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"In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO-DAY?

We shall do so much in the years to come,

But what have we done to-day?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give to-day?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak to-day?

We shall be so kind in the after-a-while,

But what have we been to-day?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought to-day?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,

We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,

But whom have we fed to-day?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,

But what have we sown to-day?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built to-day?

'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,

But here and now do we our task?

Yes, this is the thing our soul must ask,

"What have we done to-day?" — *Selected.*



THE OUTLOOK.

We are nearing the close of this earth's history. We have before us a great work,—the closing work of giving the last warning message to a sinful world. There are men who will be taken from the plough, from the vineyard, from various other branches of work, and sent forth by the Lord to give this message to the world.

The world is out of joint. As we look at the picture, the outlook seems discouraging. But Christ greets with hopeful assurance the very men and women who cause us discouragement. He sees in them qualifications that will enable them to take a place in His vineyard. If they will continually be learners, through His providence He will make them men and women fitted to do a work that is not beyond their capabilities; for He will give them tongue and utter-

ance through the impartation of His Holy Spirit.

Many of the barren, unworked fields must be entered by beginners. The brightness of the Saviour's view of the world will inspire confidence in many souls, who, if they begin in humility, and put their hearts into the work, will be found to be the right men for the time and place. Christ sees all the misery and despair of the world,—the sight of which would bow down some of our ministers of large capabilities with a weight of discouragement so great that they would not know how to begin the work of leading men and women to the first round of the ladder. Their precise methods are of little value. They would stand above the lower rounds of the ladder, saying, "Come up where we are." But the poor souls do not know where to put their feet.

Christ's heart is cheered by the sight of those who are poor in every sense of the term; cheered by His view of the ill-used ones who are meek; cheered by the seemingly unsatisfied hungering after righteousness; by the inability of many to begin. He welcomes, as it were, the very condition of things that would discourage many ministers. He sees an opportunity to help those so much in need of help, by meeting them where they are.

The Lord Jesus corrects our erring piety, giving the burden of this work for the poor and needy in the rough places of the earth, to men and women who have hearts that can feel for the ignorant and for those that are out of the way. The Lord teaches them how to meet these cases. These workers will be encouraged as they see doors opening for them to enter places where they can do medical missionary work. Having little self-confidence, they give God all the glory, taking none of it to themselves. The Saviour is present to help to make a beginning through those whose hands are rough and unskilled, but whose hearts are susceptible to pity and awakened to do something to relieve the woë so abundant. He works through those who can discern mercy in misery, gain in the loss of all things. When the Light of the world passeth by, privileges appear in all hardships, right order in confusion, the success and wisdom of God in that which has seemed to be failure.

My brethren, in your ministry come close to the people. Uplift those who are cast down.

Teach the first principles of the message. Treat calamities as disguised blessings, treat woes as mercies. Work in a way that will cause hope to spring up in the place of despair.

We must have workers. We must arouse the people. The common people are to take their places as workers. Sharing the sorrows of their fellowmen as the Saviour shared the sorrows of humanity, they will by faith see Him working with them.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." The world must be warned. New fields must be entered. To every worker I would say, Go forth in humble faith, and the Lord will go with you. But watch unto prayer. The power is of God. Work in dependence upon Him, remembering that you are laborers together with Him. He is your Helper. Your strength is from Him. He will be your wisdom, your sanctification, your righteousness, your redemption. Wear the yoke of Christ, daily learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. He will be your Comfort, your Rest.

Our Helper.

God gave His Son to die for us that we might have everlasting life. Christ volunteered to become sin for us, to redeem us from the curse of sin. In His own person He bore the punishment that rightly belonged to man.

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with Me. . . . I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine arm brought salvation unto Me. . . . In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

This is our hope. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . full of grace and truth. And of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace."

Christ is God as well as man. He who was with the Father before the world was, became flesh, and dwelt among us. We may behold His glory. Those who receive the Son of God as their Saviour become sons of God. They are His spiritual children, born again, renewed in righteousness and true holiness. Their minds are changed. With clearer vision they behold eternal realities. They are adopted into God's

family, and they become conformed to His likeness, changed by His Spirit from glory to glory. From cherishing supreme love for self, they come to cherish supreme love for God and for Christ.

