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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE thirty-third annual session of the Indiana Conference met according to call of the President, on the camp ground in Connerville, Indiana, September 8, 1905, at 10:00 A. M. The President in the chair called the meeting to order, and after joining in song the meeting was led in prayer by Elder C. J. Buhalts. After another song, the President read as a scripture lesson, Matthew 24:1-14, combining with it the thot, and especially with the last verse, that this is the time when that verse applies, and we are that people and a great work is devolving upon us. Our visiting brethren and sisters from other fields were invited to participate in the deliberations of this body.

It was voted that a committee of ten be appointed to select the standing committees; they to work with the Conference Committee. The committee so selected consisted of T. A. Goodwin, Dr. W. W. Wooster, B. F. Anderson, Milton Overman, Wm. P. Cunningham, J. H. Goodwin, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, W. C. McCuaig, Mrs. A. B. Hodapp, and R. W. Leach.

It was also voted that every plan for this session be presented through the channel of some one of the regular standing committees.

The first meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting the work of the special committee of counsel was reported as follows: For Committee on Credentials and Licenses, Elder W. D. Curtis, Elder Allen Moon, Elder E. W. Farnsworth, Elder C. J. Buhalts, Elder W. A. Young; on Plans and Recommendations, W. A. Young, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Prof. B. F. Machlan, W. H. Edwards, J. F. Steele, B. Hagle; on Nominations, Milton Overman, J. W. Moore, Elder G. A. Irwin, T. A. Goodwin, Wm. Applegate.

The second meeting of the Conference was called September 10 at 9:30 A. M. President in the chair. After singing hymn number 99, Elder E. W. Farnsworth led in prayer. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Plans and Recommendations made a partial report as follows: Inasmuch as the citizens of Connerville, through the Manufacturers' Association, have caused to exist a corporation known as the Fayette Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, and they have asked the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to become the constituency, to control and operate the same, therefore

1. WE RECOMMEND that this body accept the constituency of the Fayette Sanitarium and Benevolent Association.

The Articles of Association for the Fayette Sanitarium were read, also the by-laws, and the question was referred back to the Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

At the third meeting prayer was offered by Elder Geo. A. Irwin. The President at this meeting presented his annual address. The work has advanced splendidly during the year, and the financial feature is very

cheering. After reading the address, a little time was spent in a praise meeting.

A further partial report by the Committee on Plans and Recommendations was as follows: Recognizing the importance of the *Sabbath School Worker* as a help in Sabbath-school work,

2. RESOLVED, That we urge all our Sabbath-schools to provide themselves with this valuable journal, and that they seek to place it in the homes of our people.

3. RESOLVED, That we endorse the resolution adopted by the General Conference on Sabbath-school work in reference, (a) the Sabbath-school offerings, (b) the holding of Sabbath-school conventions.

4. WE RECOMMEND, That the Sabbath-schools be encouraged to participate in the Second Sabbath missionary exercises, and thus the interest of the children may be enlisted in the work of foreign missions.

Whereas, The principles of Religious Liberty are of inestimable worth, and demand careful study and presentation; and also of being generally understood by the people, therefore

5. WE RECOMMEND, That in order to best advance the interests of Religious Liberty, there be created a department to be known as the Religious Liberty Department for Indiana, and

6. That a person competent to present this matter be placed in charge and that he interest and instruct the people on the subject of Religious Liberty, and also appear wherever this liberty is at stake.

Believing that our ministers and licentiates should labor in such ways that their work may be most effective,

7. WE RECOMMEND, That the laborers be diligent, putting in full time, in both public and private labor for the Conference.

8. That each worker make special efforts to place reading matter on all

points of truth in the hands of the people.

Numbers 2 to 6 were read and discussed, and being voted upon, were adopted. The meeting adjourned without further considering numbers 7 and 8.

(To be continued.)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

[Continued from last issue.]

FINANCES OF THE CONFERENCE.

It is very gratifying to those in charge of the work to be able to report to you that there has been a steady decrease in our indebtedness. When I took up the work in this State two years ago this Conference was owing, in round numbers, \$33,000. I think I have never stated publicly, the real financial condition of this Conference when I connected with it. I have feared that it would be a discouragement to the brethren and sisters; but this debt has been greatly reduced, and I have felt that at this meeting it might be best for our brethren and sisters to understand the exact condition of our Conference, financially. I will give you the different sums making up this large indebtedness, which we found upon connecting with the work here:

Mortgage on Central Ave. Property	\$5,000
Debt on the Beechwood Academy.....	7,000
Owing on Object Lessons to -	
Emmanuel Missionary College	5,000
Tithe Indebtedness.....	4,000
Owing to our Publishing Houses.....	3,000
Bills Payable.....	2,000
Personal Accounts Payable.....	2,000
General Conference Debt.....	4,500
Accumulated Interest.....	500
Total.....	\$33,000

