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Conference Proceedings.

The third meeting of the West Michigan Conference held at 2:30 p. m., Jan. 19, 1906, opened in the usual manner.

Elder A. G. Haughey in the chair.

The minutes of the forenoon session were called for and approved as read.

As none of the committees responded to the call for reports, Recommendation No. 7 in the President's address was read, which is as follows: "That we continue to favor the training of young men and women as missionary workers."

A motion was made and seconded that this be adopted.

Elder Haughey made the statement that with the exceptions of Elders Butler and Videto who are both engaged in educational work,

and Elder Parkhurst who is about to go to Southern Illinois to take the presidency of that conference, he and Elder Brink are the only ordained ministers in the conference under sixty years of age, and that he believed there were three or four young men in our employ who should be ordained to the gospel ministry. He said that while he believe we had the support of the conference, he would like to have the delegates express their approval of this recommendation.

The following persons spoke in favor of encouraging young men to enter the ministry and other lines of missionary work: Elder G. C. Tenney, Professor B. E. Nicola, Brother Martin DeVries, Elder Kauble, Elder H. Nicola, Elder Parkhurst, Professor W. H. McKee, and Brother Blosser. A suggestion was made by one sister that the delegates use their influence as they go from this meeting to encourage the young people in their home churches to engage in missionary work. Elder Parkhurst cautioned us to be careful about encouraging those who are not adapted to public work to take it up and neglect the calling which they may have in some other direction.

The question was called and a unanimous vote taken.

Conference adjourned at 3:45 p. m. to the call of the Chair.

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

Financial.

Receipts for January, 1906.

	TITHE.
Agnew	\$ 38 62
Allegan	48 17
Allendale	30 20

Battle Creek	2,921 44
Bauer	85 43
Bedford	36 50
Belding	10 00
Benton Harbor	56 30
Berrien Springs	157 70
Brookfield	19 50
Bushnell	67 12
Byron Center	11 27
Carlton Center	74 69
Carson City	40 32
Cedar Lake	93 16
Central New England Conf.	6 12
Charlotte	96 07
Clifford Lake	43 85
Coldwater	67 71
Covert	111 40
Decatur	35 94
Denver	25 38
Diamondale	67 60
Douglas	103 26
Eaton Rapids	10 89
East Michigan Conference	10 93
Edmore	140 89
Emerald	9 50
Fremont	44 44
Frost	1 00
Glenwood	3 98
Grand Rapids	114 39
Grandville	45 54
Greenville	120 75
Hastings	24 17
Holton	31 00
Homer	72 55
Horr	36 16
Indiana Conference	3 00
Individuals	27 00
Kalamazoo	308 23
Kinderhook	48 74
Lakeview	64 08
Lowell	28 71
Lyons	19 52
Maple Grove	49 60
Mecosta	11 62
Mendon	69 85
Monterey	6 87
Muskegon	33 55

Ohio Conference	7 20
Ontario Conference	10 75
Otsego	176 65
Paw Paw	80 69
Portland	54 1ff
Pottersville	31 25
Quincy	100 02
Sand Lake	67 38
Shelby	58 64
Sturgis	12 99
Trufant	24 50
Urbondale	65 63
Vermontville	29 35
Waverly	12 14
West Leroy	95 90
Wright	66 17

\$6,478 14

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Tithe	\$6,478 14
Expense	1 30
S. S. Offerings	368 18
Weekly Offerings	66 27
Educational Fund	2 47
Acre Fund	2 00
Cedar Lake Academy F'd.	1 00
Haskell Home	9 87
Annual Offerings	1,282 62
Mission Board Offerings	35 95
Barotseland Mission	10 40
Self-Denial Fund	8 49
Southern Missionary Society	1 81
Southern Field	23 64
C. O. Lessons Fund	3 75
Miscellaneous Offerings	63
General Fund	1.54
Birthday Offerings	2 07
Salary of E. McHugh	3 28
Loan to Tract Society	
returned	351 41
On Account	4 45

\$8,659 27

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Property	\$238 53
Loan to Sanitarium Re-	
turned	112 07
Loan to S. S. Offerings	
returned	28 64
West Michigan Herald	18 76
Merchandise	80 66
On Account	477 70
	\$956 36

"Ye Must Step Fast."

Doubtless all have learned ere this that another Sunday bill for the District of Columbia was introduced into the House of Representatives January 5, 1906, by Representative A. L. Allen, of Maine. The reader will find this bill printed in full on page 19 of the REVIEW of January 18, with an explanation of the same. Suffice it to say that it is the same bill that was before the House at the last session of Congress, except that this one has a very significant preamble, which makes it appear that President Roosevelt is in favor of the Bill.

