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A. G. Haughey. M. N. Campbell. S. M. Butler. W. H. Heckman. B. F. Kneeland.

Second Meeting of the Fourth Annual Conference of the West Michigan Conference.

Friday morning, January 19, all joined in singing "The Rock That is Higher Than I." Prayer was offered by Elder VanDeusen.

The Secretary read the minutes of the first meeting, which were accepted after making one correction. Elder Haughey suggested that a record be made of the vote that was taken last evening that the address of welcome delivered by Dr. Chase be printed. No one opposing this suggestion, it was so decided.

Nine delegates having arrived since the first meeting, these were seated. As we have with us representatives from the Lake Union Conference, it was moved and carried that Elder N. W. Kauble, W. H. Edwards, and J. B. Blosser be

invited to participate in the conference as delegates.

The financial report of the conference was read by the Treasurer. Some questions being asked and satisfactorily answered, it was voted to accept the report.

The Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department was called upon to give her report, which was accepted.

Brother S. D. Hartwell, the Field Secretary, came forward with his report. This report was based on the reports that had been sent to him, and was accepted after a few explanations.

The report of the Medical Department was called for, which was rendered by Brother Fred Hutchinson. His report showed a steady growth in this department of the work. The report was accepted.

Dr. L. J. Otis, who has lately come to Grand Rapids to take charge of the work at the Sanitarium, being present, was called to the front, and made a few statements in regard to the work of the Sanitarium which were not included in Brother Hutchinson's report.

The chairman announced that the following committees had been selected:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

W. D. Parkhurst	E. L. Richmond
N. W. Kauble	J. B. Blosser
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LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS.

Elder VanDuesen
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Brother A. B. Verney

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Professor W. H. McKee
M. B. Miller
G. W. Amadon

CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Clifford Russell
Mrs. Flora Williams
Mrs. Hettie Olsen

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

G. C. Tenney
J. H. Haughey
W. N. Edwards

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Mrs. W. H. McKee	G. E. Davis
James Irving	B. E. Nicola

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

L. Phippeny
Margaret Haughey
A. L. Bayley
Florence Hutchinson
Minnie Harnden

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL WORK.

Fred Hutchinson	Mrs. Edith Bruce
Dr. L. J. Otis	Dr. John Morse
T. S. Dock	T. H. Midgley

It was stated that in arranging the committees it was thought matters would be hastened by having committees appointed to consider the work of the different departments.

A recess of fifteen minutes was taken.

When we were called together again, Elder VanHorn offered prayer.

The Chairman stated that no special arrangements has been made with any laborer or church or department of work carried on within the conference to bring reports excepting those who were engaged in the departments that are under the supervision of the conference, so that all reports from now, excepting the Cedar Lake Academy report, will be extemporaneous.

Before the Religious Liberty Committee would feel free to act, it was thought that this body should express themselves with reference to the question of forming a Religious Liberty Department of the West Michigan Conference. No. 10 of the recommendations made in the President's address reads as follows: "That we form a Religious Liberty Department of the conference and provide for a secretary." This is in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, and many of the other local conferences have formed this department. It was moved and seconded that this department be formed. Brother Bayley asked what would be involved in forming this department. Elder Haughey stated that it would mean that we would create a department in the conference with a secretary in each church to gather statistics and facts. Brother Morse made a few remarks on the importance of this work, especially since the federation of churches, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The first recommendation made in the President's address was read, as follows:

"That we make the Foreign Mission Board of the General Conference a cash donation from our 1905 tithe fund of \$2,500."

It was stated that the financial condition of the conference would allow of this appropriation. Elder Haughey outlined the history of the understanding that has existed between the General Conference and the West Michigan Conference

regarding the tithe of the Battle Creek church, commencing with the time of the division of the Michigan Conference.

The recommendation was adopted.

The second recommendation, "That we continue the support of Sister McHugh in South Carolina until January 1, 1907," was passed upon favorably.

After some explanation the fourth recommendation, "That we add \$500.00 from our tithe fund to the appropriation for India," was adopted. This is for the support of Elder C. A. Hansen and wife who went to India last September.

Recommendation No. 5 was read, which is as follows: "That we appropriate \$100 to the General Conference Mission Board to support two native workers in Central Africa." This met with hearty favor and was quickly adopted.

Recommendation No. 3, "That we appropriate \$1,000 of our 1906 tithe fund to the General Conference and ask that they supply the Battle Creek church with pastoral help," was discussed at length, by M. B. Miller, B. E. Nicola, and others. It was adopted as it stood.

Recommendation No. 6 was next considered. It reads as follows:

"That our aged ministers locate on small tracts of land near the center of the conference districts and take supervision of the church work in the several districts."

Elder Haughey explained that we have several men in our conference who are above seventy years of age and are unable to do pioneer work in the field, and it was thought that their location in rural districts would benefit them and their visits to the churches would be an encouragement. Several expressed their appreciation of the visits they had received from the aged ministers, and their desire to have them come more often.