No man inherits holiness as a birthright, or as a gift from any other human being. Holiness is the gift of God, through Christ. Jesus is the light of the world. Those who do not receive Him as a personal Saviour can never, never come to the light. They can never have eternal life. But those who follow Him have the light of life. He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness shines into their hearts, reflecting through their lives the light of the knowledge of Christ. In His light they see light. "But," the apostle adds, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*



MEETING OF THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The fifty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference was held at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, January 12, 1909. There were present at the meeting, by invitation, the following brethren: W. A. Young, A. L. Miller, C. J. Buhalts, and Dr. W. W. Worster, of Indiana; C. Wood, W. C. Dalby, and R. B. Craig, of Southern Illinois; F. J. Harris, H. E. Moon, and Dr. R. M. Clark, of Northern Illinois; John Hoffman, P. M. Hansen, A. J. Olsen, A. W. Hallock, and W. J. Pflugradt, of Wisconsin; R. J. Bellows, E. A. Bristol, M. C. Guild, and M. Stephens, of North Michigan; J. Hofstra, J. M. Wilbur, W. R. Matthews, and S. D. Hartwell, of West Michigan; and C. N. Sanders, A. R. Sandborn, and B. F. Stureman, of East Michigan. All of these brethren were invited to participate in the actions of the Committee, as well as the deliberations. Among the measures adopted, were the following:—

A summer school of six weeks' duration to be held at the College, students to be permitted to take double work in advanced studies, and receive credit for the same; each local conference to be invited to send its teachers and provide one instructor.

It was found that the College had grown to its full capacity of dormitory room, and the prospect for a much larger attendance next year rendered it necessary to provide additional room. Accordingly, the plan to move the kitchen and dining-room in the ladies' dormitory, to the basement, thus making additional sleeping room for girls on the main floor of that building, was adopted.

An addition to North Hall large enough to accommodate twenty-five or thirty boys, is to be erected during the coming summer. The main buildings of the College farm are hereafter to be known as, College Building, instead of Study Hall; Ladies' Dormitory, instead of Domestic Arts; North Hall, or boys' dormitory, instead of Manual Arts; and Printing Office, instead of Advocate Building. These buildings are to receive a fresh coat of paint, and other improvements. A parlor or reception room will be provided for the Ladies' Dormitory. The change in this building will render it necessary for the erection of a small building adjoining the water plant, for laundry purposes.

On account of the continual danger experienced by the use of oil for lighting purposes in so large an institution, and inasmuch as it is now possible to obtain electricity at a reasonable rate, it was decided to proceed to arrange for lighting the buildings with electricity at an early day.

Some improvement in the chapel of the College Building was planned, and all these improvements on the plant seemed imperative.

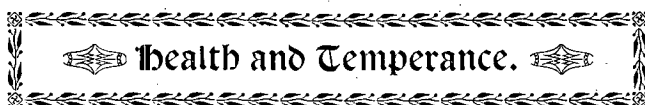
In order to meet the expense of this work, the brethren present unanimously favored a recommendation to our people to contribute one per cent of their income to a fund, one half of which shall go to the Union Conference, and one half to the local conference for local work, for which the tithe cannot be used. Also it was agreed to invite our people in the Union to make wills and legacies in favor of the local conference, to be divided with the Union Conference. A more detailed account of this will be given later.

The question of building institutions received a good deal of attention, and a vote was passed to discourage the building of sanitariums, schools, or other expensive institutions by local conferences, without consultation with the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee.

The publication of the Union Conference paper was discussed, and all favored the continuance of the same, pledging support and aid in its circulation, to make this a medium of communication between the people of the various conferences in the Union. ALLEN MOON.



THERE are many of our youth whom God has endowed with superior capabilities. He has given them the very best of talents; but their powers have been enervated, their minds confused and enfeebled, and for years they have made no growth in grace and in the knowledge of the reasons of our faith, because they have gratified a taste for story-reading.—“*Testimonies for the Church*,” Vol. V, page 518.



HEALTH TALKS.—No 9.

