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Conference Proceedings.

The first meeting of the Fourth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference convened according to appointment in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Otsego, Mich., January 18, 1906, at 6:00 p. m.

Elder A. G. Haughey in the chair.

After the opening song, "They Brought Their Gifts to Jesus," prayer was offered by N. W. Kauble, president Emmanuel Missionary College, returning thanks for the mercies and blessings of the past year since we were privileged to meet together in annual meeting, and invoking the divine blessing upon the work to be done by this conference.

The President extended greetings to the delegates assembled, and expressed thankfulness for the loving kindness and mercy of God in permitting us to meet together for this annual session.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the third annual session were waived, having been approved by the conference committee and printed in the "West Michigan Herald."

The roll call showed 117 delegates representing 34 churches.

The President delivered his annual address, which was printed in the "OTSEGO UNION," in which he gave a brief account of the organization and development of the

work from its division into a separate conference until the present time. The report was most encouraging and showed a growth in all departments. The recommendations to the conference in regard to the future plans of the work, if adopted at this session, will result in extending the work not only in our own field, but in giving assistance to the work in foreign fields.

The President made a call for new churches and the church of Sturgis presented a verbal request through Elder W. C. Hebner for admission to the conference and seating of their delegates. This church, which was raised up by Elder Hebner and Brother James Irving, has a membership of fifteen and a full corps of officers. They have a live missionary society and are doing aggressive work.

The recently organized church at Bloomingdale presented a written request for admission to the conference and elected delegates to represent them at this session. This church has a membership of thirteen and the necessary set of officers. The Bloomingdale church was raised up as a result of the labors of Brethren B. E. Kneeland, E. F. Collier, and J. D. Reavis.

By vote these churches were admitted to the conference and their delegates seated.

By vote the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees. The President stated that while he had no hesitancy in appointing committees on plans and licenses, that he did not feel free to alone name the committee on nominations, but would call to his assistance able men who would give him their best counsel in making up this committee.

The Treasurer's report was called. The printed report was given to the delegates to consider and action deferred until the next meeting.

We adjourned till 9:00 a. m. January 19.

Professor B. E. Nicola pronounced the benediction.

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

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY DR. CHASE.

Brothers and sisters of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, I come before you to welcome you to our village. Please notice that I said brothers and sisters. I mean it; because I believe you call yourselves Christians and Christ taught that all men and women are descendants from Adam and Eve and are also children of the Infinite God.

Some families have many children of different names and some have few. This seems to be so of religions. Christ was the parent of one of the religions of our world that has become a numerous family, carrying something over six hundred names. You are one of the younger members of Christ's family and have gotten on your feet and started out to do your Father's work. You come here, in convention assembled, to plan together as how you can become most effective in bringing peace and love and happiness to all of God's children. Compared with the great army marching under the banner of Christ, you are but a corporal's guard, but that is not to say your work is unimportant and impotent. Taking again the make-up of an army as a comparison, I feel like saying to you that the best army is the one where every man in it feels that the success of the whole army depends upon his doing his full duty. If you as a unit of your denomination of Seventh-day Adventists feel that the success of Christ's army depends upon your doing your work well in this convention, I am sure you will be effectual in good work for the Master.

I am a believer that there is such a thing as a mental atmosphere that surrounds each incorporated life of men and groups of men, and it can soothe or irritate others without words or acts. I am not a thorough Bible scholar, but I am impressed that the associates of Christ always knew without the use of eyes or ears when He was approaching because they felt a peace that was beyond their understanding. If you are imbued with the Master's Spirit, we shall feel better while you are with us. In our village there are several groups of men and women who are carrying banners bearing Christ's name, and I hope they will all welcome you as brethren in Christ, and as His good children, working His will. There are more people in this village that are not enlisted in this army than there are thus enrolled. They are God's children just the same. They will all welcome you to our village because you profess to have as the object of your convention a determination to work effectively for the good of man.

Your president was kind enough to lend me his manuscript from which he will tell what work you are doing, where and how. I shall not forestall him by telling it, but I do wish that all of our people could hear it. They then would not accuse me of the least bit of flattery in my welcome to you, and they will feel it an honor to themselves when you entered our village and called at their homes; and when your convention shall be over and you go out from among us to your several fields of labor, they would one and all say, "God be with you till we meet again."