This recommendation was adopted with provision being made for changing the wording somewhat.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

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

Distribution of Labor.

Elder S. M. Butler, teacher, Cedar Lake.

Elder W. E. Videto, teacher, Emmanuel Missionary College.

Elder M. S. Burnham, Otsego.

Elder Henry Nicola, Director District No. 1.

Elder R. C. Horton, Director District No. 2.

Elder I. D. VanHorn, Director District No. 3.

Elder E. VanDeusen, Director District No. 4.

Elder W. C. Hebner, Director District No. 5.

Elder Fred Brink, Director District No. 6.

Elder M. N. Campbell, Pastor Grand Rapids church.

Elder B. F. Kneeland, Pastor Kalamazoo church.

Elder W. H. Heckman, Assistant Pastor Battle Creek church.

J. W. Hofstra, work among the Hollanders.

Carl Hansen, work among the Swedes and Scandinavians.

E. F. Collier, public effort at Mendon.

James M. Irving, Bible work at Buchanan.

G. W. Morse, general house-to-house work at Benton Harbor.

S. D. Hartwell, Religious Liberty work, located at 191 James St., Battle Creek, Mich.

G. W. Amadon, general house-to-house work in Battle Creek.

E. A. Merriam, general missionary work and Conference Treasurer.

L. J. Otis, M. D., physician in charge of the West Michigan Sanitarium, 475 Wealthy Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Fred Hutchinson, business manager of West Michigan Sanitarium, Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. L. Bayley, clerk, collector, and treasurer of the Battle Creek church.

T. S. Dock, nurse in charge of bathrooms at West Michigan Sanitarium, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Florence Hutchinson, Bible work in Grand Rapids.

Margaret Haughey, Sabbath-school work, and editor of "West Michigan Herald," Otsego.

Jennie Nelson, office work at Otsego.

Mrs. W. H. McKee; matron Michigan Home for Girls, Byron Center, Mich.

Mrs. N. H. Richmond, assistant matron Michigan Home for Girls.

Mrs. Minnie Harnden, librarian and stenographer of Battle Creek church.

Jennie DeYoung, Bible work in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. T. S. Dock, head lady nurse at West Michigan Sanitarium, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Edith and Edna Wilbur, Bible work in Muskegon.

Nellie Nelson, office work at Otsego.

J. C. Brower, teacher at Cedar Lake.

J. Drury Reavis, music teacher at Cedar Lake.

Mabel Jaffray, Bible work in Grand Rapids.

Clifford Russell, church school work after June 1st, address Allegan, Allegan Co., Mich.

George Patteson, field canvassing secretary, address Paw Paw, Mich.

W. D. Lakin, address Portland, Mich., assistant superintendent of District No. 3.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President.

From the Field.

URBANDALE, BEDFORD, CERESCO, CHARLOTTE AND EATON RAPIDS.

January 2 I left home for a few days visit among the churches in District No. 3. After spending one day in Battle Creek I visited a number of the brethren of the Urandale church whom I found to be in good courage in the work of the message. Although living within a few miles of what has been for so long the center of the work, the brethren of the Urandale church manifested a hearty appreciation

of a visit from a conference laborer.

On Friday I went to Bedford, where I remained over Sabbath and Sunday. This being the occasion of the quarterly meeting, I spoke briefly on Sabbath on the importance of a relation to God which would enable one to partake of the ordinances worthily. The local officers took charge of the ordinances, and the occasion was a very enjoyable one, being witnessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The business meeting on Sunday night was a harmonious meeting, the officers chosen being the unanimous choice of the members present. A meeting in the interests of missionary work was held on the night after the Sabbath, at which a good interest was shown. Several families were visited and, on my part, the visit to the Bedford church was greatly enjoyed.

On Tuesday, January 9, I visited some of the brethren of the Ceresco church, and was sorry to find this little church left so few members, and they so scattered that they have closed the Sabbath-school and meetings for a time, although they have a pleasant and commodious church building. This is an old and long established church, but has suffered much by the loss of members, many of whom have moved to Battle Creek, and it seems to the writer that it would certainly be pleasing to God if some of those in that congested center would remove to this and other small churches similarly situated and thus mutual blessings be experienced.

January 10-12 was spent in Charlotte, meeting with the church on Wednesday night, and visiting at the homes of many of the brethren. It was impossible to visit all in the limited time, but trust that some were encouraged to faithfulness in the trying times before us. Many pleasant acquaintances were formed with the Charlotte brethren.

Sabbath, the 13th, I met with the church at Eaton Rapids in their Sabbath-school and service.

A few earnest souls are left to hold aloft the standard of truth in this place, and it is our prayer that they will be faithful, and that others may be added to their numbers of such as should be saved.

S. D. HARTWELL.

BOMBAY, INDIA.