Nasal Breathing.

We are ready to admit that Adam and Eve had plenty of sunlight and pure, fresh air. With the curse came changes, making it essential to health in most countries that men have dwellings. All of our work can not be performed out-of-doors, but we should do as much of it as possible in the open air; and when working in-doors, we should give admittance to all the sunlight and fresh air that can be obtained, within the range of comfort and safety to ourselves and to others.

The air in which we live is of little value to us unless we utilize it. If we do not exercise our ability to breathe in a good, liberal supply of air, we suffer. God works no miracles to accomplish the good that He has placed within our reach, and may be obtained by our own efforts. There are right ways to use this blessing. Things are good or bad for us, largely, according to the manner in which we use them.

A text in Genesis says that God “breathed into his nostrils.” The nose is the correct entrance for the air. God knew what was best for man, and started him out in life breathing through this organ, and reserved the mouth for other purposes. As we study into this, we can see God’s forethought in our behalf. It is better for all to follow the original method as far as possible.

The nasal cavities being long and narrow, the air is spread out in a thin sheet, and so is partially warmed by the mucous membrane adapted for this work. Otherwise, the air passing to the lungs in a large stream, especially in cool weather, is not properly warmed, and the cold air thrown suddenly upon the warm air cells, is a distinct shock to the delicate mucous membrane.

Dry air is moistened in passing through the nasal cavities. Mouth breathing dries the throat, allows the entrance of germs of various diseases, and prepares the way for chronic sore throat and many other throat and lung diseases; and in children, produces deformity of the chest.

As the sense of smell is located in the nose, when we breathe properly we are warned against inhaling obnoxious and injurious gases, smoke, and other impurities. By using the original nasal route, the dust and germs, are prevented from entering the lungs, by the numerous fine hairs that exist at the outer openings of the nose.

There are certain occupations that place one in a dusty atmosphere. At such times a cotton wool filter worn over the nose will remove the dirt and bacteria. Tyndall claims that “by breath-

ing through a cotton wool respirator, the noxious air of the sick room is restored to practical purity. The air thus filtered, the attendants may breathe unharmed. In all probability the protection of the lungs will be the protection of the whole system. For it is exceedingly probable that the germs which lodge in the air passages are those which sow epidemic disease in the body. If this be so then disease can certainly be warded off by filters of cotton wool."

DR. O. R. COOPER.



"I SHALL NOT WANT."

I shall not want rest.—"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not want forgiveness.—"He restoreth my soul."

I shall not want guidance.—"He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

I shall not want companionship.—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

I shall not want comfort.—"Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not want food.—"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want joy.—"Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not want anything.—"My cup runneth over."

I shall not want anything in this life.—"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not want anything in eternity.—"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Selected.



WEST MICHIGAN.

JUNCTION CITY, KENTUCKY.—Our tent was pitched in Junction City, Kentucky, June 22, 1908, and our first meeting was held the following night. The people in general seem to be very irreligious and the interest was poor. We worked among them five weeks and two days, but saw that we could not get them to come to hear us, so we packed up and moved away.

We then went to the neighborhood of Stanford and pitched on the bank of the Hanging Fork Creek. Elder Irving preached the introductory sermon in this place the night of July 31. He spoke every other night, and I other nights, with the exception of two or three, when I became frightened; then he came to my rescue and spoke

in my place. Our tent was nicely filled almost every night, and occasionally on Saturday and Sunday nights, some were standing on the outside. We held a meeting every night but three, and once in a while one during the day, for nine weeks and four days, when Elder Irving was called to Michigan on account of sickness.

After he left I held only two meetings before pulling the stakes and starting for school. Eight people began keeping the Sabbath in the vicinity of Stanford and several more were deeply interested.

I will say in conclusion that Kentucky is a fine place to work, for the people never heard of this glorious truth; therefore they receive it much more voluntarily than those in the North.

Foreign Mission Seminary. G. A. DAVIS.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Having finished school at Cedar Lake, last spring I was requested by the Conference Committee to go to Richmond, Virginia, and work with Elder B. L. House during the tent season. I accepted the invitation, and the nineteenth of June found me in Richmond.