The promoters of Sunday legislation are evidently putting forth special efforts to succeed, if possible, during this Congress in securing a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

Without doubt, the defeat that they sustained by the bill's not passing last session has made them more persistent this year. We, therefore, should double our energies in enlightening the people, and defeat the bill now pending before Congress.

Your tract society secretary will be supplied with petition blanks, and the new tract explaining the bill which has been gotten out. Please order these at once if you have not already received them.

It has been found that another most effective way to impress Congress with a measure of this kind is to write them short, pointed, but kind, Christian letters, well-written, protesting against the bill and urging them to use their influence against the same.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of the Representatives from Michigan.

1. Edwin Denby.....Detroit.
2. Chas. E. Townsend*.....Jackson
3. Washington Gardner*....Albion
4. Edward L. Hamilton*.....Niles.
5. Wm. A. Smith*....Grand Rapids.
6. Samuel W. Smith*.....Pontiac.
7. Henry McMorran*....Port Huron.
8. Joseph W. Fordney*...Saginaw.
9. Roswell Bishop*.....Ludington.

10. George A. Loud*.....AuSable.
11. Archibald Darragh*...St. Louis.
12. H. Olin Young*.....Ishpeming.

It will be well to write the Representative from your Congressional District where you reside or to those who reside nearest you. Address your letters to House of Representatives, Capital, Washington, D. C.

It was found last winter that a large number of our own people failed to sign the petition themselves, so we would suggest that every church elder secure without delay the signatures of all the members of his church.

We most earnestly urge all to begin the circulation of the petitions at once; for what we do to defeat this measure must be done quickly.

We shall be glad to receive any items of interest which may come to the attention of those engaged in the circulation of the petitions.

With haste for the Master's cause,

K. C. RUSSELL,

Ch'm. Religious Liberty Bureau.

The Annual Religious Liberty Collection.

The annual collection for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has been recommended to be taken in all of our churches Sabbath, February 24, 1906. It will be remembered that at the last General Conference it was voted that five annual collections should be taken each year, and among these was one for the Religious Liberty Department. It should be noted that the Religious Liberty Department has no income with which to carry on its work except the donations it receives on these annual occasions. We find that the printing of petitions, leaflets, pamphlets, etc., for general circulation explaining the bills which are introduced from time to time involve a large expense. The expense is especially large this year, owing to the fact that it was necessary to publish

two of these pamphlets, one of which was double the size of the one we had printed last year. This expense, together with the large amount of postage it requires to do this work, should be a strong appeal to all our people everywhere to make their offerings liberal at our coming annual collection, February 24.

We feel confident that our people are anxious that we shall meet, with dispatch, every measure that the enemies of liberty may present to abridge the rights of conscience. But, in order to do this, it is evident to all that we must be furnished with the necessary means to defray the expenses which are necessary to do the work of this department.

We trust that all of our church elders will give this matter attention at once in order that all may have a part in contributing to this grand work in extending the Third Angel's Message.

Sincerely Yours,
K. C. RUSSELL.

Educational.

GRAND LEDGE CHURCH SCHOOL.

Our school at Grand Ledge opened September 11 with an enrollment of five. That number has increased until the membership is now eight. Although our numbers are few, the interest in the work is good, and we can see that the pupils are advancing in their studies. This number includes three children whose parents are not Adventists.

We do not have the conveniences here of a modern, well-equipped schoolroom, as we hold our school in a hall in the city, which is used by our people for holding meetings on the Sabbath. But we realize that although this is true, it does not prevent our having a good school and enjoying the blessing of God.

We have eight grades represented, and consequently have our time well filled with class work. We

hope and pray that we may see souls saved in the kingdom as a result of our work, and are laboring with this object in view.

MILDRED WILSON.

Missionary.

Cogitations of an Ex-Canvasser.

As an answer to the oft-repeated question "Why have so many of the old canvassers left the field?" we would ask you to read Proverbs 14:10. No one person can answer that question for every other one, for all have not had the same experience in every particular, although they have many in common.

