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Recommendations Passed at the West Michigan Conference Held at Grand Rapids Jan. 20-25, 1905.

1. That \$1,000.00 be raised during the present winter and coming summer to liquidate the present indebtedness of the Cedar Lake Academy, and to provide a small working fund for the future; and that the conference committee be responsible for the raising of this fund.

2. That a persistent effort be made to educate the people of this conference concerning the necessity of sending their children to the Academy, and that we invite our conference workers to take an active part on this effort.

3. That the principal be authorized to spend as much of his time in the field during the summer vacation as may be consistent with other duties, and that such arrangements be made to take care of the farm and other interests as shall make this possible.

WHEREAS, There are many young people in the West Michigan Conference who ought to be receiving

training in the Emmanuel Missionary College, therefore,

4. WE RECOMMEND, That President N. W. Kauble be invited to freely visit our churches in this conference and to do all in his power to secure the attendance of such young people as ought to be in this institution.

In view of the fact that many of our young people are not able to meet the expense of educating themselves,

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 for 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.

7. 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 the treasurer's use.

In view of the desirability of obtaining adequate reports of the donations bestowed by our various churches, and the conference at large,

8. WE RECOMMEND, That all donations be forwarded through

the church and conference treasurers

9. That the bookkeeping of the conference be performed in the name of the West Michigan Conference, and that it shall include the entire financial interests and transactions of the conference including the several departments, such as Sabbath-school, Tract Society, Medical work, and any others; and that the accounts of the several funds be kept separate and reported accordingly in the annual report.

10. That article V. of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "Assistant Secretary and Treasurer" after the words "Secretary and Treasurer."

11. RESOLVED, That every church that has been or shall be admitted to membership in the conference is and shall be a constituent part of this conference on a prorata equality with all other churches.

12. RESOLVED, That it is the province of each church according to its ability to carry on missionary and gospel work within its own precincts and to manage and direct its own internal affairs.

Provided, That in order to secure harmony and co-operation in labor, that work in all the churches be subject to the advice and counsel of the conference and its representatives.

13. RESOLVED, That no church shall be entitled to employ any workers to be paid out the conference funds without the consent of conference or its representative committee.

14. RESOLVED, That all tithe, first-day offerings, offerings to missions, and any other money intended for the general work shall be sent by the local treasurer to the conference treasurer, and disbursed only according to established conference regulations.

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 our heartfelt sympathy with their families in the great loss that has come upon them and us.

16. 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.

17. WE RECOMMEND, That each of our churches annually select a competent person to audit the books of the treasurer previous to the presentation of the treasurer's report to the church, and that the auditor's statement be appended to said report.

18. WE RECOMMEND, That the name of the Blendon church be changed to Bauer.

19. WE RECOMMEND, That the elders of our churches be requested to ascertain as soon as practicable, and to such extent as feasible, the means whereby the members of their respective churches received a knowledge of the truth, whether through preaching, the printed page, medical missionary work, or otherwise, and report the results of such canvass to the editor of the "West Michigan Herald."

20. RESOLVED, That we express our hearty appreciation of the very generous hospitality that has been extended to the delegates of this conference by the Grand Rapids church and other friends in this city.

The Washington Sanitarium.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A sanitarium is greatly needed near the city of Washington. In the providence of God, such an institution will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to those in high places. Sanitar-

iums are the right hand of the gospel. In them the sick are to be taught that sin is the transgression of the law, and that is this transgression that brings disease and suffering. In our sanitariums temperance in all its bearing is to be taught. Those who are suffering as the result of a wrong course of action are to be shown the necessity of reform in their habits of life. They have violated the laws of health. By the eating of flesh-meat and of rich, highly-spiced food, they have injured the digestive organs, and if they would get well, they must adopt a simple, wholesome diet.

Those in charge of our sanitariums are to give clear instruction regarding these things. Medical missionaries are to be ministers of the gospel, showing the sick that by violating the laws of life and health, they are deranging the machinery of the body. There are many who do not realize the necessity of carefully guarding the living machinery. Their minds are to be aroused to the harm they are doing themselves by indulging in wrong habits, by intemperance in eating and drinking. They are to be shown the necessity of discarding the use of alcohol and tobacco in every form. Our physicians are to go to the root of the matter, showing that sickness and suffering do not come from God, but are the result of a wrong course of action.

Our sanitarium work opens doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great physician, who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing them healing of soul as well as healing of body.

