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RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

Whereas, the Northern Union Conference has been requested to release Elder L. F. Starr, president of the Iowa conference, to take up work in the Columbia

Union Conference as president of the Chesapeake conference; and further,

Whereas, on the request of the Northern Union Conference that the General Conference suggest a man to fill the vacancy caused by Elder Starr's taking the presidency of the Chesapeake conference, and they having suggested the name of Elder M. N. Campbell, of the Lake Union Conference for this work; therefore, we recommend,

1. That Elder L. F. Starr be released from his work as president of the Iowa conference to take the presidency of the Chesapeake conference.

2. That we recommend Elder M. N. Campbell to the Iowa conference to fill the vacancy of president of said conference caused by the resignation of Elder L. F. Starr.

3. That C. K. Reiswig, of South Dakota, make Minnesota his field of labor.

4. That, in harmony with the request of the General Conference and the appeals from the South, the South Dakota conference support a man in the South for two years, and that a new tent be furnished him; and further, that Elder E. G. Hayes fill this call, and make Kentucky his field of labor.

5. That H. F. Graf, of Min-

nesota, in harmony with the request of the German Council, be invited to make Ohio his field of labor.

6. That the Minnesota conference furnish a man for the South and support him for one year.

7. That G. W. Stilson, of the Northern Union Conference, make South Dakota his field of labor.

8. That A. V. Rhoads, of Iowa make North Dakota his field of labor.

9. That J. F. Piper, of Iowa, make the Chesapeake conference his field of labor, and that he be supported by the Iowa conference for two years.

10. That A. V. Cotton, of Iowa, make the Chesapeake conference his field of labor, and that he be supported by the Iowa conference for two years. It is also agreed on the part of the Iowa conference to furnish J. F. Piper and A. V. Cotton a new field tent.

11. That H. F. Meeker, of Iowa, make North Dakota his field of labor.

12. That, in harmony with the request of Prof. Floyd Bral-liar, of Iowa, to be released to take up educational work in the South, we recommend that this request be granted.

13. That P. O. Johnson, of

Nebraska, make Minnesota his field of labor.

14. That J. H. Schmidt, of South Dakota, be released from that conference, and make Chicago his field of labor.

15. That the Minnesota and South Dakota conferences each furnish \$350 to support a German laborer in Baltimore for one year.

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MISSIONARY LICENSES

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1. That we acknowledge our dependence on God, and that we recognize his guiding hand over us and over the work committed to our hands during the past two years. We would express our gratitude for the preservation of the health and lives of our workers, and thank the Lord for the advancement of the work in our field. Our ministers have been prospered in their labors, our schools have shown a marked advance in efficiency, and the courage, faith, and loyalty of our lay brethren are inspiring. We pledge to God anew our talents of men, means and influence to the cause of the Third Angel's Message, and consecrate our best thought and efforts to the propagation of the gospel to all nations of the world in this generation.

2. Refers to changes in the constitution.

ORPHANS AND AGED

3. That provision be made by each conference for the care and maintenance of the orphan chil-

dren of Seventh-day Adventists, and that it shall be the purpose of our people to place the children in suitable Christian homes or on farms, rather than to build and maintain institutions; that, as the needs require, an institution be established by the union conference for the proper care of the worthy aged and infirm among us.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

4. Recognizing the providence of God in the organization of a General Conference Young People's Department, and in the special efforts now being made for the salvation of our youth and their training in service,

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to hearty co-operation in this important branch of the work, and to carry out, as far as consistent with the needs of our field, the recommendations of the General Conference Sabbath School and Young People's Convention, held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in July, 1907.

5. That our academies give special attention to the training of the young people along the lines of the Missionary Volunteer work, that they may be able to assist the churches and young people in this branch of the work, as opportunity may afford.

6. That all our conference workers procure and study the report of the Mt. Vernon convention, and make special efforts for the young in co-operation with the conference secretary of this work, calling particular attention to the Standard of Attainment, plans for missionary effort, the Reading Course, and other lines of effort designed to upbuild and develop them in Christian life and work.

7. That the conference educational and Missionary Volunteer secretaries be permitted to devote

their entire time to their specific work.