Elder House, formerly of Washington, D. C., was already there and had the lot secured to pitch the tent on. As soon as the tent came we began the meetings, and although the attendance was not large at any time, those who came manifested a deep interest. We canvassed the vicinity of the tent three times, inviting the people out to our meetings and giving away tracts and papers. In all, we gave away about thirteen dollars' worth of literature. I believe the reading matter given away did half as much good as the sermons preached. One lady began keeping the Sabbath before even attending any of the meetings, as a result of the literature placed in her home.

The Lord blessed us in our efforts, and we were made to rejoice when, after presenting the Sabbath truth, ten persons expressed themselves as determined to keep all of God's commandments. This number was about one fourth of our average attendance. One of these has since been elected Sabbath-school secretary of the Virginia Conference. She is also planning on going to Japan as a missionary. Another, a young man who served in the Philippines as a soldier of the United States, hopes soon to become so well acquainted with the message that he will be able to return to the islands, but as a soldier of the king of kings.

The South is a very needy field, and I am sure the home conference is only doing its duty when it sends part of its workers into this long neglected home field, although it is foreign in

many respects. In Michigan you seldom find a person who does not know something about the belief of Adventists, but it is not so in the South. Two of the ladies who accepted the truth in Richmond this last summer, were members of a society composed of the most influential women of the many churches in the city. After accepting the Sabbath they announced in one of the meetings of the society that they could no longer represent their former church as they were going to be immersed and join the Seventh-day Adventists. Among all the ladies present not one had ever heard of Seventh-day Adventists and wanted to know what they believed.

The South needs your help. Do not forget to send part of your workers there and keep them there until they are driven from the field. The work must close in the South first. There will be time to finish the work in the North after the South is shut to the message.

I fully enjoyed my stay in Richmond, and know that the Lord helped me and drew me nearer to Him than ever before.

I am very grateful to the conference for the year's school they are giving me. I am sure that I will be much better prepared to do the work given me to do as a result of the year spent here. I earnestly request you to pray that I may develop into a faithful worker in this message. My heart is still in the work.

OLIVER L. DENSLOW.

Foreign Mission Seminary.



TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE:

I would greatly appreciate the privilege of meeting with you during the conference sessions soon to be held at Otsego, but as this is impossible, you have my earnest prayers that this annual conference shall be a season of great refreshing; that the Spirit of the Lord shall be so manifest to each one present, that all may testify to the great blessing each has received.

Permit me to express my gratitude to God, to Elder Haughey, and to the conference, that I have been assigned to this field of labor, for the Lord has not only greatly blessed me individually, but has very graciously owned and increased the seed He has helped me to sow. A small church has been raised up in the city of Lake Charles, and a church building, at this writing, is nearing completion and is practically free from debt, as the brother who donated the lot has agreed to make good any shortage; however we expect none. The lot and material, have all been donated by the merchants and friends here, with a goodly cash donation towards paying for the labor necessary for erect-

ing the building. The Louisiana Conference donated the time of vice-president Rees, who is a carpenter and builder. The M. E. minister who was converted to this truth, is assisting him. You have, no doubt, read our reports in the HERALD, so it is not necessary for me to report in detail regarding that, excepting the results of the Ingathering Week. This company raised about eighty-four dollars in cash for missions, and the Sabbath-school raised sixteen dollars. During the *Review and Herald* campaign, I approached a man connected with one of the large saw mills. The devil tried to persuade me not to go near him. I did not find him in when I first called, so left the paper, stating that I would return in a few days. This I did; but again the devil said, "Don't go near him"; but the Master said "Go;" so I went. He was just leaving his office for his home at evening when I called. After introducing myself, I mentioned the fact that I had left a copy of the Thanksgiving number of the *Review and Herald*, and he said, "Yes sir, I took two hours off from my business and read that paper from the beginning to the end." I then stated my purpose in leaving it, and he said, "Then you wish a donation?" Without further ado, he took out of his pocket all the paper money he had, and handed it to me, and I found it to be eighteen dollars. I thanked him, and you may be sure that I praised the Lord right then and there. Before leaving him, he requested me to send him some of our literature and expressed his pleasure at our work, although he is not a Christian.