Our present liabilities are as follows:-

Owing on Object Lessons.....	\$3,650
Beechwood M. Training Academy.....	5,000
Publishing Houses.....	350
Bills Payable.....	2,500
Personal Accounts Payable.....	300
General Conference Debt.....	4,500
Total.....	\$16,000

Subtracting this \$16,300 from \$33,000, our present indebtedness would be \$16,700. If we should subtract the General Conference indebtedness from the total amount of indebtedness September 1, 1903, it would leave our indebtedness at that time \$28,500. Subtracting this same General Conference indebtedness, of which we have never paid anything, from our present liabilities, would leave our indebtedness \$12,200. In as much as this debt of the General Conference cannot properly be said to be a debt

of the Indiana Conference, and must be simply a donation if ever paid, we feel that it really ought not to be counted in with our present indebtedness. We trust that some plan will be adopted to liquidate much of this present indebtedness during the coming year.

From the foregoing it is apparent that quite a degree of success has attended the efforts put forth in this Conference during the past two years to reduce our indebtedness. We give God all the glory. The Lord has given us instruction to govern the different lines of our work, and when heeded, and our lives are consecrated to his service, we may go forward expecting the blessing that he has promised.

THE FUTURE OF OUR WORK.

The future of our work in this state will depend largely upon the principles adopted and plans laid at this conference. Shall the policy adopted during the past two years be continued? I trust your committee on plans and recommendations will consider very carefully the matter of our present indebtedness upon the school, and other legitimate Conference indebtedness, and bring in some practical recommendation that will be successful in liquidating these debts. I trust this will not be in the way of calling for more pledges. I am tired of soliciting and collecting pledges. I believe there is a better way, and I hope we are at the end of pledging in this Conference, but that we will begin anew by giving. Our people have done nobly in paying their pledges during the past year. Fully one-half of the pledges on our list one year ago have been settled in full; others in part; and I trust that during this conference the remainder of these pledges will be paid.

One year ago the cash policy was again confirmed, although it has not been carried out as closely as it should. When we adopt a cash policy, I believe that our workers should adhere strictly to it and set the right example. Why should not each laborer who draws his pay in full each month from the Conference, settle whatever bill the Conference may have against him for books, tracts, periodicals, etc., monthly? Why should our Conference pay interest on \$2,000 a year to extend a credit to our workers and societies? Would it not be much better in every

way to settle at least once a month? I trust that the committee on plans will bring in some recommendation touching this question.

OBJECT LESSONS.

The matter of disposing of the Object Lessons now on hand, and the general canvassing work should also receive careful consideration. What plan shall be adopted to dispose of every Object Lesson on hand within the next six months? How shall we encourage a large corps of faithful Christian canvassers to enter this field this fall? Another matter that we should consider is whether we will renew our support to, and co-operation with, the General Conference by still placing at its disposal one-half our laborers and one-half our tithe. Although this recommendation was passed last year, the General Conference has not taken a laborer or drawn a dollar of our tithe; but they are now asking for one of our best workers for Africa, and that we pay his traveling expenses and that of his wife, and place them in that field in the near future. I trust that this Conference will feel free to do this, especially as they have asked for so little during the past year. The reason the General Conference has not asked us for laborers, has not been because they have not needed them, but we had not the class of laborers they needed. The General Conference cannot take a man with a large family and pay his transportation to distant lands. It is too expensive, and many times it is harder for the older laborers to get hold of the work in these new fields. The change of climate is not always conducive to health, and a large expense must be incurred. Young men without families can much better enter and pioneer these new fields,—and here let me suggest to the committee on licenses and credentials that in the selection of laborers you should know that persons are sound on all points of faith, riding no hobby; that they are consecrated; that they have a missionary spirit that reaches to the ends of the earth; that they are persons whom the General Conference can use; that their time and God-given talents are all to be fully employed in the work of the Master. These are vital points.

The religious liberty work, the medical work, and the educational

and Sabbath-school work, will all demand a share of our attention; and we trust that departments representing these lines of work, not heretofore recognized, will be created at this conference, and competent persons selected to look after each line of work.

I would also suggest the advisability of this Conference considering the matter of separating the business proceedings of the Conference from our camp-meetings, holding the conference proper at some other season of the year and devoting the entire time of the camp-meeting to the spiritual interests of our work, missionary efforts, best methods of work, etc.; thus making our camp-meetings a real uplifting, spiritually, to all who attend. The time might be shortened a little and two or three camp-meetings be held in different parts of the state. The Lord has given us some instruction along this line that I think would be worth our time to consider. I would also suggest to the committee on nominations that it take into consideration the matter of our having represented on our Conference Committee, the different departments of our work, and placing upon the committee men that are thinking and planning for these different lines of work, even though we may have to increase our committee to seven members, and thus have your committee represent not so much the field, but the different departments of work to be carried forward in the Conference.