EDUCATIONAL

8. In view of the importance of the church school work, and the high standard our system of Christian education must maintain,

We recommend that our conference encourage thoroughly competent persons to take up this work; and further,

That, in order to secure such teachers, we would recommend, that,

(1) The wages be not less than \$20 per month, besides room and board, and the car fare to the school.

(2) Our conferences plan to provide work for these teachers during their vacation in some line of practical missionary work, and that they be recompensed by the conference.

9. That conference laborers make it a part of their work to give special instruction on the principles of Christian education, especially in raising up new churches.

10. That the several conferences of the Northern Union Conference plan to provide a permanent educational fund in each, to be used for the aid of teachers, worthy students, schools, etc., as the conference may think best.

11. We recommend the following plans for the examination of teachers and students:—

(1) There shall be an examining board of the union conference, consisting of the educational secretary, the principals of the intermediate schools, and the educational superintendents in the different conferences.

(2) Examinations in all unfinished subjects in the church school department shall be placed in charge of the local educational superintendent, but all final ex-

aminations shall be conducted by the Northern Union Conference examining board.

(3) The union conference educational secretary shall, at least once a year, call for examination questions from the members of the examining board through the local conference educational superintendent; and at least 80 per cent of the final examination questions, which are to be sent to the various schools by the union conference educational secretary, shall be taken from the questions thus procured.

(4) Upon receiving a grade of seventy per cent or more, on any final examination paper, the student shall be granted a certificate of standing in that subject; the certificate to be signed by the union conference educational secretary, and the educational superintendent and principal of the intermediate school in each respective conference.

(5) When a student has completed the studies of the eighth grade, and passed examination in the same, the union conference educational secretary will issue a church school certificate, which is to be signed as specified in (4).

(6) All final examination papers in church schools shall be marked by the teacher, then sent to the conference educational secretary, who examines them and sends all that he thinks deserve a passing grade to the union conference educational secretary, who in turn issues certificates as provided in (4).

(7) Final examination papers in the intermediate schools shall be marked under the supervision of the principal and sent to the union conference educational secretary, who shall examine them, and issue certificates as directed in (4). The papers shall be re-

turned to the school, and there kept on file for at least a year.

(8) All our teachers, excepting the members of the examining board, shall be required to pass examinations as arranged by the examining board, or give sufficient evidence of qualification, before being employed in our schools.

(9) The union conference educational secretary shall send the conference educational superintendents the teachers' examination questions, at least eighty per cent of which shall be taken from questions procured from the conference superintendents.

(10) Teachers' examination papers shall first be marked by the conference educational superintendent, and then examined by the union conference educational secretary, who, if all requirements have been met, will issue and sign appropriate certificates, which must be signed by the president and educational superintendent of the conference in which the applicant is to teach. The papers shall be returned to the local conference educational superintendent, who shall keep them on file until the certificate issued on the papers has expired. In case no certificate is issued, the superintendent shall keep the papers on file for at least a year.

(11) Certificates and permits shall be granted to teachers in harmony with the following specifications:—

A. *Permits* to teach in specified schools for one term only, may be issued by the local conference educational superintendent.

B. *Limited Second Grade Certificate.*

1. Good for one year.
2. Requirements: the same as for the regular second grade certificate, except that no experience is required.

C. *Second Grade Certificate.*

1. Good for two years.
2. Requirements:
 - a. Five months' successful experience in teaching.
 - b. Examinations in the following subjects—Bible, reading, arithmetic, grammar, United States history, physiology and hygiene, geography, theory and art of teaching, mission study, spelling, penmanship, and civics.
 - c. Passing grade: an average of seventy-five per cent, with no grade falling below sixty per cent in any subject.

D. *First Grade Certificate.*

1. Good for five years.
2. Requirements:
 - a. Eight months' successful experience in teaching.
 - b. All examinations required for the second grade, and in addition, examinations in general history, algebra, elementary physics, rhetoric, and physical geography.
 - c. Passing grade: an average of eighty per cent, with no grade falling below seventy per cent in any subject.

