage in the work whose primary object was to earn dollars, perhaps hoping that some good might result; but that person would be trusting in self, depending upon his own efforts and skill in conducting the work, and that effort would fall short of God's purpose. Again it is possible that a young person might take up the work with a view of earning a scholarship and make that point the greatest lever to accomplish the desired result. Some people would invest a small sum of money to encourage such a person in his or her efforts, but do you think it would have the best effect upon either the person interviewed or the solicitor? It is all right to work for a scholarship, but the message in the book should be the leading feature.

These are serious questions and are put forth in sincerity and from an honest motive. If each one who is going out with our publications would secure a copy of "Gospel Workers," and make a careful and prayerful study of what is said for the benefit of the canvasser and colporter he will not go far astray, providing he puts it into practice, even though he may not have had the benefit to be derived from attending an institute.

In the study of his book he may be able to quote freely word for word and know what it says, and yet not know what it means. But this he must know before he can tell it to others; not that he must know all this before he starts out,



but he must study, study, study every day, and he must, above all pray, and pray without ceasing—he must pray in faith. Christ must be all and in all. "He may not be conscious that God sees him and is acquainted with every business transaction, that holy angels are weighing his motives and listening to his words." (Gospel Workers," pages 343-344.) "His manner of presenting the truth may decide the destiny of a soul."

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 116:6.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"Sowing in sadness through long, weary years,  
Scattering seed with the fast falling tears;  
Oh, how we long for the glad harvest day,  
When sheaves are all gathered, and tears  
wiped away!"

A. B. C.

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### From the Field.

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#### Charlotte School.

Our school opened September 16 with an attendance of eighteen the first day. The year's enrollment has reached thirty, with a present enrollment of twenty-five. The year began with the grades from one to eight represented, excepting the third and fifth. We now have the work in the grades from one to nine inclusive, except the fifth, and the addition of a chart class keeps good the number.

The day begins by worship both in song and prayer. We are now reading "Early Writings" at worship and the interest and the intelligent questions from even the smallest ones would do you good to hear.

The first one-fourth of the day is given to Bible study in all grades. This is the most interesting period of the day, and it prepares the way for the other studies.

Nearly all in the school are anxious to be recognized as Seventh-Day Adventists, and all give themselves whole-heartedly to their work. A spirit of earnestness prevails in all parts of the school.

Does the church school teach the same things as the public school?—This question is often asked, and for the benefit of those who would like to hear it answered by one who thinks she knows, I will say it may be answered yes, and no. To draw a few comparisons and illustrations: We find no place for the fairy tales or so called standard novels in the teaching of reading from the first to the eighth grades. In their place is found the wonderful stories from the Bible being taught from the first day of school and the real "heroes" from those stories are made the standard of imitation.

While the Bible is being made the basis of instruction, the sciences are not neglected. In the study of geography we do not discuss the commercial advantages, etc., to a greater length than is necessary for our being well-informed; but the missions are studied and located.

History is combined with prophecy, and the guiding hand of God is revealed among the affairs of men.

In the lower grades as well the children are led to see the Creator's power in nature. My little neighbor came to my room the other day and asked me to listen to her new school song. She is a lively little five-year old, and attends the Froebel Kindergarten school across the street from the church school.

She sang the song for me in which Jack Frost was represented as being the sender of snow and ice. "But we don't have to pay any 'tention to him," she continued with a toss of her head, "cause he's a mean man." My thoughts instantly went back to the morning Bible and reading lesson in the church school, where the lesson, by a coincidence had been taken from Psalms 147 "He giveth

snow like wool: he scattereth hoarfrost like ashes....He sendeth out His word and melted them."

In the music used, the contrast is equally marked. Instead of some of the meaningless songs to be found in the school "knapsack" and elsewhere, our voices rise in praise and adoration to our Creator.

We have no school savings bank system as have the public schools at this place, but we have in our school room a self-denial box into which stray pennies find their way to make glad the hearts of the little black boys and girls of the sunny South, to whom this nation of ours owes so large a debt of patience and help.

You who do not favor church schools, investigate and answer candidly. Which training, in these last days, is most likely to fit your child for God's kingdom and for His glorious appearing?

Pray for me that when the Chief Shepherd will demand, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" I may answer, "Here I am together with them thou gavest me."