A sanitarium is needed at Takoma Park, that this work may be carried forward. Will not those who have means regard it as a privilege to give something toward this work, that the needed funds may soon be raised. The Lord

will certainly bless those who will cheerfully return to him his own.

I call upon our people, while the way is still open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one hundred thousand dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and he calls upon those who have means to bring their gifts to the treasury for the advancement of his work.

Educational.

Sabbath School Convention Its Purpose And Importance.

When we speak of school, what does it bring to our minds? A place where something is being taught, a company of people gathered together to study, and when we add the word Sabbath, we have brought before our minds in an instant a people that are gathered on the Sabbath for the purpose of studying God's Word. Some years ago we as a people began to realize our need of a more thorough study of God's Word, and with united effort the church began this work of gathering its members together. Taking God's Word, they studied with a hungering and thirsting after righteousness that none but God could satisfy. The Sabbath school, then, is the church at study.

Let none think it is for the church alone. No—for many souls should be gathered from the byways and hedges. Those not of our faith are to be labored for with great tenderness and forbearance, for their souls are precious in the sight of God.

One writer speaking of it says—"It should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ.

Convention—Let us understand the word. It is an assembly, a coming together. A Sabbath school convention, then, is a coming together of the Sabbath school for the purpose of studying plans and

methods for the carrying forward of this work.

Test on S. S. work. "There should be thoughtful, prayerful study how to work to the best advantage. Careful plans should be matured." There are minds among us that can invent and carry out, if they are only put to use. Great results would follow well directed and intelligent efforts.

All need freshness of ideas, fresh, wise plans, life, tact, and spirit in their work. Christ left these words for His followers: "I came to seek and save that which was lost." "Go ye into all the world and preach this gospel to every creature." And again, "Feed my sheep." Our only object in this world should be the salvation of souls.

Never can we find a better field than in our Sabbath schools. Satan we are told, goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. The lion does not follow its prey, but couches in the dark places near the way in which its prey is to pass, and noiselessly waits with expectant eyes and bated breath.

With an awful roar it frightens its prey, which is unable to move; then with one bound it makes sure its captive. Just so Satan will destroy human souls. He knows he has but a short time.

Our Sabbath schools as soul saving instruments, should put forth every effort to this end, and in no better place can plans be laid than in a Sabbath school convention.

It is our duty to meet together often, to talk of ways in which we may improve our school. One writer says, "The workers and learners aim for too low a standard." "All need to be enlarged, to have a higher and holier aspiration."

Sadness comes over us as we read from the "Testimonies" "We have had great light, but we lack in zeal and earnestness, and have not fervency of spirit proportionate to the privileges we enjoy."

We must rise above the chilling

atmosphere of unbelief with which we are surrounded, and draw nigh to God.

We must educate the youth that they may know how to work for the salvation of souls. We must become embued with the spirit of earnest labor.

Our minds must be enlarged, and our hearts softened and embued by the grace of Christ, that we may become true educators.

Let those who have had long experience in the Sabbath school speak of God's help in the work.

Truly our Sabbath school should be made more interesting. The public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching. Can not we? God has promised us help. Let us accept it. Press forward and make our school what God intends it to be.

Present truth may be simplified and made intensely interesting to the active minds of the children and parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children.

To find the best way of doing this is the purpose and work of the Sabbath school convention.

HELEN V. PRICE.

(Read at a Sabbath school convention at Berrien Springs March 4, 1905.)

From the Field.

SOUTH MONTEREY.

I attended a Sabbath-school convention at South Monterey last Sabbath. Papers were read on the following subjects: "The Importance of the Sabbath-school," "How to Make the Sabbath-school More Interesting," "The Relation the Teacher Sustains to His Scholar." Many points were brought out in these papers and additional points were added by those who took part in the discussion.

The evening after the Sabbath a missionary meeting was held and after the business was attended to the following subjects were discussed: "The Relation of the Sabbath-school to the Missionary So-

ciety," "The Relation of the Missionary Society to the Church." On Sunday evening a cottage meeting was held at the home of one of the brethren. This meeting was well attended and the brethren and sisters expressed a desire to press forward in the Master's service. A successful church school is being taught by Brother Avery. My heart was encouraged as I met with the brethren and sisters and I trust the Lord will bless all that was done in His name.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Bloomingtondale.

Our school closed Friday, April 7th, after a successful term of six months. On Sunday evening an interesting program was given by the school assisted by a number of friends at the home of C. E. Messer. About forty friends, neighbors and patrons of the school were present, and all were greatly pleased with the entertainment. One number on the program was a paper on Christian Education by P. S. Messer which was instructive and very appropriate for the occasion.