Our last tent effort held there was near this gentleman's mill, and without our knowing it, he had attended several meetings. When we decided to build our church, the converted agnostic solicited him for a donation, but did not tell him at first that it was for us. The man very decidedly refused, saying he had no use for churches; but as soon as he found out that it was for us, he changed front immediately and said, "What, the people who hold those meetings? What have you to do with them?" "I am one of them" said the new convert. "You are?" said he, "Yes, yes. I will help those people. I like their preaching and believe in them. Send along your trucks and you can have what you want." When leaving him, he told me that he would be glad to help us whenever we needed help. This confirms the Testimonies, that men of the world will help if we will only approach them and make known our needs.

I arrived in Shreveport, December 11, and was royally received by our people. We commenced work that night, Sabbath evening, and it has been a revival ever since. One of the brethren sat up with me until two, and this morning ar-

ranged for the setting aside of two acres or more of ground, one of which is for missions, and the other for the church school. Five were admitted to the church last Sabbath (three subject to baptism) and three more will follow by letter. The entire membership of this church have confessed their sins to one another, forgiven one another, and a feeling of harmony prevails. Some believe that they never knew what conversion meant before. Tobacco, backbiting, and ill feeling have been put away. Some who were not faithful in tithe paying, and questioned the truth of the Spirit of prophecy, have confessed, and are now taking hold anew. During the week of prayer we held sundown services Friday and Sabbath evenings, praise meetings every morning at six, children's and young people's meeting at ten, reading and preaching at three, and preaching at seven; and young people's meeting at three on Sabbaths. The services are held in a school-house six miles out in the woods, where about thirty or more Sabbath-keepers have built homes adjoining each other, and a school-house for their children. We have just a few Sabbath-keepers in the city proper where we are holding at least two meetings a week, and visiting homes of interested people. The signs are good, many receiving the truth with astonishment, and by faith we see new Sabbath-keepers, both in and out of town. Already they talk of a church or permanent place of meeting both in the city and out of it.

We are greatly encouraged, but feel our utter unworthiness to take hold of this great work. We are leaning hard upon God, and pray much for His divine guidance. Remember us often at the throne of grace that much may be accomplished here in His name. To Him be all the glory.

Again praying that His richest blessing may rest upon your deliberations, I am

Yours in the truth,

JOHN E. HANSON.

Shreveport, Louisiana.

FIRST SPRINGFIELD (ILL.) SCHOOL.

After five months of hard work, we can report "something accomplished, something done." Our number has increased to nine, but sickness and winter weather are causing some absences. We are hopeful that God's blessing and the warm sunshine will bring back our number unbroken. Our faith is strong, and our spirits high for a successful new year. J. O. FERRIS.

THE work that lies nearest to our church-members is to become interested in our youth.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, page 196.

Book Work.

BE STRONG.

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gitt.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil,—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long,
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

—Selected.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 22, 1909.

Southern Illinois.						
Canvasser.	Book.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value.	Helps.	Total.
LeRoy Knott.....	G. C.	21	1	\$3 00		\$3 00
W. E. Bailey.....	B. R.	18	10	20 50		20 50
Hugo Mutzelfelt.....	G. C.	18	5	13 75	1 70	15 45
Fred Minien.....	G. C.	28½	3	8 25	1 00	9 25
J. E. Dent.....	B. R.	40	16	45 00	3 10	48 10
T. B. House.....	G. C.	37½	10	27 50	13 30	40 80
J. L. Galbraith.....	G. C.	41	9	24 75	6 00	30 75
Mrs. L. Mutzelfelt.....	G. C.	10	2	6 50		6 50
		214	56	\$149 25	\$25 10	\$174 35
East Michigan.						
F. W. Brainard C. K. and B. R.		26	10	\$29 80	\$2 75	\$32 55
Mrs. F. W. Brainard.....	C. K.	19	2	2 50		2 50
C. H. Hartson.....	C. K.	16	7	7 00		7 00
Lester Rickett.....	C. K.	32	10	13 00	1 80	14 80
O. D. Kittle.....	C. K.	22	12	13 50	3 65	17 15
Effie Park.....	C. K.	17	11	12 50		12 50
Elbert Fishell.....	D. R.	29	6	17 50	1 55	19 05
		161	58	\$95 80	\$9 75	\$105 55
North Michigan.						
Jas. Lowry.....	G. C.	38	11	\$32 25	\$1 50	\$33 75
Carl E. Mathison.....	B. F.	33	6	6 00	22 00	28 00
K. V. Bjork.....	D. R.	34	5	11 00	60	11 60
E. C. Collard.....	Delivering.					
		105	22	\$49 25	\$24 10	\$73 35
Indiana.						
G. W. Graff.....	G. C.	8	2	\$9 50		9 50
Athen Metzker.....	G. C.	33	3	8 25	1 75	\$10 00
		41	5	\$17 75	\$1 75	\$19 50
Northern Illinois.*						
C. R. Puels.....	D. R.	61	5		\$20 65	\$20 65
Total, 22 Agents.....		682	146	\$332 70	\$60 40	\$493 40