Dear Readers:—

We are now quite securely planted in this great Eastern field and are glad the Lord has called us to this needy sphere, where honest hearts long to know God. We were compelled to labor for Europeans until we could learn the Hindustani language, but this does not wholly bar us from working among the natives, as some of them speak English real well. The Lord has brought us in contact with several, but we will make mention of but one case at this time: namely, a young Hindu professor whom I met while canvassing for our literature. He soon came to our home and asked us questions and we at once began to give him readings on the truth. How strange it seemed to teach a grown-up individual that he must not fall down to images, nor worship the sun, and yet we have to tell him as a little child the first principles of Christ. We were pleased to have him ask us to pray for him, and when we did he remarked that it was easy to pray that way. The last time he came I asked him to kneel with us in prayer, and after Mrs. Hansen and I had prayed he offered a short but heartfelt prayer to God. We hope he may follow on to know the Lord.

I am also giving Bible readings to Europeans, some of whom are quite interested. One old man is keeping the Sabbath, and we hope in time to have a company in this place.

It is very hot and expensive in Bombay, but we have settled here because this field has long waited and it was the urgent desire of the General Conference as well as the local conference that we labor here.

We covet your prayers that God's Spirit may rest on us and our labors.

Ever your obedient servant,
DR. C. A. HHNSEN.

Time For Action.

"Time is short and God requires every man to be at his post of duty." This statement from the Spirit of Prophecy is of vital importance to every man and woman bearing the name Seventh-day Adventist. In military service a man assigns men to their post of duty, and to fail to execute the work expected of the man called to the post of duty is regarded as disloyalty to the country which has called him to be a soldier. And can we who have enlisted under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel feel that any less obligation rests upon us? With us instead of getting orders from some man, we as individuals are appealed to by the "still small voice" making duty known by saying, "This is the way, walk yet in it." It is possible for one to turn away from hearing that voice till it will no longer be heard. Brother, sister, have you ever heard it speaking to you with reference to your doing what you could by the help of the Lord in getting our books in the hands of the people? Perhaps you have heard it and responded for a time,—so long that you perhaps feel your work is done. It is not the writers business or purpose to say whether any man's work in this important field of labor is done or not. But before deciding it is done, would it not be well to look out over the field of the West Michigan Conference and enquire of the Lord of the harvest if He has not something more for you to do, and then listen as do the angels, "harkening to His word?"

The book work received considerable attention at the conference held in Otsego, and well it might, for there are hundreds of families in West Michigan who have never heard the third angel's message,

and thousands who probably never would hear it only by reading the printed page. Truly the field is wide and the laborers are few. There is need of men and women who will go forward depending upon the strong arm of the Lord for faith and wisdom to do this work.

The executive committee intends that there shall be a canvassers' institute held early the coming spring, notice of which will appear in the "Herald." In the meantime let us be enquiring "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" I shall be glad to hear from those who contemplate taking up the book work.

Earnestly requesting the prayers of God's people for wisdom and divine guidance in my work, I am,

Your fellow-laborer,
GEORGE MATTESON,
Paw Paw, Mich.

News and Notes.

Brother S. D. Hartwell has located in Grand Rapids. His address is 191 James St.

This blue pencil mark means that your subscription expires with this number. Please renew at once.

Elder M. N. Campbell gave the office a call last Monday. His address is 191 James St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

At our recent conference Brother Clifford Russell was elected as Educational Superintendent, but he will not be able to take up the work until June 1, so the church school teachers will please send their reports to Elder A. G. Haughey, Otsego, Mich.

Miss Ada Somerset, who is teaching the church school in Grand Rapids, has started a night school of about ten members who are taking the following: Language, Ancient History, Current Topics, Vocal and Physical Culture, Arithmetic, Bible, and Physiology.

Doctor Elsie M. Martinson, who had charge of the medical work at the West Michigan Sanitarium until the arrival of Doctor L. J. Otis, writes: "I have enjoyed my work here very much. It has been a pleasant stay for me, but I never could give up the South." She will be connected with the medical work in the South.

Elder A. G. Daniells writing to Elder A. G. Haughey under date of January 29 says: "I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated January 24, and I want to tell you that your letter enclosing a draft for \$3,100 made smiles all through our office yesterday. In behalf of our officers and our splendid army of self-sacrificing missionaries at the front, I extend to you and the West Michigan Conference our gratitude for this gift."

We have just finished reading the book, "Addresses for Young People," by Professor C. C. Lewis, who has had several years of experience in working for the young people. The book is full of good things and it will be well for our young people to read it and heed the good instruction that it contains. We believe our young people need the good advice that the last chapter contains. If you wish to know what that is, send \$1.00 to the "Union College Press," College View, Neb. and procure a copy and read it.

Appointments.

The Lord willing, we will appoint meetings as follows:

- Bangor, February 10, 11.
- Covert, February 12, 13.
- Benton Harbor, February 14, 15.
- Glenwood, February 16, 17.
- Decatur, February 18.

GEORGE MATTESON,
S. D. HARTWELL.