MISSIONARY NURSES

(12) Whereas, the health and sanitarium work is an important factor in getting the truths of the Third Angel's Message before a class of people not otherwise easily reached; and

Whereas, our recognized sanitariums are supposed to graduate nurses year by year who ought to engage directly in the work of soul-saving; and

Whereas, these graduate nurses need conference recognition and direction that the work of these nurses be not lost to our organized work; therefore, resolved,

(a) That only such persons be accepted for the nurses' course in our institutions as are recommended by the union or local conference committees;

(b) That suitable Bible training be given throughout the entire nurses' course, so that graduate nurses shall be qualified to enter Bible work, or connect with evangelistic work when called upon to do so;

(c) That the medical department in the union and local conferences so organize itself that in each there be provided a nurses' working bureau or exchange, of which all graduated nurses may be members by vote of acceptance of said conference committee;

(d) When advisable, a home on satisfactory conditions, be provided for these nurses, where they may rest and recuperate when necessary;

(e) That conferences shall arrange for the employment of as large a number of these nurses as they can use in connection with the evangelistic and Bible work;

(f) That these nurses' bureaus conduct their work in harmony with the conference committee wherein they operate, and that the idea of getting the Third Angel's Message before the people be the burden of all work;

(g) That the nurses' bureau encourage the nurses to engage in the distribution of the periodical *Life and Health*, and other health and denominational literature, and Bible work, when not occupied directly in the work of nursing.

APPROPRIATIONS

13. That we appropriate from the funds in the Northern Union Conference treasury the sum of \$2,500 for the work in foreign fields; also that we instruct the executive committee to appropriate from time to time, as funds may allow, to help the work in foreign fields.

FUNDS FOR MISSIONS

14. Whereas, the funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the providence of God demands; therefore, resolved,

(a) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions;

(b) That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents per week per capita for our church membership;

(c) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory, and forwarding the same month by month to the Mission Board treasury;

(d) That for the present we favor the Sabbath school donations and the annual and mid-summer offerings of each conference being applied to the above fund to make the average of ten cents per week for each church member;

(e) That in each church a person be elected by the church to be known as the missionary secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes, and to in every way encourage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

TITHING

15. Whereas, the Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry; and whereas, the union and local conferences in the United States, recognize the importance (and duty) of sharing the tithes with the mission fields of the world; and whereas, it is evident from the amount of tithes reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the

members in our conferences; therefore, resolved,

(a) That we urge each conference in this union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in every church;

(b) That a special appeal be made by each conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention, until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

ADVANCE MISSIONARY WORK

16. Whereas, the Lord has spoken to us very definitely regarding the importance of the sale of our literature and the place it occupies in the giving of message; and

Whereas, the calls from the regions beyond are taking from us our best ministers and workers, thus leaving our home fields in many places almost destitute; therefore, we recommend,

(a) That our conference presidents and ministers urge our brethren of ability, who have been successful, and who show an aptitude for this work, to take up the sale of the printed page;

(b) That a Field Missionary Secretary be appointed in each conference, to take active supervision in the field of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade books, and forty-per-cent books. Among the duties of the field secretary will be the selection, instruction and direction of periodical workers, the holding of institutes in the churches for the instruction of the members in the methods of home missionary work, auditing librarians' and church treasurers' books, and increasing the clubs of our papers, and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers, and receive missionary reports from the librarian;

(c) That the field missionary

secretary be appointed and directed by the state conference; that he be supported by the conference; and that he hold practically the same relation to the tract and missionary department as the field missionary agent;

(d) That the field missionary secretary co-operate closely with the tract society; that he make the tract society office his headquarters, if possible;

(e) That a general missionary secretary be appointed by this union conference to take general supervision of this work in the union.

CONTINUOUS CAMPAIGN

17. We recommend that we enter upon a continuous campaign to place the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, together with the German and Scandinavian papers, in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in the union conference.

NORTHERN UNION REAPER.

