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Evangelical.

Lake Union Conference Proceedings, Continued.

The EIGHTH meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened May 23rd at 3 o'clock p. m. Eld. Covert in the chair. Prayer was offered by A. G. Haughey. Prof. J. G. Lamson then submitted the following partial report for the committee on Plans and Resolutions:—

7. WE RECOMMEND, That the Lake Union Conference Executive committee be authorized to establish a Lake Union Conference paper as soon as it seems to them advisable.

Medical Department.

WHEREAS true Medical Missionary work is an essential part of the gospel as set forth in the Three-fold Message of Revelation 14, and

WHEREAS, we have been repeatedly counseled by the Spirit of Prophecy that medical missionary work should not be separated from the gospel work of the Conference and church and the people, therefore

8. WE RECOMMEND, That this branch of our work be made the Medical Missionary Department of our Conference organization.

9. That the medical missionary work in all its features receive the same fostering care and financial support from the Conference organization and churches and people that is given to other branches of our work.

10. That, the general advisory and administrative work of this department in the Union and State Conferences be placed in the hands of a committee of suitable size and experience to properly develop the medical missionary work.

11. That, the real estate and personal property of the Medical Institutions created and supported by Conferences be held in trust for said conferences and legal corporation created by the Conference, and that the trustees of said corporation for the executive management of the institutions belonging to the corporation of which they are trustees.

12. That, the constituency of departments and executive committee afore mentioned shall be elected by the Conference in session.

13. That, nine persons be elected by this Conference as an advisory committee of the Medical Missionary Department of the Lake Union Conference.

Young People's Work.

14. WHEREAS, The Lord has called for the organization of our young people for work,

WE RECOMMEND, That all officers of the Educational Department of the various conferences in this Union be urged to enter upon a vigorous campaign in response to this call.

15. WE RECOMMEND, That as soon as practicable an institute be held, in which the workers in this

line, and others who are especially interested, shall study this question that the work may be carried forward harmoniously.

Scandinavian Work.

16. WHEREAS, The Lord greatly blessed the Scandinavian Bible school in Chicago last winter;

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That similar schools be held the coming winter wherever the interests may demand.

(b) That suitable Scandinavian persons be encouraged to attend these institutes that they may receive a better preparation for the canvassing work.

(c) That we encourage the Scandinavian canvassers to work among their own nationality as far as practicable.

Southern Watchman.

17. WE RECOMMEND, All our people to become subscribers to the Southern Watchman in order that they may become better acquainted with the situation in the Southern field, and that we approve of the issuance of a special number, and urge all our people to do all in their power to give it a large circulation.

Camp-Meetings.

18. In view of the clear instruction given in the Testimonies, Vol. 6, relative to the work and conduct of our camp-meetings,

WE RECOMMEND, That our camp-meetings be held where they can reach at least a part of the mass of the people in our cities and large towns.

19. (a) That our people be urged to come to the meetings prepared to remain, not only to the regular meetings, but as much longer as may be consistent, in order to study methods of work, and assist in the missionary work in that locality.

20. (b) That an abundance of ministerial help, so as to make a

force as strong as possible, should be connected with the meeting, and as many of these men should remain as will be necessary in order that there will be no letting down of the meeting.

21. That in matters of advertisement, sanitary arrangements, music, and business meetings, great care be exercised that the main object of the meeting may be more perfectly realized in the salvation of souls.

22. WE RECOMMEND, That the following prices and discounts in books as adopted by the publication committee at Omaha, be adopted by the Lake Union Conference:

(a) That our trade books and such pamphlets as are designed particularly for our own people, be retailed at list price to all.

(b) The following books be set apart for the special use of all our church member to sell, and that they be furnished to them at 40 per cent discount:

Education, Mount of Blessing, Things Foretold, Steps to Christ, Power for Witnessing, Daniel (paper), Revelation (paper), Great Nations, Sunshine at Home, Vegetarian Cook Book, Cobblestones, Desire of Ages [not illustrated].

[c] That our tract societies allow a uniform discount of 25 per cent on all subscription books to all our people.