OUR PERIODICALS.

I feel that it would not be right to pass by the matter of the circulation of our periodicals, without a word. Our church paper, the *Review and Herald*, should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist; and I trust that a person will be selected here to look after that line of work during the camp-meeting and see that all of our brethren and sisters are supplied with the *Review* in their homes. Then the *REPORTER* should be in the home of every family of Seventh-day Adventists in the Conference. *Life and Health*, the *Signs of the Times*, and the *Watchman* should have their place in our general work, and we shall endeavor to have persons appointed to secure subscriptions for these periodicals.

Sister Burgess has a plan that she wishes to introduce here to assist in

the work in India, which we trust can be presented at an early stage of our meeting.

Our conference at Martinsville closed with a triumphant social meeting about 11 o'clock on Sunday night. Many testified that it was the best meeting they had ever attended. We are glad to note that this meeting began where that one ended, and shall we not so relate ourselves to God that there may be a continual growth, so that this meeting shall eclipse all previous meetings and bring showers of the latter rain? W. J. STONE.

FIRST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

ALL who take the *Review* have noticed the postponement of the first missionary convention from October 7, to October 14. This change was made because of the collection to be taken last Sabbath for the colored work in the South. The second convention will be held November 18.

We believe the best way to prepare for these conventions is to take the first three steps as outlined in the campaign program, which are as follows:

1. By every Sabbath-keeping family in the Conference subscribing for the *Review*.
2. The circulation of at least one pound of the "Signs of the Times Leaflets" by every Seventh-day Adventist.
3. Entering upon a campaign in behalf of our periodicals by the whole denomination. Have you taken, or are you preparing to take these steps? If not, will you not do so at once? You will enjoy the conventions much better if you will do this. W. J. S.

Dear Brother Editor:

SOMETIMES our canvassers find people who are interested enough to read our literature; but not able to buy a book. And if the canvasser supplied all such, it would tax one quite heavily. It's the names of such people as first mentioned, our Young People's Society would like. We will furnish them with reading matter and correspond with them. We must hunt for souls of men. If any of our workers know of any such, and will comply with our wish, please send the names as soon as

convenient to my address.

The worker who has had some conversation with a person, or taken in the situation, can tell whether the *Signs* would be best for them, or perhaps *Bible T. School, Life and Health*, or tracts. A few words of explanation along with the names sent us would be appreciated.

In doing for others I believe we will "work out our own salvation."

Yours in the work,

MRS. ALMA KNAPP.

Wolf Lake, Indiana.

TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Akron	8 10
Angola	8 60
Anderson	
Auburn	
Bass Lake	
Barbers Mills	
Boggs town	117 25
Brookston	
Beath	
Connersville	24 02
Corunna	
Denver	
Dana	74 30
Evansville	
Elnora	
Elwood	4 26
Etna Green	6 50
Farmersburg	11 07
Fort Wayne	
Franklin	7 88
Frankton	25 00
Grass Creek	65 74
Glenwood	5 47
Greenfield	
Gum Corners	6 46
Hartford City	56 95
Honey Creek	19 88
Huntington	12 29
Idaville	2 50
Indianapolis (1st)	128 96
Indianapolis (2nd)	58 08
Individuals	110 90
Inwood	
Jefferson	10 00
Jonesboro	42 80
Kennard	13 05
Kokomo	
LaFayette	9 41
Lebanon	6 91
Ligonier	12 00
Linton	3 00
Logansport	
Michaels	40 50
Mechanicsburg	
Medaryville	7 78
Marion	20 25
Michigan City	
Middletown	56 82
Mt. Vernon	7 14
Mt. Zion	42 39
Morocco	
Muncie	40 97
Martinsville	
New London	7 10
Noblesville	5 93
Northfield	
New Marion	
North Liberty	3 00
Olive Branch	3 60
Olivet Chapel	
Oolitic	4 56
Patrickburg	22 27
Peru	19 43
Petersburg	
Pleasant View	9 35
Princeton	7 34
Royal Center	
Richmond	
Rochester	3 66
Rocklane	
Salem	2 25
South Bend	26 53
South Milford	
Terre Haute	74 53
Unionville	1 00
Wabash	
Waldron	14 08
Walkerton	7 63
Waterloo	
West Liberty	18 50
Windfall	66 05
Wolf Lake	31 86
Total receipts	\$ 1395 90

DEDICATION OF MUNCIE CHURCH.

OUR dedicatory services were a real success. The weather was beautiful. The visiting brethren from the neighboring churches arrived early, and at the appointed time for the service to begin, the house was well filled.

