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Conference Proceedings.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

The third meeting of the West Michigan Conference assembled at 3 p. m., January 22, with the President, Elder A. G. Haughey, in the chair. The session opened with the usual devotional services of song and prayer.

By vote the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until Monday morning, as the work for the afternoon would be the continuation of the reports from our institutions.

Brother T. H. Midgley gave a report of the work at the Kalamazoo Sanitarium, in which he gave a most interesting account of how the Lord had blessed in the opening up of the work in Kalamazoo.

This was followed by a report from the Emmanuel Missionary College by Professor Kauble, in which he set forth the plans of the work in the college, and the need of an awakening among the people of the conference to the im-

portance of giving the young people a Christian education. He also stated that had this people lived up to all the light that has been given them in regard to the sanitarium and school work we would be far in advance of what we are now. The Lord has spoken specifically to this people in regard to what the school work ought to be.

The meeting adjourned until 9 a. m. Monday morning.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

Fourth meeting of the West Michigan Conference began at 9 o'clock a. m. January 23, 1905.

After singing, the conference was led in prayer by Elder G. C. Tenney.

The minutes of the meeting held January 22 were read and approved. The Sessions Committee reported, and the following committees were selected to act by the conference: Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

Joseph Haughey	Ezra Bracket
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Committee on Nominations.

M. N. Campbell	Fred Brink
A. C. Bourdeau	James Root
W. W. Shepard	J. J. Evans
W. H. Heckman	

The time was then given to Sister Richmond, who has had eleven years' experience in rescue work, to report for the Michigan Home for Girls which is located at Byron Center. She told of what led to the establishment of the institution and how it has been sustained.

When Sister Richmond felt that the burden of starting this institution rested upon her, she had nothing but faith. A forty-acre farm half paid for and a house with twenty-one rooms filled with girls and women, is the result of faith and prayer. Instances were related in which the Spirit of God worked upon the hearts of inmates of the home and also those who have been approached for financial aid. It was stated that the workers in the home are all in harmony, and that because of this the Lord can work through them. When asked upon what ground she, being a Seventh-day Adventist, could engage in such a non-sectarian work, Sister Richmond replied, "On the same ground that my Saviour engaged in the same kind of work."

The Chair then called for the treasurer to give his financial report of the West Michigan Conference for the year ending December 31, 1904. This was read, after which a recess of ten minutes was taken. The meeting was then called to order and the delegation were given an opportunity for asking questions in regard to this report. After being fully discussed by the delegates, it was unanimously adopted as given.

The report of the Sabbath-school Secretary was called for and given by Miss Margaret Haughey for the year ending October, 1904. She also gave a comparative statement, showing quite an increase in the membership and donations during the past year. Miss Haughey believes this is due to the fact that we have been studying lessons that have been meat in due season.

Miss Haughey also spoke of her work as editor of the "West Michigan Herald." At the present time the number of paying subscriptions to the conference paper is 292, with

about 100 on the free list. It was explained that the reason for this number being so small is because so many subscriptions expired the first of the year and the people have not yet renewed. The delegates were cordially invited to send in their subscriptions and to co-operate with the editor in making the paper a success in every way.

Conference adjourned until three o'clock.

Further proceedings of the conference will appear in future issues of the "West Michigan Herald."

A. G. HAUGHEY, Chairman.
E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

Report of Church Schools.

At the time of the division of the Michigan Conference two years ago there were fifteen church schools within the territory of the West Michigan Conference. During the following year the number steadily increased until the superintendent's report of a year ago showed a total of twenty-three schools. At the beginning of the present school year, for various reasons, seven schools located at Kalamazoo, Howard City, Mecosta, Six Lakes, Trufant, Clifford Lake and Bass Lake were discontinued. At Otsego a school has been organized this present year. There seems to be a good prospect for several more schools the coming year.

The present enrollment of the seventeen schools outside of Battle Creek is 240. That of Battle Creek nearly two hundred.

Five of the schools have a building especially for school purposes, three have rooms in connection with the church, five are in private houses, and four in rented places.

While some of the schools have been abandoned, others have been taking firm root and are constantly increasing in usefulness. One of the most serious difficulties that confronts the school is that of finance. Our people are so much scattered that most of the schools are necessarily small, and the bur-

den of maintaining the school falls on two or three persons. Some of the schools lack a suitable place to meet, nearly all are lacking in equipment. Another difficulty is that the church school fails to reach a large proportion of the children, because they are so scattered. We believe that if the church school is a necessity for part of the children it is just as necessary for all. The only remedy we can suggest is for parents who cannot give their children church school privileges where they are, to locate near some church school. This would give us stronger schools and bring Christian education within the reach of a large number of children. Such a proposition may seem to involve considerable sacrifice, but is not the object sought worth some sacrifice? When the time of trouble bursts upon us, that which has been invested in the education of the children will not be in reach of the spoiler.

There are many reasons for encouragement in the educational work. The opposition to a separate school system is steadily decreasing, and with the hearty co-operation of all we hope to see a constant growth in the work.