Discussion followed on the eighth, ninth and tenth resolutions, and Dr. S. P. S. Edwards moved as an amendment to the resolutions touching the medical work as follows:

That a mixed committee of fifteen be chosen from the floor to study the question of Medical Missionary work and make to the Executive committee of the Lake Union Conference their report, which may come after this meeting is dissolved, and give them power to act. Seconded by J. G. Lamson.

This was discussed by one or two who did not favor the motion.

Moved by W. D. Curtiss, that the whole question Nos. 8-16, be

referred back to the committee. Seconded and carried.

The rules of the meeting were suspended to give Dr. J. H. Kellogg an opportunity to speak, as it would be the last opportunity he would have, as he was to leave the place to-day.

Sister White came in at that moment and gave a message to the meeting which was followed by testimonies of earnestness, power, and great helpfulness.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p. m. to make opportunity for the sermon by Elder E. W. Farnsworth, who recently arrived from Australia.

The ninth meeting, 9 a. m., May 24th, 1904. Elder Covert, chairman.

Minutes of eighth meeting read and approved.

Elder Daniells spoke his regret that other business than that of the Lake Union had taken his time for some meetings past, as he would gladly have been present, and further related his pleasure at the encouraging reports from the conferences, they being the best of all the other Union conferences he has attended.

Union Conference Paper.

Resolution No. 7 was read, touching a Union Conference paper, and was widely discussed, Elder Daniells by request, giving his views on the subject. Among other speakers some for it and some against it were W. M. Crowthers, D. E. Lindsey, J. M. Rees, A. G. Haughey, E. K. Slade, H. R. Johnson, W. J. Stone and N. S. Miller.

By consent this resolution was voted on separately, and by a rising vote was lost by a large majority.

No. 16 was discussed by H. R. Johnson, M. L. Andreason, and J. G. Lamson, and it was

Voted on motion of J. G. Lamson to refer No. 16, back to the committee.

Southern Watchman.

No. 17 on the Southern Watch-

man, was also thoroughly and enthusiastically discussed, the following delegates and brethren speaking to the question: M. C. Guild, R. R. Kennedy, S. H. Lane, Ezra Brackett, J. M. Burdick, W. J. Stone, H. W. Reed, D. E. Lindsey, W. H. Thurston, I. D. VanHorn, L. A. Hansen, G. I. Butler.

Nos. 18-21 on Camp-meetings, on motion of J. G. Lamson, was deferred for discussion until Brother White could be present. No. 22 was discussed by N. P. Neilson, H. R. Johnson, J. B. Blosser and N. S. Miller.

Meeting adjourned to 3 p. m., as Sister White was to speak immediately in Memorial hall, motion pending on No. 22. Elder W. J. Stone dismissed the meeting.

The Tenth Meeting, 3 p. m. May 24, 1904. Elder William Covert, chairman. Prayer by Elder J. B. Scott. Minutes of the ninth meeting read and approved.

Unfinished Business.

Resolution 22 on the report of committee on plans, on which action was pending, was again read and discussed by J. B. Blosser, F. Hiner, J. M. Rees, R. T. Dowsett, N. P. Neilson, C. N. Sanders, N. S. Miller, W. C. McCuaig, D. W. Reavis, Wm. Crowther, W. D. Curtis and others.

Moved by J. G. Lamson to refer No. 22 to the committee of secretaries. Seconded by H. W. Reed, and lost.

Previous question was then voted on motion of W. D. Curtis, and action was taken on their report as a whole, and carried.

Resolutions 24 and 25.

By permission of the Conference J. G. Lamson, the secretary of the committee on plans presented Resolutions 24 and 25 not having gone before the committee. They read as follows:

Amendments to Constitution.

24. WE RECOMMEND That section three of Article Five of the Constitution be amended by in-

serting after the words "in the conference," the words "together with the officers enumerated in section one of this article."

25. WE RECOMMEND That Section one of Article four be amended by striking out the word "one" after the word "each" in said article and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two."

Moved by W. J. Stone to adopt the report, seconded by D. E. Lindsey.

Action was called for on No. 24 and carried unanimously without discussion. No. 25 was given another reading.

