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SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Report of Committee on Plans and Resolutions as presented at the recent Conference held at Charlotte.

1. RESOLVED, That we unitedly thank our heavenly Father for the love and care manifested to us in the conversion of souls and the building up of the membership of the Conference.

2. RESOLVED, That we recognize the mercy and tenderness of God in sparing the life of our Conference President through his recent serious illness.

3. RESOLVED, That the sympathy of this Conference be extended to the bereaved widow, child, and relatives of Brother J. H. Watson, whose life was sacrificed in conveying this Gospel of the Kingdom to Africa's benighted peoples.

That the President of this Conference be directed to communicate this resolution to the afflicted family.

4. WE RECOMMEND, That the constitution of the West Michigan Conference be amended as follows:

Article 4, Section 2. After the words "The Executive Committee" to strike out the words "all ordained ministers," and insert in lieu thereof the words "all persons holding ministerial or missionary credentials or licences."

To add an article (§11) to the constitution to read as follows:

At each regular session of the

Conference there shall be elected six persons not in the employ of the conference, who together with the Executive Committee shall constitute an auditing committee to audit all the accounts and account books of the Conference.

5. WE RECOMMEND, That the Conference Committee consider the advisability of appointing a general worker among the Hollanders, and that an effort be made to secure workers in the different lines among the Holland people.

6. Recognizing the value of our literature in giving this Gospel of the Kingdom, and the efficiency of the work done by the Christian canvasser,

WE RECOMMEND, That an earnest effort be put forth by all our churches in missionary efforts, using our books, papers, and tracts, and that campaigns be organized for the circulation of the special literature prepared for this purpose from time to time.

7. WE RECOMMEND, That a decided effort be put forth this winter by all our churches, conference laborers and officers to secure a large corps of canvassers who will devote their whole time to this work, the names of such persons to be furnished the field secretary for training.

8. To amend Article 5 of the Constitution by inserting the word "Vice President" after the word "president."

9. WE RECOMMEND, That the Executive Committee pay to the North Michigan Conference \$11 per week, and to the Superior Mission Field \$80 per month for the year beginning Oct. 1, 1903.

10. WE RECOMMEND, That this Conference donate to the Southern

Field \$400 for the year 1904, payable in equal quarterly installments.

11. WE RECOMMEND, That the Conference Committee consider the advisability of encouraging several young men and women to enter various lines of our work by aiding them financially to enter the field.

12. WE RECOMMEND, That the Conference Committee consider the needs of the foreign fields, and appropriate to the General Conference such portion of our tithe fund as may be deemed by them consistent.

13. WE RECOMMEND, That medical and Sabbath school conventions be held at convenient points in the Conference, under the direction of the Conference Committee.

14. In view of the multiplying judgements of God and the appalling increase of disease in these last days,

WE RECOMMEND, A greater faithfulness to the principles of health and temperance in our homes and a more active interest in medical missionary work in our neighborhoods.

15. In harmony with the action of the General Conference,

WE RECOMMEND, That Sabbath school donations on certain Sabbaths be donated to supplies for the local school, and that all contributions for the rest of the quarter be devoted entirely to the work in foreign fields.

15. Recognizing the efficiency of our Conference paper in unifying our work and serving as a means of communication between the Conference workers and the churches,

WE RECOMMEND, The continu-

ance of its publication and bespeak for it the hearty support of the laborers and the people.

17. **WE RECOMMEND**, That we invite the Lake Union Conference to hold its next biennial session within the borders of the West Michigan Conference, and would suggest Berrien Springs as a suitable place.

18. **WE RECOMMEND**, That this conference hold a general camp-meeting in the year 1904, and that the Conference Committee proceed to raise a camp-meeting fund.

19. **WE RECOMMEND**, Immediate efforts to finish raising the \$1,000 voted by the last Conference for the Cedar Lake Academy.

20. **WE RECOMMEND**, That the Field Secretary or some other competent person acting under the direction of the Conference Committee, devote his time for as long a period as necessary in visiting the churches where the quota of Christ's Object Lessons is still unsold, organizing and encouraging the brethren, and closing the work.