*For two weeks ending January 22.

OVERLOOKING THE IMPORTANT.

Nicodemus could have told how many rods constituted a "Sabbath day's journey," how many fringes a garment should have, and what should be their width, and how large a nail would constitute a "burden" which might not be borne upon the Sabbath; but when Jesus spoke to him of the new life, he was simply bewildered. Though the Old Testament had taught, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6: 4, 5), he, and his class, had become so muddled with the unimportant that they had lost the heart of religion. Let us take heed, lest in our learning we permit anything to eclipse love.—Selected.

West Michigan Conference.**FIRST MEETING.**

The seventh annual session of the West Michigan Conference convened in Otsego, Michigan, Monday, Jan. 18, 1909, at 7:15 P. M.

After the usual opening exercises the roll was called and one hundred and eight delegates, representing thirty-eight churches, responded to their names.

Elder A. G. Haughey, the president, gave a short address, in which he outlined the work from the organization of the Michigan Conference in October, 1861. The statistics given showed a very satisfactory gain during the past year.

A number of suggestions were made to the delegation as possible recommendations to be passed, and these and others will appear later in the report as action was taken upon the various items.

The following standing committees were named for the session:

Committee on seating of delegates: J. M. Wilbur, E. A. Merriam, C. W. Alden.

Music Committee: C. A. Hansen, Florence Howell.

Committee for spiritual counsel: A. C. Bourdeau, G. W. Amadon, M. S. Burnham, A. Smith, J. M. Baker.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: J. W. Hofstra, W. C. Hebner, R. C. Horton, J. M. Wilbur, J. E. Root, W. W. Shepard, Geo. E. Kelsey.

Committee on Nominations: S. D. Hartwell, C. A. Hansen, L. G. Nyman, Fred Green, Oren Evans, William Reefman, J. W. Covert.

Committee on Plans: W. R. Matthews, P. G. Stanley, G. H. Crandall, E. L. Richmond, C. A. Russell, A. C. Haughey, N. H. Pool, W. E. Straw, J. F. Gravelle, R. U. Garrett, Martin DeVries, Ellen Oxley, Margaret Hilliard, Mattie H. White, Florence Howell, Cleora Green, Jennie DeYoung, A. L. Curtis.

Auditing Committee: Conference Committee, Conference Secretary, Conference Treasurer, Elder Allen Moon, G. E. Davis, H. G. Wiggins, C. E. Messer, E. W. Foster, J. W. Barnhurst.

Ushers: R. U. Garrett, Reid Shepard.

Copies of the *Otsego Union* containing the treasurer's report were distributed to the delegates and the treasurer made some statements with reference to the report, answering questions asked by the delegates. The chairman also made some statements regarding financial matters.

Reports from various departmental workers were given and placed on record.

SECOND MEETING.

At 9:15 Tuesday morning the second meeting was called to order by Elder Haughey, after which Elder Hofstra offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and further reports from departmental workers were given.

Recommendation No. 1 from the Committee on Plans was, that the executives of the conference give \$1,000 of the tithe on hand December 31, 1908 to the Foreign Mission Board. This was passed without discussion.