Our school is located in the country five miles south-west of Bloomingtondale, and occupies one room in Bro. P. S. Messer's house. The largest enrollment during the year was eight. Our numbers are small, yet we realize that the blessing of God has been with us, and considering the fact that this is our first term of school in this place we feel greatly encouraged. Many of the people here are interested in the school and it is thought that next year our school will be larger. God is at the head of this work and if we will receive a blessing and the work of the schools will bring good and lasting results.

O. R. VANHORNE.

WRIGHT.

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going

down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised."

As I review the two years which I have been permitted to spend in the work of the Lord at this place, my heart echoes the words of the Psalmist above quoted. Truly they have been pleasant years in which I have found many dear friends and formed many loving acquaintances. But my greatest joy has been found in seeing hearts given to the Lord; and, as I have seen this, I have been led to realize, to a certain extent, what must be the joy which pervades heaven upon the repentance of a sinner. This is a joy which the world cannot give, neither take away.

Our school closed April 13. Toward the last the attendance was very small as some were required at home for spring work and some moved away. But a good interest was manifested up to the very close by those who did attend.

Our school this year has been marked, not so much by conversions and demonstrations, although two or three have given themselves to the Lord, as by a steady growth, mentally and spiritually. There has been manifested by nearly all an earnest desire and purpose for active service in some line of missionary work. While so situated that it was impossible to go out among our neighbors and friends and do active missionary work, the school has, nevertheless, not been idle. During the year, we have made two comfortables for the Michigan Home for Girls, in which work the boys joined with the same interest and enthusiasm as the girls.

Two of our young people have gone to Cedar Lake and one will go to Nashville, Tenn., this spring to fit himself for work in the south.

The spiritual prosperity which has attended our school work has been the means of reviving the hearts of those members who have been longer in the way. The church, as a whole, is in a good spiritual condition. We see no discouraging omens at all, but

everything looks bright. May the work of the Lord still prosper in this place and in all parts of the vineyard, is our prayer.

GILBERT J. ILES.

News and Notes.

The Executive Committee held a meeting in Grand Rapids April 16th.

Mrs. Martha A. Smith of Allegan is having good success in selling the "Family Bible Teacher." The Lord is giving her rich experiences in this work.

Miss Mable Jaffray writes that the public meetings at Decatur closed Sunday evening, April 9, and that they were going to hold some cottage meetings. Eight persons, not members of the church, subscribed for the Review.

Battle Creek.

The sermon on Sabbath in the tabernacle was delivered by Dr. A. J. Read from the text "Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth." He said we are all as children before God,—youth is a symbol of inexperience. Made scientific demonstrations in regard to what is known in the scientific world of light and matter as compared with what we cannot find out.—Speaking of the vast fields of knowledge and science, that we have not been able to reach in any way. Even the most experienced and wisest of men are only as children before God. Unless we are in harmony with God, our science can not be true knowledge, but God is ever merciful and He over-rules our mistakes to His own glory. To illustrate this he spoke of the discovery of bacteria which came about while the French people, fearing the loss of their wine because of an insect destroying the vines, were searching for it. And this great discovery has resulted in great good to mankind. Gave statistics to prove the wonderful

increase of tuberculosis and consumption.—How the sunshine and fresh air cure had been found, and said that with these germ destroying elements tuberculosis was not hard to cure. And so if we have the Father as the guide of our youth, we shall be continually progressing in the right way, constantly learning new things as we journey towards the city of God.

The many friends of Dr. Carolyn Geisel will be rejoiced to learn that she writes from sunny California where she has gone to rest and recuperate, of her returning health and strength. She is making a business of getting well, and we shall hope to soon see her again back in Michigan "as good as new."

The last quarterly business meeting of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Battle Creek was a profitable and happy occasion, Elder Haughey being present. Several of the reports of work of the Dist. and that of the Sanitarium were most encouraging. A spirit of unity and peace prevailed.

The young people's meeting was conducted Sabbath afternoon by Wilburn Smith. He gave us some very interesting experiences which he had met in the jail work in Harrison St. police station and the Life Boat Mission.

W. H. Edwards of Indianapolis, Ind., made us a flying visit the first of this week. He is on his way to General Conference but will visit at Pittsburg, New York, and several other places on his way.

A number of our Battle Creek people are planning to attend the coming Conference at Washington. The more the better.

Dr. A. J. Reid addressed the patients in the Sanitarium parlor Sabbath afternoon, his subject being "How God Deals With Us."