Because I am one of the trustees of this village; because I am a member of our town board, and as I am a justice of peace and thus a county officer, and as all who fill these offices are peace officers, it is my duty to hail and encourage all that comes to this village, town and county that makes for the better in public good and public morals. I have not been unmindful of the sayings and doings of your denomination of Christ's workers. Some of your people have lived in our village for over twenty-five years, last past, and their conduct of life among us is such that I feel warranted in saying that the latch strings at our doors will hang out while you are here; that you are welcome to our hearths, homes, and hearts, and as an official servant of our people, I say come in and make yourselves at home with us.

Financial Statement Cedar Lake Industrial Academy for the Year Ending June 30, 1905.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Academy and Dormitory	
Furniture	\$ 893 89
Library and Laboratory	119 92
Apiary	125 00
Book Stand	76 80
Personal Acc'ts. receivable	176 18
Farm Department	1,032 96
Fuel	10 00
Hennery	24 00
Merchandise	404 73
Oil and Lighting	2 75
Office Furniture	169 79
Personal Property	1,144 25
Printing Office	189 46
Real Estate	7,775 00
Telephone	24 00
Dining Room	125 98
Laundry	5 50
Old Accounts Receivable	276 91
Dep't. Edmore State Bank	15 16
Cash	10 30
	\$12,602 58

LIABILITIES.

Personal Acc'ts. Payable	231 08
Bills Payable	917 29
Improvement Fund	281 56
W. W. Kimball Co.	140 00
Old Acc'ts. Payable	54 73
West Mich. Conference	218 89
Donations	29 02

Present Worth July 1,

1905	10,750 01
	\$12,602 58

LOSS AND GAIN.

GAIN.

Apiary	\$ 50 00
Music	81 49
Personal Property	99 98
Real Estate	120 89
Dining Room	432 66
Laundry	29 91
Tuition and Room	134 04
	\$948 97

LOSS.

Book Stand	\$ 28 13
Expense Account	70 17
Fuel	163 20
Hennery	54 97
Oil and Lighting	37 44
Telephone	33 65
Loss and Gain Acct. Mis-	

cellaneous	19 58
Net Gain for year to July 1, 1905	541 83
	\$948 97

STOCK.

Net worth July 1, '04	\$10,188 18
Net Gain for the year	541 83

Present worth July 1, '05 \$10,730 01

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Cedar Lake, Mich., July 23, 1905.

Board of Trustees of Cedar Lake

Industrial Academy, Elder A.

G. Haughey, Chairman:

This is to Certify:

That I have examined the books of the Academy for the year ending June 30, 1905, and find them correctly and neatly kept and in balance. The bank deposit and cash harmonize with the demands of the books.

W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor,
Lake Union Conference.

Financial Statement of the West Michigan Sanitarium.

Cash on hand Oct. 23, '05	\$500 45
Received to Jan. 1, '06	493 90

\$994 35

Deposited	\$948 05
Cash on hand Jan. 1, '06	46 30

\$994 35

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Property	\$1,612 78
Mdse. Inventory	32 92
West Mich. Conference	217 50
Accts. Receivable	482 43
Cash on hand	46 30

\$2,391 93

LIABILITIES.

Accts. Payable	\$ 149 85
Present worth Jan. 1, '06	2,242 08

\$2,391 93

LOSS AND GAIN.

GAIN.

Mdse., Treatments	\$826 53
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LOSS.

Expense, etc.,	357 82
Balance Net Gain	468 71

\$826 53

STOCK.

Net worth Oct. 23, '05	\$1773 37
Net gain to Jan. 1, '06	498 71

Present worth July 1, '05 \$2,242 08

Am't. taken in 1st year	\$ 901 92
" " " 2nd "	1493 45
" " " 3rd "	3018 10
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	\$5413 47

Report of Field Secretary for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Number of Agents	-	11
Number Hours' Work	-	723
Number Orders Taken	-	241
Number of Orders for Each Binding		
F. Mo.	-	11
H. Mo.	-	2
Library	-	8
Gilt	-	85
Marble	-	67
Plain	-	76
Value of Helps		
Value	-	\$530 85
Sold	-	48 75
Total Value	-	\$579 60
Average sales per hour		81
Average sales per hour for ladies	-	1 45
Average sales per hour for gentlemen	-	64
Average wages per day for ladies (5 hrs.)	-	3 67
Average wages per day for gentlemen (8 hrs.)	-	2 56
Average value of orders of subscription books	-	2 40
Average time securing an order, 3 hours.		
Highest average per hour	1	69
Lowest average per hour		25

Obituaries.