No. 2 authorized the Conference Committee to forward \$500 from the tithe quarterly during the year 1909 for the use of the Foreign Mission Board in addition to that paid to the laborers supported by this conference in other fields. This was discussed quite freely and passed.

No. 3, recommending the conference to continue the pay of the Bible teacher in Emmanuel Missionary College, was discussed quite freely and passed.

No. 4 was referred back to the committee for re-wording.

No. 5. We recommend the election of a managing board of seven for the Otsego Academy. Passed without discussion.

THIRD MEETING.

This meeting was held at the close of the Association meeting and convened at 3:45 P. M., January 19.

The Committee on Plans submitted a further report which was discussed, and the following recommendations acted upon:—

No. 6. We recommend the raising of a general fund on the following plan: viz., That each church member be encouraged to pay one per cent of his income to the local treasurer, to be forwarded to the conference treasurer, one-half of this to be paid to the Union Conference general fund.

After discussion by a number of the delegates a rising vote was called for, with the invitation to all church members whether delegates or not to participate. It was carried unanimously.

No. 7 was referred back to the committee.

No. 8 recommended that the West Michigan Conference Association be the trustee of the real estate of the Otsego Academy.

No. 9 urged all to be faithful in the payment of tithes and offerings, and recommended that the ministers give thorough instruction to our people everywhere in this matter.

FOURTH MEETING.

The fourth meeting convened at 9:30 A. M., January 20.

After singing, "Is My Name Written There?" the assembly joined with Elder Moon in prayer.

No. 10. Resolved that we raise a sum of money during this fiscal year for Foreign Missions equal to ten cents a week per capita for all conference mem-

bers and thereby be in harmony with all the other conferences.

The question was asked, "If we know of some need in a special field is it considered right to send our offerings direct to the person in that field?"

At the request of the chairman Elder Moon replied to this question as follows: "We as a people believe in organization. We have a Foreign Mission Board carrying on the work of preaching the gospel in other lands. If there is a field that is especially needy, that field should be reported to the Foreign Mission Board. I think it is best for us to send our contributions to the Board that is managing affairs in all the fields of the world. Some of our people have been imposed upon by individuals sending in strong appeals for help in their particular field, and a great deal of money has been contributed to individuals who were not worthy. It is true that the one making the appeal often disregards the plan of organization carried on by us as a denomination. While we have a simple organization it is most effective. We have brethren who devote their entire time to the interest of the work. If there is a needy field and notice is sent to them they will make special appropriations. We can trust these brethren to give attention to these pleas. If we send our means to the Foreign Mission Board and trust in them I believe that the means will be equitably distributed."

During the discussion that followed the facts were brought out that all donations to other fields should be sent through the regular channel and not to individuals of those fields.

No. 11. Resolved that it is the sense of this conference that our Sabbath-schools donate to the work of foreign missions all regular Sabbath-school offerings; and that each individual, as far as possible, provide himself with the necessary Sabbath-school helps.

No. 12 recommended that our young people be encouraged to prepare themselves for the canvassing and church school work. This resolution was discussed at some length.

No. 13 was referred back to the committee for re-wording.

Nos. 14 and 15 recommended the disbanding of two churches where the members had all moved away leaving no one in the vicinity to keep up the meetings.

At this point the Committee on Nominations brought in their report, with Elder Moon in the chair. The report which was adopted, is as follows:

President, A. G. Haughey; vice-president, S. D. Hartwell; secretary, E. L. Richmond; treasurer, G. H. Crandall.

Executive Committee: A. G. Haughey, S. D. Hartwell, W. R. Matthews, C. A. Hansen, E. L. Richmond.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Southern Illinois.

Miss Elsie Newlan, of Lovington, has taken charge of the church school at Kingman.

S. C. Smith and family, of DuQuoin, spent several days recently with his parents at Mattoon.

Brother C. J. Tolf left Springfield January 26, to visit Lovington and Champaign in the interests of the canvassing work.

Mr. Lee Robins, of Lovington, has ordered a prospectus for "Heralds of the Morning," and will soon begin work with this book.

No preventing providence, I will meet with the Noble church next Sabbath and Sunday, February 6 and 7.

