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January 24, 3 P. M.

Seventh meeting of the West Michigan Conference called to order with the President, Elder A. G. Haughey, in the chair.

After the rendering of the hymn, "We Praise Thee O God," by the congregation, Elder Fred Brink led in earnest prayer that the Spirit of God might rest upon the conference and all present, and that harmony might prevail and that we might see eye to eye in all that is done.

The Committee on Delegation reported, recommending the seating of the delegates W. W. Cole of Mt. Pleasant, and A. L. Evans of Clifford Lake. By vote these brethren were asked to take their seats with the delegates.

The conference resumed the consideration of recommendation as introduced by the Committee on Plans, and Recommendation 7 was called for and read as follows:

That the work of the treasurer and librarian be done by one person, and that said officer be requested to provide himself with the book recommended by the conference for treasurer's use.

This was discussed quite fully by the conference, Brother E. Brackett explaining the use of the new treasurer's book.

Recommendations 8, 9, 10, and Resolutions 11, 12, 13, and 14 were then passed.

The Committee on Plans reported further through its secretary, Elder S. M. Butler, who stated by way of explanation that Recommendation 5 had been referred

back to them, and as a result they coupled with it a resolution of a similar nature in reference to the Cedar Lake Academy. The resolutions as presented read as follows:

5. WE RECOMMEND, That a fund be raised in this conference for the purpose of assisting such persons as the conference, through its officers, may deem worthy of aid in order to receive instruction in Emmanuel Missionary College; that such assistance be rendered by making loans or gifts to students from this fund; that all loans shall be returned to this fund for the aid of still other young people; and that our educational secretary, our conference treasurer, our ministers, our church elders, and the president and other instructors in Emmanuel Missionary College, be requested to keep this matter before the people by soliciting voluntary contributions for the creation and maintenance of such a fund.

6. WE RECOMMEND, That a like fund be raised in a similar manner for the assistance of the pupils in the Cedar Lake Academy.

WHEREAS, Our brethren and fellow-laborers, Elder L. N. Lane and Brother C. A. Prescott, have been removed by death from our midst and from the work of God; therefore,

15. RESOLVED, That we hereby express the deep sense of loss that we have sustained, and heartfelt sympathy with their families in the great loss that has come upon them and us.

16. WE RECOMMEND, That hereafter the regular sessions of the conference be held in connection with the annual camp-meeting.

17. WE RECOMMEND, That the missionary secretary devote a large portion of his time to labor among the churches, stimulating them to faithfulness in the various lines of missionary work.

Recommendation 6, the one in reference to the fund for the Cedar Lake Academy, was passed and the question called.

Brother Shafer expressed the deep sense of loss that not only the church sustained in the death of C. A. Prescott, but many of the business men who had offered their sympathy. Elders Horton, Hebner, and Brother Hofstra spoke of the excellent character and work of Brother Prescott.

Elders VanHorn, S. E. Wight, M. B. Miller, Slade, and others, bore their testimonies of love and sympathy for Elder L. N. Lane who through so much suffering has fallen asleep in Jesus.

The recommendation in reference to holding the annual session of the conference at the time of the camp-meeting was considered quite carefully and fully discussed by the conference, and referred back to the Committee.

A recess of ten minutes was then taken by the conference.

There being no unfinished business, the Chair asked if the Committee on Nominations was ready to report. The Committee reported through their secretary, W. H. Heckman, as follows:

For President, Elder A. G. Haughey; Vice President, Elder S. M. Butler; Executive committee, A. G. Haughey, S. M. Butler, W. D. Parkhurst, M. N. Campbell, W. H. Heckman; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Merriam; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Jennie Nelson; Field Secretary, M. N. Campbell; Educational Secretary, W. E. Videto; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss Margaret Haughey; Cedar Lake Academy Board, A. G. Haughey, S. M. Butler, Professor B. E. Nicola, W. E. Videto, W. D. Parkhurst, Fred Brink, Wm. McCurdy; Auditing Committee, W.

