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Report of 25th Annual Session of Minn. Tract and Miss. Soc.

At the hour of four o'clock, May 31, 1898, the first meeting of the 25th annual session of the Minnesota Tract and Missionary Society was called to order in the beautiful grove north of Merriam Park by the President, Eld. C. W. Flaiz. After the song, "Nearer Thee", was sung Brother J. F. Pogue invoked God's blessing upon the work and workers in the missionary cause. As the rain was pouring down the president suggested that we proceed at once to the business which called us together.

The Treasurer's annual report for the year ending March 31, 1898 was called for, after a number of Minnesota WORKERS containing the published report were distributed to the audience. The report was read, and after several questions were asked and answered relative to items of the report it was adopted by vote.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. E. Ellis was also read and listened to with interest.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman.

Committee on Nomination { M. A. Winchell,
C. H. Parker,
O. O. Bernstein.

Committee on Resolutions { L. B. Losey,
Mrs. A. E. Ellis,
J. F. Pogue.

It seems fitting before closing this report to pause for a moment and consider that a quarter of a century has elapsed since a little band of missionaries held their first annual meeting in the interests of the missionary work in the great state of Minnesota. Not one of them left to tell the story of those bygone experiences, but God has raised up other hands and hearts to carry forward his work. May those who still are called upon to sow the seeds of truth never weary in well doing, for they shall reap if they faint not. Adjourned to call of chair.

The second meeting was called at the close of the last meeting of the Conference, June 5, 10:30 A. M. After the reading of the report of previous meeting, the committee on resolutions was called to report, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. Recognizing the fact that every child of God is a missionary, in harmony with the statement in the Testimonies that the missionary society is the church at work, we recommend that the membership of the church constitute the membership of the missionary society; and that Article 2 of Section 9 of the constitution be, and hereby is, amended in accordance with this recommendation.

Also, that the officers of the church, missionary society, and Sabbath-school meet often for counsel and prayer, that while each has his special duties the work may be recognized as one, and carried on in harmony and unity.

2. Whereas the second and fourth Sabbath Missionary meetings are a help to the work both financially and spiritually, we recommend that these services be continued and the offerings collected as heretofore.

3. Believing that an understanding both of the principles and progress of the work is necessary to its intelligent support, we recommend that our societies, as far as possible, make a systematic study of "Gospel Workers", "Healthful Living", and the *Missionary Magazine*.

Also, that a series of general instruction meetings be held in which all branches of the work shall be considered in as practical a way as possible, these meetings being so arranged as to bring them within the reach of every company.

4. Whereas, our Scandinavian brethren have but few helps in the way of missionary publications, we recommend that special efforts be made to instruct and encourage them in missionary work, through a laborer who can speak in their own tongue.

5. Whereas the Spirit of the Lord has told us that "the circulation of our literature is accomplishing a greater work than the living preacher can do", we recommend that a greater effort be put forth by the overseers of the churches to induce their individual members to place this literature in the homes of the people.

6. We recommend that in harmony with the advancing message, we encourage our societies to faithful efforts in caring for the poor and the sick, and in supplying both their physical and spiritual needs; and that for the support of this work a poor fund be established in every church, in accordance with the instruction given in Testimony 31, p. 146.

The committee on nominations being ready to report, submitted the following names as officers of the society for the ensuing year which individuals were duly elected by the delegates.

We your Committee on nominations do respectfully submit the following report:

- For Vice-President C. M. Everest,
- “ Rec. Secretary and Treasurer... L. B. Losey,
- “ Assistant Secretary Wm. Asp,
- “ Corresponding Secretary..... Mrs. A. E. Ellis,
- “ State Agent J. F. Pogue.

The President of the Conference being president of Tract Society it was not necessary to elect him in the tract society.

As no other business appeared the society adjourned sine die.

C. W. FLAIZ, Pres.
L. B. LOSEY, Sec.

Camp Meeting.

THE last general meeting was held Sunday evening, June 5. The camp broke up Monday morning early and most of the people returned to their homes that day. The weather was quite rainy as usual but it did not prevent those who were longing for a deeper experience from seeking God. There were earnest, agonizing prayers went up to God in the silent forest that he would be merciful still to his people and spare them a little longer.

