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### Resolutions and Recommendations Passed at the Kalamazoo Council.

1. RESOLVED, That we approve the recommendations and resolutions on educational work adopted at the late General Conference, as published in the "Review and Herald" of June 1, 1905:

2. WE RECOMMEND, That more attention be given to the teaching of fundamental truths and the third angel's message in all our schools.

3. WE RECOMMEND, That one day be devoted to the educational work at the next annual camp-meeting, and that the conference committee be requested to make plans for the same as soon as practicable, and that persons be selected to lead out in the discussion of the various topics to be presented.

4. WE RECOMMEND, That all who expect to teach in our church schools during the coming school year attend the summer school at Berrien Springs.

5. WE RECOMMEND, That the Conference pay the traveling expenses to and from Berrien Springs of all the church school teachers of

this Conference who expect to teach the coming year.

6. RESOLVED, That we as workers are heartily in sympathy with the idea of this conference making aggressive effort to further the interest of the third angel's message beyond its territorial limits; that young people of promise should be sought out and encouraged to enter the foreign fields as missionaries, and that as far as practicable, their support be provided by the conference.

WE RECOMMEND, That the Directors make it a special part of their work to labor among our own people to such extent as may be consistent with their other duties, on the subject of paying tithes, with a view of securing the more general adoption of the teachings of the Scriptures on this question.

#### TENT COMPANIES.

Elder R. C. Horton and J. C. Brower at Benton Harbor.

Elder Fred Brink and B. F. Kneeland at Lake Odessa.

Elder W. C. Hebner and James Irving, near Sturgis.

Elder C. A. Hansen and Drury Reavis at Kalamazoo.

Brother W. H. Heckman and Battle Creek laborers at Battle Creek.

Brother Jacob Hofsta at Alledale.

The following are some of the testimonies of the brethren who attended the Council held in Kalamazoo June 5 and 6:

M. N. Campbell,—“I feel glad the meeting has taken the turn it has this morning. I do not know of any more enjoyable service than the social meeting, and my testimony this morning is one of courage and hope in the Lord. At the beginning of the Sabbath I sat in my home thinking of blessings that God had bestowed upon me during

my past life, and I could not help saying, 'Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life,' and I could not help responding with all my heart that I desire to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I enjoy my experience in the Saviour. I know that he has pardoned my sins and that it is my privilege to walk with him day by day. My courage is good in the Lord. I know that this cause is going to triumph, and the prayer of my heart is to triumph with it.”

Elder H. Nicola,—“It is a privilege to bear my testimony with you this morning. I feel of good courage in the Lord. I entered this work when I was a young man, spending the greater part of my life in the third angel's message. I was on a farm when I began to keep the Sabbath in the fall of '58. I did not think then I would ever be a minister, but workers were few in those days, and when anyone gave any indication of ability in that direction, he was pressed into the work. I commenced the ministry when I was along in years, and had but little schooling, but the Lord permitted me to do some work in that direction. I worked in different lines of work, but most of my time was spent in church work. I spent about a dozen seasons in tent work. Yesterday when we were talking over that line of work, my mind went back to how I used to enjoy the summer campaign, and I felt just as though it would be an enjoyable work today, but I am along in years now, and I think my day is past, perhaps, for that. But I can find work to do to make myself useful, and I enjoy the work of the Lord and am of good courage. My heart is with you that go out in the field. While I cannot be actively engaged in

that work, you have my prayers and my interest in your work."

Elder I. D. VanHorn,—“I know what it is to enjoy the presence of the Divine One, and my soul is rejoicing in the light of the Lord's Word. That which occupies my mind most of all is the great lines of prophecy—twelve different lines of prophecy in the word of God, all centering in one place. It is like the sun glass gathering the rays of the sun until it strikes a focus which is powerful enough to set fire. There will come a time when this earth will see the Lord Jesus Christ coming in flaming fire. I do not suppose it will be literal fire, but the glory of God so bright that all of the wicked left in the earth just melt right down before the flaming power of the Son of God. If the Lord is with you, there is certain victory, and finally eternal life.”

Elder M. S. Burnham,—“I feel thankful for the experience that I have had in the messages that are preparing people for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has been good to me, and I feel so thankful to him this morning for it. I praise him with my heart and with my tongue, and I feel so thankful that the Lord is preparing people to carry his message to the dark corners of the earth, and I pray God every day that he will raise up servants and means to carry forward this work. I am exceedingly anxious that the work shall be finished up and the change shall take place in this earth that will enable us to see God's hand in all his dealings with us. I pray that he will perfect us all in holiness and prepare us for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ that when he comes we can look up and rejoice to see him coming to gather us to himself that we may be with him wherever he is.”