Discussed by J. M. Rees, D. E. Lindsey, William Covert, J. G. Lamson, J. B. Scott, H. R. Johnson, and W. D. Parkjurst. Moved by H. R. Johnson to amend the amendment by making the basis of representation 150. Seconded. Moved to lay this resolution on the table. Lost.

The amendment to the amendment was then carried by a rising vote of 37 in favor and 15 against.

The chairman being called out Elder W. D. Curtis took the chair.

Camp Meetings.

Elder W. C. White talked to Resolutions 18—21 on camp meetings, deferred at the ninth meeting until he could be present.

He gave a carefully outlined plan of conducting camp-meetings, and a course of meetings to succeed them holding the workers as far as possible and not breaking up the order of the grounds by pulling down the tents, and the effect on the community, relating practical work as done in Australia, a church now standing on the same ground where they held the camp-meeting, with a follow-up-meeting. He spoke of the arrangements of the subjects, publishing sermons, having a Bible worker or workers in connection, presence of musical instruments etc. If the Conference business must be done at the time of the camp-meeting let it be secondary and work it in from day to

day, but let the spiritual interests be primary, and prevail all through the meeting.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth added some valuable thoughts on the same subject by request of Elder White.

These resolutions were then carried. The meeting adjourned, and Elder C. W. Olds dismissed the audience.

The Eleventh Meeting, 9 a. m. May 25, 1904. Elder A. G. Daniells chairman. Prayer by D. E. Lindsey and A. G. Daniells.

Minutes of the 10th meeting read and approved.

Third Report of Committee on Plans

Prof. J. G. Lamson, the secretary of the committee on plans, presented the following resolutions, No. 23 and from 26 to 31, as the third partial report:

23. WE RECOMMEND to our people a hearty co-operation in the Missionary Acre Fund plan of raising money to pay the debts of the Battle Creek College.

24. That the Executive Committee of this Conference be authorized to continue its support of the Medical Missionary and Rescue work in Chicago.

Young People.

27. In view of the fact that there are in our industrial schools a desirable class of young people, many of whom should be entering the canvassing work;

WE RECOMMEND, That an earnest effort be put forth by our school men and conference officers to encourage these to enter this work, and that arrangements be made for their special instruction.

28. WE RECOMMEND, That the Religious Liberty work be made a department in each local conference, and this Union Conference, and that some suitable person be chosen in each local conference, and this Union Conference as secretary of said department.

The German Work.

29. Whereas there is a great dearth of laborers to advance this cause in the German tongue;

WE RECOMMEND

(a) All our local conferences to urge men and women whom the Spirit of God seems to indicate, to consecrate themselves to, and prepare for the German work.

(b) That a German institute be opened at Berrien Springs during the summer with a competent Bible teacher in charge, providing a sufficient number of German people signify that they will attend such a school.

Whereas it seems to be needful that the German laborers in this cause should become unified in their teachings, and acquainted with each other

(c) WE RECOMMEND, That a German institute be held for two or three weeks each year which all German laborers may be permitted to attend, the expenses to be borne by the conferences in which the laborers have been working; and that notice of this institute be published in the Hausfreund at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

Superior Mission Field.

30. WE RECOMMEND, That the counties of Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, Luce, Macinac and Chippewa now composing the eastern part of the Superior Mission Field, be made a part of the North Michigan Conference; and that the remaining counties of the Superior Mission Field be made a part of the Wisconsin Conference.

We respectfully report to your body that we have had under consideration Recommendation No. 16 relative to the Scandinavian work, and that we have agreed to report the same back to your body without change, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

31. WE RECOMMEND, That suitable families be urged to move to the Southern field, settling three or four families in a vicinity, to en-

gage in self-supporting missionary work.

The adoption of the above report was moved by E. K. Slade. No. 23, 26, 27 and 28 passed without comment. No. 29 was discussed by the chair, H. R. Johnson and C. J. Herrmann.

Moved by J. G. Lamson to amend No. 29 by the words "the Lake Union Conference be authorized to call" after the word "that" in the first line of section "C" and the word "to" after the word "institute" same line. This was allowed by committee on plans.

No. 30 discussed by E. R. Williams, J. G. Lamson, A. G. Haughey, S. E. Wight, H. R. Johnson, C. N. Sanders, Wm. Covert, A. G. Daniells.