There were not as many laborers from abroad as had been expected, but there were enough to give the people a warning message which, if heeded, will take them to the kingdom. The visiting ministers who broke the bread of life to the multitude were Elder Erwin, Mrs. S. M. I. Henry, Dr. Paulson of the Sanitarium, Elder Westfall of Kansas, Prof. Bronson of Union College, Elder O. A. Johnson also of the College. Each had a message from the Lord, and especially is this true of the message given by Sister Henry. Her close, touching appeals to fathers, mothers, children and all, to live pure and true lives could not fail to arouse the hardest heart. Her earnest, plain, heart-searching talks resembled the teaching and preaching of Sister E. G. White more than any one we ever heard. She was the only one of the laborers outside of the State who was present during the entire meeting; the others before mentioned not coming till near the close of the meeting.

A spirit of consecration was manifested through the meetings, and especially was this

so on Sabbath day as God's Holy Spirit graced the meeting, and a deep moving upon hearts was felt by every one. When a call was made for those to stand up who wished to consecrate anew their lives and give all to God, nearly the whole congregation arose. Even the children stood up for Jesus. One little boy of eleven arose when the Spirit convicted him of sin, and he afterward came to his father and confessed of a wrong he had done, and said when he arose and told the Lord he would live a better life, he felt he must make the wrong right.

On Friday a collection was taken up for the purpose of purchasing a new pavillion as the old one was about worn out and in bad condition. Two hundred and three dollars were raised in cash beside pledges for a large amount was made.

On Sunday Elder Erwin spoke on the foreign mission work and the need of means to carry forward this work. At the close of the meeting a collection was also taken up for the foreign mission work. \$159.79 cash was raised besides pledges.

The proceedings of the Minnesota Tract Society and the Minnesota Sabbath-school Association appear in other columns of this paper, and the report of work of the Conference will appear as soon as Elder Curtis, the secretary, can prepare it.

No one who attended the meetings can return home without carrying greater responsibility, on account of having received greater light. Will you walk in that light, my brother and my sister, that its mild and gentle rays may bring sunshine and peace and happiness into your home; that those who denied themselves and remained at home may catch every ray of light shed on your pathway? L.

* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. *

THE Minnesota Sabbath-school Association held three sessions on the camp-grounds, June 1, 3 and 5. At the first session the superintendents from the various schools of the State were seated upon the platform and reported of progress in their schools, also speaking of their need. About seventeen superintendents were present and their reports were full of courage. Many helpful thoughts were suggested by them.

A summary of work done the past year was read by the State secretary as follows:— Another year of Sabbath-school work is in the past and as we compare the present condition of the work with the report read in your hearing two years ago, we see advancement in figures. May 30, 1896 the school of the Association numbered 111, with a membership of 2755. May 30, 1898 we had a membership of 2789 in 129 schools, eighteen schools having been organized during the past two years. May 30, 1896 donations to missions \$1236. May 30, 1898 donations to missions \$1596.20, including the Orphan's Home donations.

According to recommendation four Sabbath-school Institutes have been held in different parts of the State. Much interest was shown in this work and there is a wide field of labor in this line of work. We found this to be a most excellent way of getting at the real needs of the work and also a means of developing the talent of teaching and helping others with ones own personal experience. The English speaking schools are quite generally supplied with *The Youth's Instructor*, *Our Little Friend*, and *Sabbath-school Worker*. Out of the 129 schools now belonging to our Association over twenty speak the Scandinavian language almost entirely in their Sabbath-school work. These have very few helps. Some effort has been made the past year to help these schools, although the means within reach are very limited.

The hour set apart each day for special prayer for the Sabbath-school work has proved a source of help and strength to those who observed it, and we surely have much for which to praise God today.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, M. H. Ellis; Vice-President, C. L. Emmerson; Secretary and treasurer, Fannie P. Johnson; Assistant secretary, L. H. Christian. Executive Committee; M. H. Ellis, Fannie Johnson, C. L. Emmerson, L. H. Christian, A. W. Kuehl.

More effort will be made the coming year to help the Scandinavian and German Sabbath-schools.

MRS. F. P. JOHNSON, Sec.

“For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.
“But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.”

Notice This.

It has been arranged to hold a local Camp-meeting at Pelican Rapids, June 22 to 26.

It is hoped that the brethren at Gresham, Amoor, Lake Eunice, Barnesville, and Sabin will make special effort to be with us at this meeting. Will the elders please make a canvass of their churches and let us know by return mail, if possible, the number of tents needed by their respective churches.

Manitoba.

THE last work which I did in Manitoba was to attend the Provincial Christian Endeavor Convention held at Portage la Prairie and distributed quite a large amount of religious liberty literature.