W. E. VIDETO.

CEDAR LAKE.

The Cedar Lake Sabbath-school held a convention, Sabbath, Jan. 28, consisting of two sessions besides the regular session of the Sabbath-school. The morning session took up the time of the usual Sabbath service, and was given to the reading and discussion of four papers on as many phases of the work.

The papers on the "Sabbath-school as an Educational Factor" and "The Use of Illustrations in the Sabbath-school Work," deserve special mention, as they brought out a free and interesting discussion showing a lively interest in the work.

The afternoon session was given over to the young people especially. All papers were presented by them and were written from their stand-

point. The paper on "The Qualifications of a Teacher, from a Young Person's Standpoint," presented by one of our students was full of good thoughts, and furnished material for remarks by more experienced members of the school. The music by the young people formed no small part of the program, and a few well selected recitations helped to make it all a real success.

The last half hour was given over to the general discussion of the topic, "What the Sabbath-school Has Done for Me." A number of our pioneer brethren and sisters spoke of the blessings of the Sabbath-school in early days in log cabin and grove, and of the almost inseparable influence of the mother and the Sabbath-school. All expressed their appreciation of the school and its influences, and expressed a desire to reap more of its benefits.

OTTO RATHBUN.

Since returning from our good conference at Grand Rapids I have thought much of some features introduced there, and which seemed to be of great practical value to all because of the important lesson to be derived therefrom. I refer to the reports from the local churches, and in this connection the words of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles, "I magnify (make large) mine office," Romans 11:13, seem especially applicable. For instance, had the clerks in these churches always acted from Paul's standpoint, how much of interest concerning the early history of these churches would have been made a matter of record; but because it was not, much difficulty was experienced in getting these desired facts. I trust that we all see the importance of making a record of all these interesting items, and why should not church records too, include the special blessings experienced?

When Jacob had been wonderfully blessed by the Lord drawing near to him while on his journey he raised a Bethel-stone to com-

memorate that experience, and why, when in a special manner the Lord draws near and gives showers of the "latter rain" to fall upon waiting hearts "while in the assembly of His saints," would not the record of this experience serve as a Bethel-stone to commemorate that blessing? And would not the recounting of these blessings be as the "green spots" by the way, refreshing us while on our wilderness journey?

W. D. LAKIN.

"Your Labor is Not in Vain in the Lord."

It will be encouraging to those who have been engaged in the circulation of the petitions against the Sunday bills now pending in Congress, to know that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

Letters are being received almost daily from Congressmen to whom petitions and letters have been sent, expressing their gratitude in having their attention called to these bills, for some were not aware of their existence until we had brought the matter to their attention.

We were told by a prominent Congressman the other day that he thought there was little chance of this matter coming up at this session of Congress, for the "Seventh-day Folks" were opposing it. I might add that at this point in our interview he did not know that we were "Seventh-day Folks." He farther said that it was generally understood that there was opposition to the measure. He made reference to the opposition to the measure several times during the interview, indicating that a most decided impression has been made upon the minds of Congressmen by the "Seventh-day Folks."

Should these bills fail to pass at this session of Congress we would certainly feel that our labor had not been in vain in the Lord in putting forth the little effort that we have exerted to stem the tide of

Sunday legislation now before Congress.

We are pleased to say that it has been demonstrated that good and effective work can still be done in the circulation of petitions, supplying the Congressmen with literature, writing them and in personal interviews.

It is possible that some may not distinguish between the one who is engaged as a lobbyist to secure some religious measure enacted into law, and the one who is there to protest and oppose all such legislation, and also bring to their attention the message of truth for these times. The difference between the mission of these two classes is as great as the difference between light and darkness, heaven and earth, or righteousness and sin.

Our labors will not be over for Congressmen and other men who occupy places of great responsibility in the world until every effort has been exhausted to bring them to a knowledge of the third angel's message.

We trust that the idea will not be obtained from this article that there is any certainty that these bills may not be passed before Congress closes, for pressure may be brought to bear upon the law-makers by the promoters of Sunday legislation in the great rush that is always incident just before Congress closes, and it will be especially so this session in view of the approaching inauguration.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Announcement of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses.

The management of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses desire to announce that a new class will be organized April 1, 1905. None will be received except those who give evidence of a sound Christian Experience and who desire to devote their lives to Christian philanthropic work. Boys and girls are not wanted. Only mature persons

of sound and settled character and principles are desired in this work.

Graduates from this course will be free to engage in work wherever Providence may direct them.

For information address The Battle Creek Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Canvassers' Institute.

In response to a number of inquiries that have lately come to us with reference to the holding of a canvassers' institute this winter, we take pleasure in announcing that arrangements are now being made to hold a general canvassers' institute at Allegan, Feb. 23 to Mar. 5. The brethren and sisters of the Allegan church have kindly extended an invitation for us to hold the institute within their borders, and they have opened their homes for the entertainment of those who will attend. All who plan to enter the canvassing field this year would be greatly benefitted by attending this institute. Experienced and efficient help will be with us to lead out in the practical instruction that will be given.