18. Whereas, the NORTHERN UNION REAPER has been established as a means of communication between the local churches and all the conferences in the union, for the purpose of keeping said members in touch with the progress of the work in the home field; and

Whereas, such medium is absolutely necessary for the publication of notices, appointments, and to give the reports of the field laborers for the edification and encouragement of the members of the conferences; therefore, we recommend, that as far as consistent, the workers in each conference endeavor to place the REAPER in the home of each Seventh-day Adventist in their respective conferences.

NAMES FOR MISSIONARY WORKERS

19. We recommend that our

workers carefully gather the names of all interested persons, and that such names be given to our missionary and young people's societies, to be used in their missionary and correspondence work.

SOUTH DAKOTA MEMORIAL

20. That we receive the memorial presented to this conference by the South Dakota conference, and that we petition the General Conference to consider the matter, and, if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to carry out the request for the return of the Black Hills country to the South Dakota conference.

ALL DONATIONS TO PASS THROUGH THE REGULAR CHANNELS

21. (a) That all our people be encouraged to pay their donations through the regular channels for receiving such funds provided by our organized work;

(b) That we encourage our people to make their donations to the world-wide mission fund, rather than to individuals in any field;

(c) That any specific donations desired for foreign work or for an institution outside of our union conference, or in behalf of the foreigners in America, not covered in the general fund, shall only be solicited after arrangements have been made with the union and local conferences where these donations are to be solicited.

SECOND TITHE

22. Whereas, the growing demands of the foreign mission work call for a steady stream of support; and,

Whereas, the General Conference has no such support aside from freewill offerings and appropriations from the tithe; therefore,

We recommend, that the various conferences of this union

pay a second tithe of all tithes received to the support of this work.

AN ASSISTANT TO THE EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

23. Recognizing the importance of a special effort for the salvation of our young people, and their enlistment in the Lord's service, and realizing that under present conditions one person cannot do all that should be done in this union conference in both the educational and young people's work,

We recommend that the Union Conference Committee appoint an assistant educational and young people's secretary.

GENERAL MEETINGS AND INSTITUTES

24. That general meetings be held in the various conferences at such time in the year as will be best adapted to secure a good attendance; these meetings to be located where the members of two to four churches may gather together; and that special attention be given to the study of the various lines of missionary work, the tithing, and other subjects affecting the advancement of the cause.

25. That church officers' institutes be held at such times and places as are deemed advisable by the conference committee, the instruction at these institutes to cover all lines of church officers' duties and work.

SUMMER NORMALS

26. In view of the recognized value of summer normals as a help in qualifying our teachers for their work,

Resolved, that we plan for the establishment of a summer normal for this union, to open in the summer of 1909. For the present year we recommend that we accept the kind invitation of the

Central Union Conference to join with them, and that where practicable the conferences of this union send their teachers to the summer normal held in connection with Union College; and we hereby request the Central Union Conference to join with us in this union in a similar school each alternate year, beginning with 1909.

CONFERENCE CHURCH

27. Whereas, there are a large number of isolated Sabbath-keepers within this union conference entirely separated from all church association; therefore,

We recommend that in each local conference a conference church be organized, of which the president of the conference shall act as elder, the conference Sabbath-school secretary as clerk, and the conference treasurer as treasurer.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

28. In harmony with the General Conference plan we recommend that the local Sabbath schools in this union be encouraged to give all their Sabbath school donations to the work in other lands, and that the necessary supplies for the school be provided for in some other way.

29. In view of the fact that we have recommended that our Sabbath schools give all their donations to missions, we further recommend that a series of short exercises on the rise and progress of this message in the home and foreign lands be arranged and sent out each month for use in our Sabbath schools.

30. Whereas, the possibilities of the Sabbath school demand that we do more to advance its interests, we recommend that our workers in the Northern Union Conference do more specific work in these lines, and that a leaflet

be prepared by a committee composed of the Sabbath school secretaries of the different conferences, containing a list of suggestions for the work.

CONFIDENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION

31. In view of the fact that A. T. Jones has been visiting some of the churches in this union in an effort to sow dissension and cast discredit upon the organized work of this denomination, we enter an earnest protest against such a course on the part of one who still retains his membership in a Seventh-day Adventist church, and we recommend that our churches do not open their doors to anyone engaged in such work.