From the time of concluding my work with the Legislature till I went to this convention I worked principally with the papers outside of Winnipeg. The daily and weekly papers in this city were furnished with matter from time to time during the time I was there as well as before by myself and others.

P. S. OLSEN.

Camp Meeting Number of "Gospel of Health".

Gospel of Health for June is a Camp-meeting number, and brimful of intensely interesting and practical instruction relating to how we may best retain our health at these annual meetings, and get the most good out of them. Five different physicians contribute articles for this department, taking up, among other things the following subjects: "Preparing for the Camp-meeting," "Camp-ground Sanitation," "What shall we eat at Camp-meeting," "Object of a Camp-meeting, and How it May be Met," "Care of the Children at Camp-meeting", etc.

If you have not subscribed, don't wait any longer. *Gospel of Health* keeps well abreast of the times. It has a corps of more than twenty physicians on its list of contributors. If you would have health in your home, be a subscriber.

Free sample sent to the readers of the Minnesota WORKER on application.

The Gospel of Health,
Battle Creek, Mich.

“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”

Canvassers' Report for two Weeks
Ending May 27, 1898.

	Book	Val.	Val. H.	Hours	Ex.
J. M. Little	P. J.	\$48.10	\$4.30	65	\$4.00
G. Henrikson	" "	30.50	4.27	110	1.81
A. Hawley	" "	5.25	.50	51	3.05
H. Christenson	" "	7.60	1.35	40	1.05
H. Shelstad	" "	33.20	4.15	89	.70
*D. A. Deedon	G. C.	6.50	.50	43	.65
Mrs. Mc Guire	C.K.&C.O.S.	15.25	6.25	26½	
Margeret Goodman	"	16.75		44	1.56
Julia Johnson	"	5.75		31	1.56
*C. L. Butterfield	"	2.75	1.45	27	1.65
I. T. Andrus	"	11.00	2.10	47	.97
*Mary Vigdor	"	2.00	2.00	8	.05
Ernestine Reichel	"	1.00	2.25	14	
		\$185.65	\$28.12	495½	\$17.05

*These reports are for one week.

Camp-meeting is now over and we hope soon to have a good full report from those in the field, and from those who will enter the field again.

J. F. POGUE.

CAMP MEETING ECHOES

Be careful that passion or self importance are not presented to the world or the church for religion.

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O, that all the wealth spent needlessly and foolishly could be laid up in the treasury of heaven! Is there anything in the above statement for you to ponder?

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Mrs. D. E. Scoles left the Camp-ground the first of the week for an extended visit to her relatives in Washburn, Mo. She went via St. Louis down the Mississippi River on the steamer.

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The four legs of the chair in which ancient Sodom took her ease and went to ruin, and in which modern Sodom is riding to the same end are, pride, fulness of bread, abundance of idleness and failure to strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

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When a great sinner becomes acquainted with a great Saviour the result is a great salvation. If the Christian always stands ready to present the "shield of faith" to the enemy no harm can come to him from the poisoned arrows of sin; as their force will always be broken by the shield.

One very significant statement made by Elder Erwin at the Camp-meeting was that the rejection of the light on healthful living by Seventh-day Adventists was the principle reason they were living on such a low plane, and proved it from reading the Testimonies.

"Missionary Magazine."

Do you read the *Missionary Magazine*, formerly *Home Missionary*? The June number has just come to our notice filled with the most interesting reading. In the Special Topic Department we notice several interesting articles upon different parts of Africa, as follows: "Africa and Modern Missions", "Our Mission in Matabeleland", "South Africa, Hausaland", "Gold Coast, Personal Experiences on West Coast". There are two other departments just as interesting, the next of which is the "Home Department", and the other, "Among our Missionaries" in different parts of the world. No one has asked the writer to write this, neither is it an advertisement; but we do feel that if any one becomes a subscriber to this good, live, cheap (25 cents per year) paper by reading this note, it will be accomplishing a good missionary work.

THE Sabbath-school lessons will be on the book of Genesis for the next six months. During that time *and that time only*, the following special discounts will be made by us on "Helps" to its study: Mount of Blessing, in cloth, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Gospel in Creation in all bindings, will be discounted 50 per cent; Testimony on Education, Healthful Living, and Christian Education, no discount.

These books are the best helps we know of in studying book of Genesis, and are all written by Mrs. E. G. White but one. Write for prices to Minnesota Tract Society.

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