21. **WE RECOMMEND**, That the following eight men,—Warren Cole, Mt. Pleasant; R. A. Hart, Battle Creek; Jas. E. Root, Coopersville; R. C. Horton, Kalamazoo; W. D. Parkhurst, Grand Rapids; W. E. Videto, Big Rapids; P. T. Magan, Berrien Springs; and George Pierce of Charlotte,—together with the Conference Committee, compose a committee of thirteen to locate the Conference offices.

22. **WE RECOMMEND** That our Church Schools be supported by money derived from the following three sources:—first, tuitions; second, donations in the local churches; third, a general fund under the control of the Conference Committee.

That the Conference Committee undertake the formation of a general fund to be known as the Church School fund from which as-

sistance may be given Church Schools in the discretion of the Conference Committee.

23. **WE RECOMMEND**, The organization of a general Young Peoples' Society for the Conference in order that isolated young people as well as local societies may be brought into touch with the work of the message.

WHEREAS, "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference," and whereas, "All that the apostles did, every church member to-day is to do,"

RESOLVED, That we urge upon all the earnest, faithful seeking of God, by the putting away of all sin, the righting of wrongs, the healing of all troubles between brother and brother, and the calling upon God for the Holy Spirit to fit us to give this message to the world.

The Offering In Behalf Of The International Publishing Association.

I wish to call attention to the recommendation passed at the Washington council to take a special offering the first Sabbath in February, for the International Publishing Association of College View. This action has been referred to recently in the **REVIEW**; but I feel that the special attention of our people throughout this country should be called to this important matter.

Every one should clearly understand that the International Publishing Association has been formed for the purpose of giving great impetus to the circulation of German and Scandinavian literature in the United States. We have heard over and over again from our German and Scandinavian brethren of the vast population of these nationalities in this county, and we have been importuned many times to put forth greater efforts in their behalf.

For years efforts have been made to place German and Scandinavian ministers and Bible workers in the field to work for these nationalities. Some headway has been made. But we are all aware that but little has been accomplished compared with what must be done. We know that the press is one of the mightiest and most economical factors in the world for the dissemination of thought.

After looking the matter over carefully, it has been agreed to by all that if we ever reach the vast German and Scandinavian population of the United States, we shall have to do far more than we ever have in the circulation of literature in these languages. This has led to the organization of the International Publishing Association.

In order for this Association to work effectively, it is necessary to procure facilities. It is believed that \$6,000 will put the Association in shape to do a large, efficient work in this line. The offering to be taken the first Sabbath in February is to raise this amount. Provision was made in the recommendation that should there be any surplus, it would be applied to the work in Washington.

We most sincerely hope that the \$6,000 required by the Association will be raised. We believe it is due our German and Scandinavian brethren. For many years they have been giving of their means very liberally to promote the work among the English-speaking people in this country. We have never before launched any large special enterprise in America for these nationalities. As we think of the many thousands of dollars they have devoted to the work among the English people, we feel that now the amount that they require to advance their work should be freely and promptly given by our churches as a suitable expression of our appreciation of the help they have so cheerfully rendered to us.

A. G. Daniells.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

Treasurer's Tithe Report.

of the Secretary-Treasurer of the

CEDAR LAKE INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

For the Year July 1, 1902 to June 30, 1903.