J. AUGUSTA BLOSSER.

#### Union City.

The work here is onward. Four have been added to the roll of membership since our arrival, making 20 in all, and there are more who will join soon. A week ago Elder Bourdeau ordained Brother William Larder as the elder of the church, and Brother Charles Bell as deacon. Twenty-nine were present at our last Sabbath service. We are holding services and Bible readings nearly every day, and more often twice a day, with good results. Sunday afternoon we met at the home of Brother Hamp, 6½ miles out and one precious soul was truly converted. The spirit was manifestly present in great power, and there was not a dry eye in that little company.

Last night the Lord moved upon the heart of a dear brother not of our faith, and in closing he inform-



ed us that he had made a surrender, and accepted Christ as his Saviour.

The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of Sister Cleora Green, and I believe that we shall see many more precious souls gathered in as the result of the faithful work done here. Pray for us.

JOHN E. HANSON.

#### Maternal and Dorcas Society.

Believing that a report of what our society has done during the quarter ending March 31 will be an encouragement to the other churches we submit the following:

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| Average Attendance                       | - | 19  |
| Garments received                        | - | 884 |
| Garments made                            | - | 140 |
| Garments mended                          | - | 216 |
| Pairs of shoes and rubbers given away    | - | 62  |
| Comfortables made and given away         | - | 9   |
| Barrels of clothing packed and sent away | - | 5   |

We have been impartial in our distribution of supplies, but have endeavored to see that those of the "household of faith" were first. Some precious seasons of prayer were held for those requesting us to carry their cases to our Heavenly Father. Several baskets of choice fruit and flowers have been carried to those not needing any other assistance. In all, about fifty families have received help. We ask your prayers to guide us in this work.

MRS. H. G. WIGGINS, Sec.

#### Rothbury.

It was my privilege to be with the church here at their quarterly meeting Sabbath and Sunday, April 11 and 12. A public meeting was announced for 2:30 p. m. and though there was a mistake in the announcement, a good congregation assembled.

After a hard struggle in this place a nice church building is nearly completed. It is 27x46 feet, seated with opera chairs, and is a credit to our people. I believe it would be well to follow the dedi-

catory services with a series of revival meetings.

W. C. HEBNER.

#### Battle Creek Notes.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Miss Beulah Sperry on Tuesday, April 21, when three of the bands from the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society met for the purpose of having a union meeting. A very interesting program was prepared consisting of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with a reading and recitation, also some very profitable remarks by our pastor, Elder S. D. Hartwell. At the close of the program a considerable amount of time was spent in greetings and becoming acquainted with each other, and as we parted, it was with a feeling that the time had been profitably as well as pleasantly spent.

As workers, it is our aim to help and to cheer the needy and discouraged, and to spread the light of the third angel's message to those who are in darkness, but unless we are acquainted with each other, and united in our purpose, we cannot accomplish the work we are aiming to do, and for that reason the program of the evening was planned. Our hearts were all filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his blessings to us, and we felt a stronger determination to consecrate every talent, and to go forward in the work which he has given us to do. M. H. W.

#### Church School Manual.

Your attention is again called to the new Church School Manual for Parents and Teachers. This book, authorized by the Educational Department of the General Conference, has been prepared by the best educators among us. It makes a volume of 378 pages, and is durably bound in green buckram.

The first 152 pages deal with the great underlying principles of true education; and consists, largely, of

statements from the Spirit of Prophecy.

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No one interested in the cause of Christian education can afford to be without this most helpful book; and to the teacher, it is simply indispensable.

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CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

#### News and Notes.

"Ye Editor" is moving to Otsego this week.

A Workers' Council is to be held in Grand Rapids next week.

Mrs. J. H. Watson and son have returned from South Africa and are visiting her parents in Battle Creek.

Elder T. G. Lewis, of Wisconsin, is visiting relatives in Battle Creek and assisted in the service Sabbath, April 25.

Those planning to attend the Workers' Council at Grand Rapids should each bring a pair of blankets.

The last number of Bible Students' Library is entitled, "Evolution and the Sabbath," by George McCready Price. It concisely shows that evolution is built upon assumption. A splendid addition to our Sabbath tracts. Twenty-five copies postpaid, 25 cents.

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