C. A. Hansen,—“I wish to say this morning that my courage is good in the Lord and my determination is to press onward and make

a success of this work. I want your prayers, brethren for our work here in this place. While there is no great prospects at present, there is nothing very discouraging about it. We have a few that are coming every night that are good substantial people, and we want to present the truth to them so that they will see the glory in it.

I have been informed this morning that I am to make India my field of labor. I feel like this about this work; I am not going there for the pleasure there is in it. There is no great pleasure to me in contemplating leaving my folks at home and my friends in this country, but I feel that unless we go and do that work, the Lord is not coming in this generation. I have felt this way for three years, and I am glad the brethren here in this conference feel like sending me over there, and as I go, it is from a sense of duty. I have no great burden for India or any other field from the simple fact that I have never been there. I feel it my duty to go to these fields. Aid me by your prayers that I may be faithful in my task until the Lord comes.”

Jacob Hofstra,—“I am very grateful this morning for the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me during my life, but especially I have reference to the last ten years of my life. It is about ten years ago that I accepted this message. About four weeks previous to my stepping out I received light on the Sabbath question. I can say, brethren, that the last ten years have brought more joy than the twenty-two years previous to this. I have received much of God's goodness and loving kindness, and the light that God has given us as a people has been a great source of comfort to me. It is the hope of my life and the only desire I have to give my life and all that I have to take this message to those who have not received it as yet.”

## Financial.

### May Tithe Receipts.

Allegan	\$	63 13
Bangor		12 26
Battle Creek		2,028 65
Bauer		47 87
Bedford		42 86
Benton Harbor		46 62
Berrien Springs		26 88
Brookfield		26 75
Bushnell		9 50
Carlton Center		9 40
Carson City		19 06
Cedar Lake		34 82
Charlotte		14 25
Covert		6 37
Decatur		27 10
Eaton Rapids		17 12
Frost		10 17
Grand Ledge		74 14
Grandville		4 50
Holton		17 86
Individuals		14 38
Medical Department		15 00
Mendon		61 20
Monrerey		25 00
Odessa Church School		11 00
Orange		9 80
Otsego		90 53
Urbandale		10 00
Waverly		90
Wright		116 38
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		\$2,903 66

### May Receipts.

Sabbath-school Offerings	\$	13 75
Tithe		2903 66
Merchandise		9 45
Haskell Home		15 57
On Account		68 94
Mission Board Offerings		15 18
Acre Fund		6 25
Washington Fund		85 61
Rent of Property		50 00
Self Denial Fund		20
West Michigan Herald		1 00
Annual Offerings		1 00
Religious Liberty Offerings		1 10
Educational Fund		15
Weekly Offerings		44 19
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## Educational.

### How to Make Our Sabbath School More Interesting and Effective for Our Children and Youth.

(Concluded next week.)

The object of our Sabbath-school should be the ingathering of souls, youth and old, a place where our young people may learn not only the printed lesson, or even receive the personal help in daily Christian living that may be drawn from the lesson, but the Sabbath-school should be a training school for active workers, each officer, teacher, pupil, should be inspired to open the minds of the heathen at our doors to the precious light and truths of God's word. To receive truth and simply retain it, and not pass it on, means stagnation; but the constant inflow and outflow of the Water of Life is sure to develop strong Christian characters.

The teachers and officers may have the best of teachers' meetings, and devise many ways of making each Sabbath lesson interesting. Yes, they may even pray that God will add his blessing; but if the pupils come to the Sabbath-school with poorly prepared lessons, or what is worse still, not even a knowledge of the subject of the lesson, and then sit during the hour studying the costumes worn by others present, missing even learning the lesson from the teacher—a school with such pupils is a failure, indeed, and the picture is not overdrawn. The interest of the Sabbath-school rests largely with the pupils. The lesson should be thoroughly prepared by daily study during the week, and the more practical application made, the greater the interest. If each pupil would study his lesson as if he had to teach, and come with his Bible prepared to speak his thoughts, each class would be alive with interest.

The children should receive the help of their parents in the preparation of the Sabbath-school lesson the same as in the every-day les-

sons,—even more so, for God will use the little minds, if filled with his Word, to honor him in many places where older ones would be useless. Quoting from Testimony Vol. 3, page 189, we read: "The Scripture lessons should be learned more perfectly than the lessons in the common schools. If parents and children see no necessity for this interest, then the children might better remain at home; for the Sabbath-school will fail to prove a blessing to them. Parents and children should work in harmony with superintendent and teachers, thus giving evidence that they appreciate the effort put forth for them. Parents should take special interest in the religious education of their children, that they may have a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures."

The stereotyped way of holding the lesson pamphlet in the hand and asking the questions exactly as they read, and then receiving for an answer a blank look, or some short, dry reply of half a dozen words, is enough to lull every one to sleep even on the brightest spring day. If the teachers would plan some line of real missionary work for each pupil to carry out during the week, something relative to the lesson, then the experiences could blend in with the next lesson, and the Bible truths will seem more tangible and practical.