HOLIDAY—Died of nervous prostration, Jan. 11, 1906, near Harrison, Clare Co., Mich., Mrs. Flora A. Holiday, wife of William Holiday, aged forty-seven years, nine months, twenty-two days. Deceased accepted present truth about thirty years ago, under the labors of D. M. Canright.

She died with a firm belief that the Lord would soon come, and raise her from the dead; that belief was sufficiently strong to rob death of all its terrors.

As a wife, Sister Holiday was loving, kind and affectionate. As a christian, she was earnest. A short time before death, she called her husband to the bedside, and

told him she was dying, and exhorted him to be faithful and she would meet him in the resurrection morning.

She leaves a husband and two daughters who hopefully look forward to a glad reunion when Jesus comes.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Ps. 116:15.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

Died at Coldwater, Mich. Jan. 2, 1906, of Apoplexy, Mrs. Hannah Brennenman. The deceased was born near Canton, O., Nov. 15, 1840. On March 20, 1860, she was married to Abraham Brennenman, who died Apr. 27, 1902. She leaves three sons and scores of friends to mourn her loss. She led a faithful and conscientious Christian life and her loved ones have the assurance that she will rise in the resurrection of the just. The funeral discourse was given by the writer from Eze. 37:3.

W. H. HECKMAN.

From the Field.

Battle Creek.

The Young People's Society of Battle Creek meet for their regular weekly meetings Sabbath afternoon, at which time the subject of the day is presented by some speaker. Often some visiting missionary is with us who presents the work and needs of his field, thus keeping us in touch with the work in other parts of the world. Of late we have been favored with several from foreign lands; that is foreign to us, although they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

After the services of the day we have had an after-meeting, when a great many have remained. As a result some have been converted, many have been led to renew their connection with the work, and those already actively engaged in the services have been encouraged and strengthened.

The last few months the Society has taken up the points of the third angel's message. The sub-

jects have been presented by different speakers, allowing the audience to ask questions. They have been profitable as well as interesting. We have noticed a marked increase in attendance since a definite line of study has been followed, especially among the younger class, showing to us that they are interested to learn the grand work of the message.

Outside of these meetings we have an evening class where members give, as a result of personal research, Bible readings. These are preparatory to doing cottage work, etc. The class has had an average attendance of about forty, with new members every evening.

Where the attendance is in the hundreds as here, it is next to impossible to give an itemized report.

ELLA OXLEY,

Secretary.

Important Instruction.

Of late a number of very clear and pointed Testimonies from Sister E. G. White have been received in which it is repeatedly stated that the time has come to make known to our people the cause of, and the special dangers in, the crisis through which we are passing at the present time.

Some of these communications have just been printed in a pamphlet of 64 pages, designed as "Series B, No. 7." It follows "Series B, No. 6" recently published, and contains a message to the Battle Creek Church entitled, A Warning and Appeal, A Message to our Physicians, A Solemn Warning to Come Out and Be Separate, The Result of a Failure to Heed God's Message, A Solemn Appeal, A Warning against Present Dangers, A Great Opportunity Neglected, Unity in Christ, etc.

This pamphlet is now ready to be mailed, and it should have an extensive immediate circulation. It may be secured from the state tract societies or any of the publishing houses. Price 5 cents postpaid.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Belle and James Olmstead, having returned from their trip to Pennsylvania, are again in school.

J. Drury Reavis, who is attending school at the Academy, attended the West Michigan Conference at Otsego. He returned to school Thursday.

Miss Winifred Falkoner was called away from school for a few days on account of the death of her grandfather. She returned to school Thursday night.