W. Shepard, James Root, Joseph Smith, W. D. Lakin, Joseph Haughey, Warner Cole.

Moved that we adopt these names by considering them one by one. Elder Haughey called Elder S. E. Wight to the chair and made a few remarks in reference to his attitude and feelings in accepting official responsibilities.

Elder Wight then asked the pleasure of the delegates in reference to this name, and Elder Haughey was unanimously chosen as president of the conference.

Elder Haughey again took the chair and called for a vote on the name of Elder S. M. Butler for Vice-president, who was also unanimously chosen to this office. The names of A. G. Haughey and S. M. Butler were passed upon as members of the Executive Committee. R. A. Hart spoke quite fully, stating that he noticed that Battle Creek church was not represented among the nominees for the Executive Committee. He thought there should be at least one member named from the Battle Creek church. Elder D. T. Bourdeau, the Chair, and W. M. Crothers spoke in reference to this. Professor Nicola offered the suggestion that the Executive Committee be enlarged to seven in number. By vote the three remaining names were referred back to the committee for further consideration.

E. A. Merriam, Jennie Nelson, and M. N. Campbell were elected to the respective offices of Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, and Field Secretary.

The name of W. E. Videto was then read for Educational Secretary. R. A. Hart spoke quite freely, stating a desire that we might choose for educational secretary one who had had a long and wide experience in educational lines.

Moved and seconded that this name be referred back to the committee. The motion was lost.

Brother William Drier and Elliston Warner spoke in reference to the work of the educational secre-

tary. Elder Fred Brink, a member of the nominating committee, said that the committee had canvassed the matter thoroughly and were fully agreed in reference to the person named, and he thought it would be better for the conference to substitute names and not refer the matter back to the committee. Brother R. A. Hart presented the name of Mrs. Flora Williams, which was seconded by J. B. Blosser, who spoke of her long experience in this line of work and that he thought she was fully qualified to discharge these duties. Brother W. M. Crothers asked in reference to the duties of the Educational Secretary, which was answered by the Chair. Brethren J. B. Blosser and G. W. Morse spoke of the work of Mrs. Williams, giving it a strong endorsement. Elder Butler favored the action while he looked at it from one phase of the question, but thought we must remember there was another side; that is, that it would be necessary for the Educational Secretary to go among our churches and organize schools and present this matter in such a way as would have weight with the brethren. R. A. Hart withdrew the motion, and J. B. Blosser the second, to substitute the name of Mrs. Flora Williams. Elder VanHorn, Professor B. E. Nicola, and Wm. Reefman also spoke in reference to the work of the Educational Secretary. The name of W. E. Videto was again brought before the delegates and was accepted as Educational Secretary for the coming year.

The nominees for Sabbath-school Secretary, and the members of the Cedar Lake Academy Board and Auditing Committee were voted upon and carried.

After singing a hymn, Elder S. E. Wight was called to the chair and reports from Fremont, Carlton Center, and Berrien Springs churches were presented.

Conference adjourned till 8:30 a. m. Wednesday.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,
E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

Medical.

That Spare Bed.

I believe that if there is any one thing more than another that is heartily appreciated by those of our laborers who are constantly called away from their own home and fireside, it is a good comfortable place to sleep after a hard day of mental and physical labor.

We sometimes conceive the idea that it is a very easy thing for our ministers, canvassers and other laborers to travel from place laboring in the cause, and some even imagine they are receiving a rich remuneration for their services, but this my friend is a mistaken idea. Just stop and think what it would mean to us to be away from home and those we hold most dear, week after week, sleeping and eating wherever we chance to be. This I am sure THEY do most cheerfully but NOT without a sacrifice.

I believe if we would stop to take these facts into consideration we would be more careful in providing for those who come to us a good, comfortable place in which to sleep. Can you imagine anything MORE uncomfortable than to get into a COLD, damp bed with scant clothing in a COLD room? The bed has been made up for days, possibly weeks and months, and the room closed to fresh air and sunlight. Such conditions have caused many a serious illness and even death.