If the teacher can in some way come in contact with his pupils during the week and manifest a friendly interest in the little things of every day life, a great many of the hesitating answers to questions on the Sabbath school lesson would be avoided and instead, the lesson would be as earnestly discussed as the plans for going to spend a few days at Niagara Falls were during the week.

While the children have many little deeds of kindness they may do, still it is not supposed that they will be capable of working as the older members can. The question of giving rewards of merit to the

children in the form of cards, is one which has often been discussed, yet the arguments against this method of interesting the children are not very strong. Moses had respect unto the recompense of reward. While it is true that no real Christian ever thinks of doing right simply to gain the reward, yet we all know what God has prepared for those who love him. We must remember that children are children and should be treated as such, and not as grown people. So why not give them a reward for faithful attendance and good recitations. If this is wrong, then why is it not wrong for us to rejoice in the hope of eternal life and the hope of some day receiving the crown of life and the joy of dwelling in that city whose streets are of pure gold.

The use of the blackboard and chalk, maps, pictures, illustrations for nature, and chemical experiments are all very valuable in making the lessons interesting, especially to the children. Teachers who have the success of the school at heart will acquaint themselves with these methods of explanation. The expense is very small.

In the organization of a Sabbath-school there must of necessity be some system and order. No machine can do good work and please the mind of the Creator when its members come into the sanctuary of the Lord in a careless and indifferent manner, laughing and joking. Our words and actions indicate our inner life, and for some Sabbath-schools, these tell a sad story. Good manners are a part of the curriculum of every well regulated Sabbath-school, and it is as much a part of duty to teach them as to teach any other part of Bible truth.

JESSIE E. COUNSELMAN.

"Not in our learning, not in our position, not in our number of entrusted talents, not in the will of man, is to be found the secret of success."

## Missionary.

### Report of Canvassing Work to June 3, 1905.

Desire of Ages	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
Ella Porter	26	9	\$32 25	\$ 50
Daniel and Revelation				
Geo Matteson	44	21	51 75	5 50
Frank Brown	60	9	21 50	1 75
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Totals	130	39	\$105 50	7 75
Total Value				\$113 25

We take the liberty of quoting the following from a letter received from Brother George Matteson, who is doing faithful work with "Bible Readings" in VanBuren county:

"I have repeatedly seen unmistakable evidence of the guiding hand of the Lord,—enough to convince me that I am doing the work and in the place he would have me. Surely the canvasser has opportunities of realizing the co-operation of unseen intelligencies with him in his work. I hope none who were in attendance at the institute have relinquished their determination to carry out the resolutions made at the closing session of the institute. It seems to me that a realization of the people's need of the truth for this time, and the responsibility that rests upon those who know the truth to carry it to them through the printed page, together with the shortness of time in which we have to do the work, are the greatest inducements to determined action just now. My intention is to be faithful in the discharge of duty."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

## News and Notes.

Camp-meeting at Allegan, August 17-28, 1905.

Elder W. E. Videto spent Sabbath, June 10, at Paw Paw.

A Sabbath-school convention will be held at Mecosta June 17.

The Sabbath-school lesson quar-

terlies for the third quarter of 1905 are ready. Send in your order at once.

This office is prepared to supply the brethren and sisters of the West Michigan Conference with the self-denial boxes.

Miss Mable Jaffray, who is laboring at Decatur, writes that there was a good attendance at the meeting Sunday evening, June 4.

Miss Nina Nelson, a Bible worker from the East Michigan Conference, is visiting her sisters, Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson of Otsego.

We quote the following from a letter written June 9 by Elder C. A. Hansen of Kalamazoo: "Our meetings this week have been well attended, and some have expressed a desire to know more."

"Liberality both in spiritual and in temporal things is taught in the lesson of seed-sowing. 'He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully:'"

Miss Almeda Haughey of Cleveland, Ohio, who has accepted a position in the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, spent a few days in Otsego, visiting her brother and sister, Elder A. G. Haughey and Miss Margaret Haughey, as she went to her new field of labor.

All the ministers of the West Michigan Conference attended the council that was held in Kalamazoo last week. A good spirit prevailed all through the council, and all expressed a desire to press on in the work with renewed zeal and help carry this message to those who know it not, and thus hasten the return of the Saviour.

"Let the canvasser remember that he has an opportunity to sow beside all waters. Let him remember, as he sells the books which give a knowledge of the truth, that he is doing the work of God, and that every talent is to be used to the glory of His name."

"Let canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, will be rewarded by seeing souls converted; and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the work will advance into new territory,"

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truth for this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable; this is one of God's means for enlightening the world."

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time."

"The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the efforts of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the ministry."