S. E. WIGHT.

Sister Emma Wilson, of Springfield, is having good success in the Bible work. Two of her readers have recently begun to keep the Sabbath.

Elder S. E. Wight visited Brother S. S. Gray at Jacksonville Wednesday, January 27. The last two days of the month were spent with the Mattoon Church.

Wisconsin.

The annual teachers' institute will be held in Bethel, March 3-24.

Meetings are being held in Appleton, conducted by Elder Theo G. Lewis.

Elders Stebbeds and Serns are conducting a series of meetings at Mt. Hope.

The church at Eau Claire is planning for a new church and school building next spring.

The canvassers' institute will be held in March. The place and date will be announced later.

As a result of Elder Serns' recent effort in Sparta, several were added to the church and others are interested.

The outlook in Milwaukee is very encouraging. The workers find many interested ones who are calling for Bible readings.

Elder C. McReynolds is making a tour of the churches since his return from Berrien Springs, having visited the churches at Milwaukee, Madison, and Kenosha thus far.

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Indiana.

Our Sabbath-schools gave \$100 a month to missions during 1908, reaching a total for the year of \$1203.03.

Five new converts to the truth were baptized by Elder U. S. Anderson at North Vernon on Sunday, January 24.

Brother Archer Wright, our field agent, was with the Sunman church on January 23, and last week visited prospective canvassers in that section of the State.

Sister McMahan visited Montezuma last week and assisted Miss May Taylor of Sheridan, Illinois, in beginning her work as teacher of the home school at that place.

A young people's society was organized by Sister McMahan at North Vernon during a recent visit at that place. Two young people there have decided to attend Emmanuel Missionary College during the spring term.

An interesting hearing upon the Sunday baseball bill introduced into the House of Representatives of our State legislature was held Monday evening of last week. Nearly 300 people, a number of them Seventh-day Adventists, heard Elder A. L. Miller, our Religious Liberty secretary, who was the last speaker of the evening, give a clear presentation of Religious Liberty principles involved in the proposed legislation. Careful attention was given to his address and liberal extracts from it were reported in the city papers. A Senate Committee will doubtless conduct a similar hearing within a few days.

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Emmanuel Missionary College.

Our enrollment now stands at one hundred and twenty-seven.

Mrs. Nyman, of Cedar Lake, has accepted a call to fill the position of matron at the College, taking the place of Mrs. Straight, who has been acting in that capacity temporarily.

A canvassers' band, a young people's band, and a foreign mission band, have recently been organized in the school, for the purpose of studying the problems of these phases of the work.

A lecture course will be given by the faculty of the College, consisting of the following program: Feb. 8, 1909, Chorus, "Redemption," in charge of Professor Gerritsen. February 23, Stereopticon

Lecture on Yellowstone Park, by Professor Graf. March 9, Stereopticon Lecture on the Wonders of the Heavens, by Professor Haughey. March 23, Stereopticon Lecture on the Temple of Life, by Doctor Runck. April 6, Stereopticon Lecture on Recent Discoveries in Bible Lands, by Elder Videto. And April 27, Grand Concert, under direction of Professor Gerritsen. Season ticket, \$1.00. Single Admission, twenty-five cents. The proceeds from this course will be used for the library and music departments. Our readers will notice that the date of the first number has been changed from the first to the eighth. This was caused by the delay in the necessary preparations.

The following improvements were voted by the recent council and board meeting held at the College: To add a wing to North Hall (boys' dormitory) making room for about thirty more students; to so arrange the Ladies' Dormitory as to give one additional floor for dormitory rooms; all the main buildings are to be painted; a well-equipped laundry; suitable furniture for the public rooms; a machine shed; an ice house; electric lights for all the main buildings, and larger cottages; a choir platform for the College building. In addition to these improvements, plans were laid for a thorough-going summer school; this will be announced and explained later.

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We have just received copies of *The Bulletin*, a very attractive, although diminutive magazine, published bi-monthly by the Young Men's Literary Society, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. The subscription price is twenty-five cents a year, or five cents a copy. The November number is called the Anti-Fiction number, and contains interesting facts on this important question. Send for it. We are sure you will be interested and edified.

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