32. Resolved, that we, as delegates and visitors assembled in this third biennial session of the Northern Union Conference, hereby express our confidence and faith in the great fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message, to which we are devoting our lives, and hereby covenant together to keep faith, courage and love bright on the altars of our hearts, and also to do what we can to encourage these blessed graces in the hearts of all our people; further,

Resolved, that we hereby express publicly our confidence in the present plans of organization of this work, and in our brethren who are called to leading and responsible positions in the same; and that, while firmly adhering to organization, system and order, we will also sustain by our means and prayers the work in home and foreign lands; and also those, both at home and abroad, who are called to heavy and wearing labor in connection with the development of this cause among all nations.

INDIVIDUAL CUPS

33. Whereas, in partaking of

the wine in communion service it is fast becoming the practice of our people to supply as many cups as there are participants; and,

Whereas, this seems more proper owing to the prevalence of contagious and infectious diseases; therefore,

We recommend, that as far as practicable we encourage our churches to supply themselves with what are known as individual cups to be used in the communion service.

Resolved, that we express by a standing vote our appreciation for the kind entertainment accorded the delegates and visitors to the session of the Northern Union Conference by the Minneapolis church; also for the kindness and courtesy shown us by the newspapers of the city.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, President.
T. D. GIBSON, Secretary.

✿ From the Field ✿

Saskatchewan

BELLE PLAIN

[Continued from issue of March 3]

When a Presbyterian preacher takes eleven days to study up a sermon on the Sabbath (Sunday) question one would think that it ought to be something brilliant. But it was, I think, the thinnest discourse I ever listened to. There was the round world, north pole and several other theories presented, in the endeavor to prove that God's holy Sabbath could not be kept. And then he admitted that there was no Bible command for first day sacredness, but stated that the circumstantial evidence was very plain. In the course of his remarks he stated that Adventists had often set the time for the coming of

the Lord, and after the service I went directly to him and requested that he tell his congregation at once that the point did not apply to Seventh-day Adventists, which he did very reluctantly, after trying to squirm away from it in almost every conceivable way.

His sermon lasted about one and one-half hours, during which time he read continuously. Should his eyes be lifted one moment from his paper he would lose his place and then stammer and stutter until he again struck the path. Thus ended his effort to daub with untempered mortar the breach made in the wall, and more than one of the anxious congregation were disappointed.

I continued services almost two weeks after this time, and as no one else became interested, I closed with but one having found peace in God through an understanding of his eternal truth. But a neighborhood is convinced. This brother erected the family altar and gathers his children round it morning and evening to read the word and pray to the creator of heaven and earth.

I worked hard in the community, visiting continuously and giving out tracts and selling books. During the meeting I walked about one hundred and twenty-five miles, made sixty visits, sold twenty dollars worth of books, gave out five dollars worth of tracts, so I feel that the people of the community have willingly turned their backs upon God's truth, though some of the seed sown may grow at a later time.

Since returning home I incidentally picked up a pamphlet dealing with the following subject, "Lost Track of a Day." My eyes falling upon a statement I had heard read upon the memor-

able Thursday night, I was led to a closer investigation of its contents, though it had been in my library about eighteen months unread. To my surprise I found it contained almost every thought uttered in that "brilliant discourse upon the Christian Sabbath," in almost exactly the same order. I was convinced to my sorrow that he had copied his sermon from this pamphlet, instead of studying God's word for wisdom and presenting eternal truth to the people. May God deliver his servants from fables.

I am now giving my time to looking after the interests of the canvassing work. Remember the work in Saskatchewan in your prayers.

PAUL CURTIS.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

Beginning April 2, 1908 an eleven days institute will be held in Regina for the benefit of those who plan to engage in evangelistic canvassing this season.

Studies will be conducted daily in the Bible and Testimonies, reading, and theory, art and practice of evangelistic canvassing. Subscription books will be studied by chapters, and the printed canvass learned to repeat from memory. An arrangement has been made to assist those who will canvass regularly by paying car fare from their homes to the institute and thence to their field of labor, provided three months is spent in regular canvassing before September 1, 1908. Bring plenty of bedding. Rooms will be furnished to canvassers free, and meals given at cost.