Orville and Clinton Collins, who have attended the Academy for some time, have withdrawn from the school on account of their parents moving to Mason, Mich. They regret that they will not have school privileges there.

A letter was received recently from Miss Nellie Spencer, who attended the Academy for the past two years, in which she says she is teaching her first school at Alden. She says, "I like it much better than I thought I would."

Elder W. D. Curtis, the educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, visited the school Thursday, the 25th inst. He was on his way to the North Michigan Conference, and has promised to stop on his way back and make the school a longer visit.

From a letter from Miss Armilda Bogar, who attended the Academy last year, we learn that she is teaching a school in Frankfort, Mich., and is enjoying her work. We are glad to see the youth leaving our schools and entering fields of usefulness in the Master's work.

We were all pleased to receive a visit recently from Elder S. E. Wight, the president of the North Michigan Conference. The North Michigan students, of whom there are eleven, were especially pleased and encouraged by his visit. In a talk to the students during the

chapel exercises he emphasized the necessity of their being firmly established in the truth by a knowledge of the Word of God.

News and Notes.

The Kalamazoo, Otsego, Allegan and South Monterey churches will hold their quarterly meeting in Otsego Sabbath, February 3. We hope there will be a good attendance.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth and wife are in Battle Creek. They will remain for a time to assist in the work.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent last Sabbath in Battle Creek.

Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 p. m. a public meeting was held at the M. E. church. A song service opened the meeting. Elder S. M. Butler offered prayer and the scripture lesson was read by Elder Haughey. Rev. H. D. Skinner was called upon for an address of welcome in behalf of Otsego churches and responded with many cordial welcoming words. Rev. Skinner spoke of our different industries and of their value to us; of the different churches and the harmony and unity with which they worked and said the visitors were another brigade of Christ's army.

M. N. Campbell gave the response and spoke with earnestness of the many acts of kindness which they had received since coming to the village. He gave a brief review of the early history of the Congregational, Baptist and M. E. churches and spoke of some of the points in common between their histories and that of the S. D. A.

Resolutions of gratitude were then adopted and are as follows:

The delegates and friends from the several churches of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in annual conference assembled at Otsego, Mich., esteem it a privilege no less than a duty to give expression to their hearty and unanimous appreciation of the many favors and courtesies that they have been the recipients of during their sojourn here.

To the friends of all classes who have so cordially and generously entertained us at their homes, we are deeply grateful. Your kindness has been unstinted and we shall

ever have sweet and loving memories of you and your families.

To the several churches who have so kindly opened their doors to us for the holding of the Conference services, we owe a lasting debt of gratitude. Your actions in this respect have greatly endeared you to us, and we pray God to abundantly bless and prosper you in return.

The publisher of THE OTSEGO UNION has our hearty thanks for his liberality and courtesy in the publication of much valuable matter pertaining to the interests of the conference, and for other favors extended by him.

To our own brethren and sisters of the Otsego church we express our sincere appreciation and thanks for their untiring labors of love in our behalf. They have generously anticipated our every need, and exercised most commendable ability and resource in their care and interest in our behalf.

To one and all we say from the depths of our hearts "Thank you," and shall ever pray that the dear father above, whose children we all are, may abundantly reward you, and that we may all meet in that glad reunion on the Golden Shore.

The following motion was made by Delegate G. W. Morse of Battle Creek, and was unanimously adopted. "I move the adoption of these statements, that they be spread upon the Conference records, and that the secretary be requested to supply a copy of the same to the publisher of THE OTSEGO UNION.

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

Elder Haughey gave the address of the evening, and the "Mission of the Gospel" was his topic. "Go ye then forth and teach all nations" was his text and after giving circumstances, time and place when these words were spoken he gave many Bible references to show the value of the gospel and what Christ did for humanity and of his power to be with those who go forth to carry the gospel news. He appealed to all to search the scriptures to find the way through the pearly gates and closed by presenting some of the beauties of the heavenly city.

M. N. Campbell of Kalamazoo, W. H. Heckman of Battle Creek and B. F. Kneeland of Grand Rapids then came forward and were ordained to the ministry of God. The charge was given by Elder VanHorn and was filled with the spirit of brotherly love and kindness. The benediction and the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" closing the service.—The Otsego Union.