In view of these facts we would like to offer a few suggestions along this line. First of all the room should be kept clean and free from dust. No matter how plain and simple the furnishings, they may be kept CLEAN. The room should be well aired every day and then LEAVE THE CURTAINS up and let the sunshine in. If there is no means of warming the room leave the door open leading into the other rooms a part of the day.

And then THAT BED. I know of but ONE thing more repulsive than to get into a cold, damp, musty smelling bed on the cold winter

night, and that is to get into a soiled bed in the hot summer where there are BUGS. This is very plain language, but it is something that one is often obliged to meet in traveling from place to place. Such a condition should NEVER exist among our people, but I know there is a slackness along this line. Bedding is very cheap. Soap and water are cheap, and there is no excuse for offering any one a soiled bed.

Then we would emphasize—have the bed CLEAN. The top sheet should be long enough to turn well down over the covers and thus protect them from getting soiled. Another very good way of protecting the comfortables and quilts is to have a strip of cloth about one-half yard wide tucked on either side of the top of the covers. This can be removed from time to time and laundered and thus keep the covers clean and fresh.

Be sure that there is enough clothing on the bed and that it is well aired before putting it on. It is an easy matter to throw off a cover, but it is very disagreeable to say the least, to be chilly all night for want of enough covers. Besides having plenty of covers the bed should be warmed by means of hot water bags, if you have them if not, place a couple of hot bricks wrapped in a cloth (not a soiled towel or old apron, but some CLEAN old cloth) in the bed in the early evening, and when the occupant is ready to retire he will find a nice warm bed. Such little attentions will be gratefully appreciated by our workers, and is truly missionary work. A pitcher of drinking water and a glass should be provided at night, and warm and cold water in the morning with plenty of clean towels. And thus our workers will be made to feel more at home, their burdens lightened, and the cause we love will be better promoted.

EDITH E. BRUCE.

Most Precious Ministry.

The work of our Saviour was the work of soul-saving, and it was

done in the large congregation, by the wayside, and with the individual. None were passed by. The Apostle Paul's work was the same. He said "I have taught you publicly and from house to house." This is truly God's method of working.

Special Testimonies to Ministers, No. 7, p 50, 51 says. "I cannot see why the canvassing work is not as good and successful a work as can be done for the Lord. Canvassers can become acquainted with the people, they can pray with them, and can understand their true necessities. . . . They should go to their work prepared to explain the Scriptures, and nothing should be said or done to bind their hands. If they put their trust in the Lord as they travel from place to place, the Angels of God will be round about them giving them words to speak which will bring light and hope and courage to many souls."

I have now in mind a canvasser who started out in this way and took a full county as his territory, and when he had covered his territory he had THIRTEEN Sabbath-keepers as the result of his faithful work. I feel if there was more such work done, there would be more encouraged to enter the work.

My prayer is that the Lord may impress the hearts of those that could do faithful work and win souls to take up the work at once, and thus speed the coming of the "King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

W. C. HEBNER.

Conversation in the Home.

Righteous rules to govern our conversation. Eph. 4:29. 1 Peter 1:15.

A promise. Ps. 50:23.

Happy condition. Prov. 21:23.

There are times when silence is wisdom. Prov. 17:28.

Kind words preferable. Prov. 15:1.

Unkind words hurt. Prov. 12:18.

One who utters slander has a bad name. Prov. 10:18.

Never slander relatives. Psalm 50:19, 20.

Never slander neighbors. Psalm 15:3; 101:5.

A woman who slanders should not be the wife of an elder or deacon. 1 Tim. 3:11.

The influence of a wife is largely determined by her conversation. 1 Pet. 3:1, 2.

Young men should be examples in conversation. 1 Tim. 4:12.

The conversation shows the condition of the heart. Matt. 12:34.

The one who offends not in word is perfect. Jas. 3:2.

The power of words. Prov. 18:21.

Our final destiny determined by our words. Matt. 12:37.