	Debit	Credit	Resources	Liabilities	Losses	Gains
Academy Building.....	\$ 2,042 04		\$2,042 04			
Academy Expense.....	63 96				\$ 63 96	
Academy Furniture.....	363 58		363 58			
Advertising.....	83 07				83 07	
Apiary.....	118 01		118 01			
Back Forty.....	400 00		400 00			
Barn and Outbuildings.....	457 08		457 08			
Bills Receivable.....	20 19		20 19			
Capital Stock.....		\$ 8,625 34				
Board Account.....	180 05	222 87				\$ 33 82
Carpentry Shop.....	53 51		53 51			
Cash.....	1 40		1 40			
C. O. L. Fund.....		7 50		\$ 7 50		
Dairy.....	195 21	43 26	151 95			
Dining Hall.....	779 73	847 44				67 71
Dormitory Dues.....	198 67	569 00				370 33
Dormitory Building.....	1,038 67		1,038 67			
Dormitory Furniture.....	285 31		285 31			
Donations.....		11 60				11 60
Edmore State Bank.....	61		61			
Expense.....	204 75				204 75	
Equerry.....	586 70		586 70			
Farm.....	999 25	726 71	272 54			
Farm Tools.....	325 68		325 68			
Front Forty.....	1,250 00		1,250 00			
Fruit Farm.....		72 61				72 61
Fuel.....	8 62		8 62			
Garden.....	31 85		31 85			
Greenhouse.....	19 93		19 93			
Henery.....	19 31		19 31			
Interest and Discount.....		17 94				17 94
Laundry.....		13 28				13 28
Loss and Gain.....		12 00				12 00
Library and Laboratory.....	75 00		75 00			
Library Fund.....		6 78		6 78		
Machinery.....	200 00		200 00			
Merchandise.....	809 20	439 56	369 28			26 64
Office Expense.....	97 97				97 97	
Old Accounts Receivable.....	39 06		39 06			
Office Furniture.....	120 79		120 79			
Oil Division.....	1 48		1 48			
Orchard.....	94 25		94 25			
Printing Division.....	187 11		187 11			
Repairs.....		12 20				12 20
Rentals.....		4 25				4 25
Smiddy.....	114 69		114 69			
Storeroom.....	22 21		22 21			49 57
Stumping Contract.....	64 76		64 76			
Tuition.....	403 61	848 25				444 64
Warehouse.....	266 80		266 80			
Woodhouse.....	192 64		192 64			
Ice Account.....	10 88		10 88			
\$1,000 Fund.....	60 56		60 56			
Partition Contract.....	8 06		8 06			
Personal Accounts.....	526 51	551 17	524 27	548 93		
	\$13,031 76	\$13,031 76	\$9,875 39	\$563 21	\$449 75	\$1,136 59
Resources.....	\$9,875 39					
Liabilities.....	563 21					
Net present worth.....		\$9,312 18				
Capital Stock July 1, 1902.....	8,625 34					
Net gain during year.....	1136 59 449 75	686 84				
Net present worth.....		9,312 18				
Net gain as per above.....	686 84					
Rec'd on \$1,000 fund.....	\$390 20					
Donations.....	11 60	401 80				
Net Gain Operating School.....		285 04				

October 6, '02—December 31, '03.

RECEIPTS, 1902.

October	\$3,095 03
November	795 25
December	1,614 55
January, 1903	3,728 68
February	569 95
March	267 62
April	2,207 63
May	1,515 43
June	691,17
July	2,407 55
August	746 52
September	719 22
October	2,967 63
November	1,004 57
December	978 79
Total	\$23,309 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Laborers	\$16,293 25
General Fund	35 00
Loan to Medical Dept.	50 00
Expense Acc't.	581 62
Rent	257 14
C. O. C. Campaign	761 01
Tithe, Lake Union Conf.	1,800 17
Superior Mission Field	1,920 00
North Mich. Conf.	1,144 00
Tent Fund	237 53
Cash on hand	211 87
Total	\$23,309 59

Report of Sabbath School Association of West Michigan Conference for the year, October 1, 1902 to October 1, 1903:

No. of schools at beginning of year	74
No. of schools added	6
No. of Home Dept. Members reporting to local schools	19
Present Membership	2,318
Average Attendance	1,804
Total Contributions	\$2,121 27
Donations to Missions	1,157 81
" Orphans Home	392 37
Special Donations	23 89
Total Expense of Schools	741 89
" " State Dept.	68 54

News and Notes.

—The February number of the Life Boat will be a special Anti-tobacco number, and will be just the thing that we believe our people will be glad to give a large circulation.