Elder's Stone, Young, Roberts, and Bliss occupied the rostrum. Elder Stone preached the dedicatory sermon, the main theme being, "The special message that God has entrusted to us to give to this generation." He showed that we as a people are a subject of prophecy. That we exist because of a certain prophecy in Revelation 14:6-15. That we as a denomination are the fulfillment of that prophecy. He went back to the time of the reformation by Martin Luther, and others, showing how God specially wrought with those men; and that the reformation began in the sixteenth century, and carried forward by such men as Wycliffe, Huss, Tyndale, and later by John Wesley, Alexander Campbell, and others, was still going forward and would continue until the church of Christ would be freed from every error of tradition, and stand upon the true platform of Protestant principles, holding to the Bible alone as their rule of faith and practice; returning fully to the faith of the apostles; keeping all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. That a new church would not have been raised up if churches already in existence had given the message of present truth to the world. Because other churches had bound themselves up in creeds, and would not receive further light, God must raise up another people to complete his work of reform, and prepare a people for Christ's second coming and kingdom.

There was a good attendance from the outside, and all listened with rapt attention. After the sermon, Elders Young, Roberts, and Bliss made a few remarks. Elder Stone then offered the dedicatory prayer. The church was dedicated free from debt,—a thing that had seemed impossible before the work began; but God greatly blessed in soliciting funds, and in making it go the longest way. We have a neat church that will seat two hundred persons, and a nice school room well lighted. Our church is in perfect harmony, and we are determined to work for the Master as never before.

After the service, lunch was served in our old meeting room one block distant from the church. Then we again assembled at the church and listened to a sermon by Elder Bliss. In the evening, Elder Roberts gave a very interesting discourse.

We appreciate the wonderful manner in which God has manifested his love for us, in providing this pleasant place for worship, and at the first Sabbath meeting, we consecrated ourselves anew to God for more efficient work.

Some have already begun house to house work, and we are expecting the message to advance more rapidly than ever before in this place. Remember the work here in your prayers.

C. F. HINTON.

BEECHWOOD ACADEMY.

THE brethren throughout the State will be glad to know that our school is filled to over-flowing.

September 26, the opening day, found a greater number of students here than at any time in the history of our school. Students have been coming in, until we expect to pass the seventy mark this week.

A number of states are represented, and a large number of young people, not of our faith, have matriculated.

We hope to print the roll, with addresses, in the next REPORTER. We ask our brethren and sisters throughout the State, to pray for our students. We trust that God will save everyone of them.

An earnest invitation is extended to our patrons, and brethren, to visit Beechwood Academy.

B. F. MACHLAN.

TRouble may be but God's trademark on the Christian.

OBITUARY

HUBBARD.—Evelyn Garnet, daughter of Thomas and Lena Hubbard, born Feb. 15, 1905, died Aug. 10, 1905, aged 5 months and 25 days.

It is very hard to part with these fair frail flowers, but death reigns here, and will continue to do so for a little while; but, these little ones "shall come again from the land of the enemy." Many came to weep with the parents and to minister comfort.

W. A. YOUNG.

NEWS and NOTES

THE Indianapolis 23rd Street Seventh-day Adventist church was dedicated last Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Read report of services in next issue.

ELDER YOUNG has been quite poorly since camp-meeting, only able to be at the office a portion of the time. By the urgent request of Elder Stone he went to the Sanitarium last week to take some treatment and much needed rest.

THE company still at Connersville following up the interest, is composed of Elder Farnsworth and wife, Elder Stone, Elder Buhalts and wife, J. H. Niehaus and wife, Ella Leach, and Laura Stone. Several have already said they are going to obey God and keep all his commandments.

WE are glad to see such a good showing in our tithe report for Sept. Look it over carefully. Report all mistakes. See whether your church ought not to have done better. Decide that you will help your church to do better. Let the isolated ones also be faithful in reporting and sending in their tithe.

BRETHREN and sisters, do not forget the decisions made at the camp-meeting regarding the matter of Christ's Object Lessons. Let all, whether they have heretofore sold their quota or not, try the new plan with the covers. Let us clean up the books on hand, and then we will give you a rest on C. O. L's.

IN Fiji we expect that within a short time a school for native youth will be started, where a score or more will quickly receive a training for work among the savage races in Melanesia-New Guinea, New Britain, Solomon Islands, etc. A council will shortly be held in Fiji to decide the matter of the location of the school, and the general policy to be followed.

WE will be very glad to have every laborer in the Conference write a short report of his or her labors as often as once a month and send in for publication in the REPORTER. Come, brethren and sisters, will you not do this? It will be appreciated, not only by our people throughout the conference, but also by the conference committee, and those who prepare matter for the REPORTER.