Moved by D. E. Lindsey to lay it on the table. Carried.

Moved by A. G. Haughey and seconded that the Lake Union Conference accept the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as the mission field of the Lake Union Conference. Discussed by E. R. Williams and J. G. Lamson and carried.

The 16th was called up again and given a second reading.

No. 31 was read and the whole report carried.

Moved by J. G. Lamson that the Constitution be so amended that the Superintendent of the Superior Mission Field be a member of the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference.

W. D. Curtis stated that as this field may soon become a Conference, and be thus an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, and as for the present the Superintendent may be invited to participate with the Board, so he moved that this be laid on the table. Seconded and carried.

Report of Committee on Nominations:

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report through their Secretary, Elder H. H. Burkholder:

President, Allen Moon; Vice

President, Wm. Covert; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Edwards; Field Secretary, J. B. Blosser; Educational Secretary, M. Bessie DeGraw; Training School Representative, P. T. Magan; Missionary Secretary, D. W. Reavis; Publishing Work Representative, I. H. Evans; Sanitarium Work Representative, Dr. D. Paulson; German Work Representative, C. L. Herrmann; Scandinavian Work Representative L. H. Christian; Field Secretary of Religious Liberty work, D. W. Reavis; Auditor and Business Agent W. H. Edwards.

Executive Committee.

Allen Moon, Wm. Covert, W. H. Edwards, H. H. Burkholder, J. D. Gowell, A. G. Haughey, S. E. Wight, W. J. Stone, North Illinois President, J. M. Rees, P. T. Magan, D. Paulson, I. H. Evans, C. J. Herrmann, L. H. Christian.

These names were given a second reading, and the report was carried on motion of H. R. Johnson, seconded by P. G. Stanley.

Board of Directors Lake Union Conference Association.

Wm. Covert, Allen Moon, H. H. Burkholder, J. D. Gowell, W. H. Edwards, A. G. Haughey, W. J. Stone.

This report was also unanimously adopted after a second reading.

Elder Burkholder made the statement that the office of the President was one that was not sought by Elder Moon, but it was the unanimous desire of the Committee on Nominations that he should be elected to that office, and this explanation was due Brother Moon because he was on the Committee of Nomination.

Meeting adjourned on motion of C. H. Bliss, and Elder M. B. Miller dismissed the congregation.

News and Notes.

The Conference Committee met in Battle Creek at 10 o'clock Friday, June 3rd, and continued in session until 5 p. m. Another long

meeting was held the evening after the Sabbath at the pleasant home of Professor J. Grant Lamson, and a third three hour session was held on Sunday morning.

Much time in these meetings was given to the study of the general interests of the work, and plans were made for its immediate advancement.

There will be no paper issued next week. Each year two numbers are omitted. Next week is the time selected for the dropping of one of these numbers.

On the evening of June 4th the Committee on teachers of the Battle Creek Industrial Academy, voted to re-employ the old faculty, with Professor J. Grant Lamson principal. The personell of the faculty, therefore, remains as follows: Professor J. Grant Lamson, Miss Pearl Hallock, Miss Francis L. Case, Mrs. C. N. Sanders, Mrs. Flora Williams, and Miss Edythe Ayers.

The Conference secretary and treasurer, D. W. Reavis, having been called to continue in other lines or work which will permanently prevent his personally connecting with the Conference office, tendered his resignation to the Conference Committee on June 3rd. With the resignation came a recommendation favoring the immediate election of E. A. Merriam as Conference secretary and treasurer. Both the resignation and the recommendation were accepted by the committee, and E. A. Merriam was formally elected secretary and treasurer for the remaining portion of the Conference year.

Elder A. G. Haughey occupied the pulpit in the Tabernacle on Sabbath, June 4th. His Conference Committee were in the stand with him, and gave him a hearty support, while he delivered an important and thoroughly appreciated discourse upon true education.

This was Elder Haughey's first sermon in the Tabernacle since his association with the West Michigan Conference, and all the people accorded him a Christian welcome and expressed, through their close attention to his sermon, an unusual appreciation of the message he gave. The Battle Creek church will welcome Elder Haughey's return.