—On account of many improvements which have been made in the Life Boat—such as two color cover, increase in size, more illustrations and less advertising, the price is changed from twenty-five cents to thirty-five cents a year. Let all our workers take notice, as we shall hereafter charge them this price for a single subscription.

—As last Sabbath drew near its close, there were many in Battle Creek who expressed themselves as having enjoyed the most blessed Sabbath day of their lives. Prof. J. G. Lamson occupied the pulpit at the morning service, and spoke most earnestly of the need of a complete consecration. At 3:00 p. m. the Auditorium was filled with young people, while the senior members of the church met in the north vestry for the afternoon service.

—This blue mark is to again call your attention to the fact that your subscription to the Herald has expired and you have failed as yet to make a renewal. Sometime ago we sent you a coin receiver for the purpose of securing this renewal, but if the matter has failed to come to your notice ere this, we trust it may now receive your immediate attention. We feel sure you wish to keep in close touch with the progress of the work of our Conference by reading the Herald.

—The leading men in Battle Creek church, the doctors, business men and heads of departments in the Sanitarium, and the managers and foremen in the Review and Herald office, have arranged for an hour's prayer service together in the College chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings,

between 7 and 8 o'clock. This hour is not to be spent in talk, but in earnest prayer to God for an outpouring of His blessing upon the work in the church and the institutions planted in that city. It would be a good thing if all the readers of the Herald would join these brethren in prayer at their homes.

—At the close of the Young People's Convention in Battle Creek, January 4, Elder Luther Warren remained in the city to conduct a few meetings for the benefit of the many young people of this large church. The attendance increased night after night as both the youth and the aged members united in the efforts of this revival seeking the blessing of Heaven. The work has continued for nearly three weeks and God's spirit has witnessed in a rich measure to the testimony of many strong, brave youth who have dedicated their lives and their all to the service of the Master that the Gospel of the Kingdom may soon be preached to the whole world. Many who have hitherto been lukewarm and indifferent have renewed their vows of consecration, while others have for the first time found that joy and peace which is experienced only in the service of Christ. Last Thursday a large audience at the Tabernacle witnessed a very impressive service in the baptism of one hundred and forty-seven persons. As these youth go out to bear new responsibilities in connection with the work of the Master, let us not forget to bear them up to the Throne of Grace where the Father of Mercies ever lends a listening ear to the call of simple faith.

—It will be a matter of interest to all that the recent meetings being held in the Battle Creek church have developed the necessity of some definite training to those who are ready to go out in service for the Master. At the last meeting of the church board such a school was voted, Elder M. B. Miller, pastor of

the church being elected Principal and Prof. J. G. Lamson, Secretary. The Church School committee on teachers were authorized to make arrangements for the necessary teaching force and already two hundred forty names have been enrolled as students.

Of this number about fifty will be in the canvassers class, fifty in the medical missionary lines, fifty to seventy-five in evangelical lines, twenty or more in teaching, and others as stenographers, business men etc. A number have enrolled for the bible classes that have not yet fully decided where the Lord wants them to work, but these are seeking God, and we believe the long looked for time has come when Battle Creek will begin to send out hundreds to proclaim the message in other fields.

That this is the work of the Holy Spirit is beyond the question of any man who is conversant with the situation to any degree. These young people who have handed in their names to go where the Lord wants them to go "mean business" and there is determination expressed in every act and word. The Lord has been using Elder Warren and others here to show great things unto the people, and we look for still greater works at the hands of God. To His name be all the Glory.

—Notice to Church School Teachers, Church School Boards, Young People's Societies, and Young People of West Michigan.

The conference having asked me to take up the work of Educational Department, I desire as soon as possible to come into touch with the work of the department in all the conference. I shall be glad to hear from any in reference to this work, and until the conference definitely locates the office, desire that letters be addressed to me at my residence, 35 Howland St., Battle Creek, Mich.

Yours for the best year yet,

J. GRANT LAMSON.