So let our prayer be Ps. 19:14.

MRS. H. K. RUMERY.

Change of Date for Canvassers' Institute.

It has been found that the date first set for holding the general institute at Allegan was too early for a number who wished to attend, and after due consideration it was decided to change the date to March 23—April 3. We trust that all who are interested in the institute will make careful note of the date and arrange to take advantage of the training that will be given there. The last mighty struggle is on; both sides are calling for recruits and God expects every man and woman connected with this message to step to the front and do their full duty. The "Well done" will soon be heard by the faithful, and eternity will be ours to enjoy.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Battle Creek.

Brother R. A. Hart has been off duty at his home during the past week, trying to ward off an attack of the grip.

Dr. J. F. Morse delivered the sermon in the Tabernacle on Sabbath morning, to a very interested congregation. His theme was temperance, and the entire service of the hour was in close sympathy with the subject.

Mrs. W. H. McKee of Grand Rapids spent a couple of days in Battle Creek last week, the guest of Mrs.

Minnie Harden. She came down to attend the "Shower" given by the Mercedes Club in behalf of the Michigan Home for Girls.

A most unique and pleasant gathering was that of the Mercedes shower given at the home of Miss Fern West, on Tuesday evening. Some eighty guests were highly entertained by a nicely arranged and appropriate program, presided over by Brother A. L. Bayley, consisting of music, recitations, etc. and an address by Mrs. McKee of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is the founder of the Michigan Home for Girls.

The shower, which consisted of all linen articles appropriate for the furnishing of the Mercedes room in the Grand Rapids Home, amounted to something like twenty dollars, besides about twelve dollars in money.

Through the columns of the "Herald" we wish to say to our young people throughout the West Michigan Conference, "Go thou and do likewise." Let us form ourselves into clubs like the Mercedes girls from "Dan to Bersheba," and keep a continual shower of good things pouring into the Michigan Home for Girls.

We sincerely hope any young person reading this notice, will feel called upon to help organize such a work in his own immediate circle.

News and Notes.

The Editor went to Bauer last Friday to attend a Sabbath-school convention. A report will appear later.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Cedar Lake, attending a meeting of the Academy Board.

For Sale—Forty-acre farm, house, barn, well and orchard. One-half mile from Cedar Lake Academy. Price, \$800. \$500 down and balance on time if bought before April 1st. Possession at time of sale. Address, Ed. A. Rundell, Edmore, Mich.

Elder Fred Brink is laboring at Rose Bush where there is something of an interest.

Brother W. E. Videto spent Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 18-19, with the church at Portland.

Brother M. N. Campbell visited Berrien Springs and Benton Harbor last week in the interests of the canvassing work.

Brother and Sister Fred Hutchinson of Laurium, Upper Peninsula, Michigan, are to engage in Bible work in the city of Grand Rapids.

W. E. Videto went to Berrien Springs Friday, Feb. 24, to follow up the interest that has been carried on by Elder Haughey and Brother Blosser.

Misses Edith and Edna Wilbur of Grand Rapids are to take up Bible work in Muskegon. They are to be under the instruction of Sister Bertha Snyder.

The church school at Glenwood is the largest in the conference this year, the highest membership reported being 32.

Miss Mabel Jaffray has opened up a series of meetings at Decatur. The attendance at first was small but has been on the increase until now there is quite a good interest.

Brother M. N. Campbell now has a phone in his residence. Any one wishing to speak to him can do so by calling up Rural Line No. 95, Paw Paw, Mich. This has full connection with the Bell phone but not the Citizen's.

Brother E. F. Collier under date of Feb. 24 writes: "I am one week at Kinderhook and am in the midst of a sweeping interest. I am holding meetings in a school house, and the interest and attendance increase every night. The last two evenings the seating capacity of the house was filled to its utmost. But the

dragon is here also, and already sounds his challenge. Pray that the truth of God may out-shine everything else, and sinners be converted.

Yours in the glorious work."

REVIEW AND HERALD.

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