Elder H. S. Shaw and Brother C. M. Cottrell will be present most of the time, and will assist in the class work. All who come should be provided with a Bible, Manual for Canvassers, and the

book for which they desire to canvass. Write me at once if you plan to attend so that provision may be made for all.

PAUL CURTIS, Field secretary.

South Dakota

MONTROSE

It gives me great pleasure to tell of the good spirit of Christian fellowship which exists among the little company of brethren and sisters at Montrose and vicinity.

After spending several days in working in the village with literature and visiting the people, I called a meeting of our people and a missionary society was organized. A corps of devoted officers was elected. Plans for an active campaign to plow and harrow the village with appropriate literature, preparatory to holding public meetings in the spring, were presented and unanimously adopted; the money to finance the same was quickly raised and action taken to put these plans into immediate effect.

There are several dear souls here who seem to be deeply interested in the truth, and may the Lord grant this little company of devoted servants many souls for their hire and encouragement.

Sabbath afternoon, February 29, I accompanied Brother Lovald's folks to their home, several miles into the country, where I made a very pleasant and profitable visit until the fol-

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lowing Monday morning, when I departed for Sioux Falls, leaving the members of this church of good courage in the Lord, and with renewed consecration to his service.

The writer will long retain a pleasant memory of the kind hospitality extended to him, and will especially remember his stay with Grandma Fortes and Brother Lovalds.

P. S. STOKES,
Missionary secretary.

MITCHELL

It has been a long time since I have reported to the REAPER, and I am sorry I have neglected it so long. When Brother Ronlund and I closed our tent meetings at Brandon in September I moved my family to Sioux Falls, but a month later we moved to Mitchell, as the Lord seemed to lead that way.

My health had been poor all summer, and in October, after moving to Mitchell, I was obliged to spend two weeks at the Chamberlain sanitarium, after which I spent over one month in bed. After I became well our little boy was taken down, and it was some time before I could really get started in the work here.

There were only a few Sabbath-keepers at Mitchell, and some of these have gone out to live on their claims. Those here now live so far apart that during the week of prayer we had readings in two places, and have held Sabbath-school during the winter both on the north and south sides. We hope to have all meet together when spring comes.

It has not yet been thought best to begin a public effort in Mitchell. I have distributed considerable literature, including nearly one hundred copies of the special *Signs*, and am holding Bible readings with a number of families, some of whom are interested. For these we are earnestly praying, and hope to see some accept the message.

Mitchell is quite an educational center, as the M. E. church has a thriving university here. They have also just finished and dedicated a fine large church building, and are exerting a strong influence in the town. There are sociables, suppers, shows, fairs, theaters, political speeches, etc., and these things together with sickness, of which there has been considerable this winter, all tend to hinder our work. In spite of this, however, there has been some interest created.

I believe a strong public effort should be made here in the near future. Perhaps a tent meeting would be the best method, and I believe a company of believers will be gathered out from this

place by the last great message.

I had planned to attend the Northern Union Conference but as there would be considerable expense, and we have had quite a little sickness, I decided, after consultation with our president, not to go. I trust it will be a good meeting.

I spent last Sabbath at Alexandria, twelve miles east of Mitchell, and enjoyed a good meeting with the little church at that place. I am exceedingly anxious to see the work move forward in Mitchell, as well as in the world-wide field. May the Lord bless all his faithful servants, that many sheaves may be gathered for the heavenly garner.

H. L. STENBERG.

CHURCH SCHOOL MANUAL FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

This book is nearly ready. It furnishes ample instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy and from leading educators concerning the principles of Christian education. The proceedings of the General Conference Educational Convention, held at College View, Neb., June 29-July 10, 1906—probably the most important educational meeting in the history of our denomination—are outlined quite fully. The Manual gives exhaustive outlines of courses of study, including not only the common branches, but manual training as well, with suggestions on materials and where to procure them; also chapters on drills, daily program, text books, school organization and management. The paragraphs on discipline and the chapter on the home school alone are well worth the price of the book to parents of children under school age.

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