All who are interested in this matter are invited to correspond with M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw, Michigan, who will take pleasure in giving further details with reference to the institute, the fare and other matters relating to it.

Medical Report for January.

Examinations	-	14
Bible Readings	-	29
Treatments	-	253
Prescriptions	-	142
Consultations	-	123
Medical Calls	-	42

PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

Battle Creek News.

Bro. N. M. Campbell made us a short visit one day last week.

Dr. Morse will give his wonderful lecture on "God in Nature" in Dist. No. 1 to-night. This will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

The sanitarium is again filling up with guests, having more for this time of the year than usual.

Mrs. Dr. Kellogg starts Tuesday morning for Colorado, where she will join her son, J. W., for a time.

Elder G. W. Morse has been on the sick list since returning from conference, being laid up with a gathering in his ear for the last week.

Elder W. H. Heckman has returned to Battle Creek, having been detained some little time in Grand Rapids on account of sickness in his family.

Elder A. T. Jones occupied the Tabernacle pulpit Sabbath and preached us a beautiful sermon on **GOD'S CARE FOR HIS CHILDREN**. All who listened to his talk felt benefitted by it, for surely it was a wonderful sermon.

Dr. P. S. Bourdeau of Grand Rapids, is in the city this week in the interests of the health work there. She is hoping to have a regular health school at Grand Rapids to follow the series of lectures recently given there.

Dr. Read gave a lecture in the Sanitarium parlor last evening on "Food Adulterations." This was a highly interesting and profitable lecture, and all seemed to appreciate it. Dr. Read showed by actual experiment that about 75% of all the canned and bottled goods placed on the market are adulterated, containing coal of tar dyes, etc.

A series of health lectures is now being given in the First Congregational church in Battle Creek. These were introduced last Tuesday evening by Dr. J. H. Kellogg of the sanitarium on the subject "How Battle Creek may become the healthiest city in the world." This was followed on Thursday evening by Dr. J. H. Read, who talked on "Food Adulterations" to a very interested audience. These lectures are to continue for some time if the interest continues good.

News and Notes.

Brother and Sister Ezra Brackett spent Sunday in Otsego.

Three persons were baptized at Grand Rapids, Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

The Sabbath-school at Bauer will hold a convention, Sabbath, Feb. 18.

Brother M. N. Campbell was in Otsego Tuesday and Wednesday of last week looking after the interests of the canvassing work.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the meeting of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in Battle Creek, Thursday, Feb. 2nd.

We hope that all who expect to engage in the canvassing work during the coming year will arrange to attend the canvassers' institute which is to be held at Allegan, Feb. 23 to March 5.

Mr. Will H. Williams, who has been book-keeper at the Emmanuel Missionary College from the beginning, left last week to visit his home in Pa., and from there he will go to Washington, D. C. to engage in the work at that place.

Elder A. G. Haughey and his sister, Miss Margaret Haughey, went to Berrien Springs Jan. 31, to spend ten days in the Emmanuel Missionary College giving the students some instruction in regard to Bible work and Bible workers.

Brethren and sisters from the Allegan, Monterey and Kalamazoo churches met with the Otsego church, Sabbath, Feb. 4, for the regular district quarterly meeting services. Elder C. A. Hansen had charge of the service in the morning, and Brother W. E. Videto spoke in the afternoon, after which a short time was spent in bearing testimonies. The Spirit of the

Lord came in and touched the hearts of all present. It was indeed a time of refreshing.

For Sale—Forty-acre farm; price \$800; \$500 cash down and balance on time if desired and bought by April 1, 1905. This farm is located at Cedar Lake, Mich., and about one-half mile west of the Seventh-day Adventist Academy. Immediate possession. Address Ed. A. Rundell, Edmore, Mich.

From a recent letter from Elder W. G. Kneeland, a former Michigan worker now in the West Indies, we take the liberty of making the following excerpts concerning the "Carribean Watchman," our missionary magazine in that field:—

"We want to get up four special numbers, March to June, No. 1, Christ Our Saviour; No. 2, Christ Our High Priest; No. 3, Christ Our Coming King; No. 4, Christ the Restorer. Will follow some of the ideas of special "Signs" and "Southern Watchman," and of course would like to improve on them if possible. Can you not get some orders for the four specials, only twelve cents per set? Try to get twenty-five cents for sets and give us the benefit of the change for our new press. Give us a trial any how. We are the youngest of the big family of papers, but so far have paid all our bills. We never asked for a cent of capital or had any to start with, yet to-day we have the best circulation of any West Indian magazine. Give a self-supporting enterprise a chance to increase its usefulness in one of the needy fields of the world.

"Elder Giddings is in Dominica—our first effort to reach the French islands, and we need money to print East-Indian literature and Spanish tracts for Venezuela.

W. G. KNEELAND,
Scarboro, Tobago,
West Indies."