But, my brother or sister, as the Householder (Matt. 20:6) has gone into the market place about the eleventh hour looking for laborers, has he found you idle because no man hath hired you? If so, please read and see how liberal and kind-hearted the Householder is as manifested in his settlement at the close of the day. Please turn to page 402 of "Christ's Object Lessons" and read the third paragraph, also the last paragraph on page 404, and then cast about and see if there is not a little neglected corner of the Householder's vineyard right close to your own door or perchance in your own enclosure that promises rich returns for the little labor that might be bestowed. Let us each cast about us for the work to be done JUST NOW.

A. B. C.

The Spanish Publications.

During the last few months there has been quite an interest manifested by many of our brethren in different places to do missionary work among the Spanish speaking people. This work has created a demand for literature in the Spanish language.

We have the following list of tracts and pamphlets in Spanish:

Agony of Christ in the Garden	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Benefits of Bible Study	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$

Christ Our Righteousness	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coming of the Lord	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Gift of God to Man	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Great Commandment	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Is the End Near?	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Living by Faith	.01
Price of Our Salvation	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Temptation, The	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
What Must I do to be Saved?	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
We Would See Jesus	.02
Signs of Our Times	.02
Daniel Two	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$
Captain of Our Salvation	.15
Gospel Primer, board	.25
Gospel Primer, cloth	.50

Aside from the other work, we are now printing the series of "Family Bible Teacher," consisting of twenty-eight numbers, which has been translated by Bro. Leland into the Spanish Language. This excellent series of Bible Readings throws great light upon a number of important truths. Those who have read it in the English know what the series contain. It is encouraging to know that this valuable series of Bible studies may now be procured in five languages, namely: English, German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish and Spanish.

Each of these series is enclosed in a printed envelope. The English and Spanish sell at 10¢ per set, postpaid, while those of the other three languages are 20¢ per set.

Order of your Tract Society or the International Publishing Assn., College View, Nebraska.

Help for the Colored Work.

You can help the mission schools for the colored people in the South by selling the Story of Joseph.

It is now being handled on a 40% subscription book, canvassers receiving 40% commission on all sales. In other words, instead of paying 25¢ for a copy of the book as formally, and selling it for the same price, the canvasser now pays 15¢ for this book and sells it for 25¢, thus making a profit of 10¢ on each book.

This plan will enable a good many people to do something to help the mission school work for

the colored people, who would not be able to donate to this cause all the time necessarily spent in selling the book.

Of course, those who desire to do so, can make a donation of their time by giving their commission, but some will wish to earn something in this way to help pay living expenses, and some will doubtless be glad of the opportunity to assist the mission school work, and at the same time earn something to put into other branches of the cause. This they can do by engaging in the sale of the Story of Joseph. **HOW TO OBTAIN THE BOOK.**

The books can be obtained from the Tract Societies the same as other supplies. Those who are selling other books can include a few copies of the Story of Joseph when they are sending in their orders.

We believe that many thousands of these books can be sold, and they will be sold in the near future. Women and children can engage in the sale of this book near their own homes; old persons, too feeble to travel any great distance, can sell the book to their friends and neighbors. It sells very rapidly, and almost everyone who sees it wants a copy. This is certain to be the case in families where there are children; and remember that every penny of profit derived from the sale of this book, is used in helping carry on the mission school work among the colored people in the south.

The Southern Missionary Society ought to receive from this source alone, hundreds of dollars during the present year. Indeed there is no reason why hundreds of thousands of these books might not be sold within a few months.

Remember that the Story of Joseph should be ordered through your Tract Society, just the same as other subscription books.

C. P. BOLLMAN,
Secretary S. M. S.

What It Is For.

The object of holding a book salemen's institute by the West Michigan Conference is to give men and women a fitting up for the business of selling our denominational books to people in order that they may have an understanding of the message God has for the world just now, before the great consummation of all things. In order to do this in about ten days it will be necessary for those who attend to put in at least seven hours each day of hard work in study and practical sale work. It is designed that more than a mere theory shall be considered, that real practical work shall be engaged in by different classes. It will be urged that those books receive special attention of which the Spirit of Prophecy has spoken, and that no book representing any phase of the message be discarded.

To this institute all will be welcome who come for the express purpose of working to fit themselves for service in the field. To those who are decided as to what book they can be most successful with, we would suggest that they begin now to study that book by chapter in order to get the principal points fixed in the mind, together with the printed canvass which will be furnished upon application, by the Tract Society.

It is expected the general field secretary, J. B. Blosser, will be with us. I shall be glad to hear from as many as can engage in the book work.

GEORGE MATTESON,
Field Secretary,
Paw Paw, Mich.

News and Notes.

Elder George Thompson is expected in Battle Creek this week on his way home from the recent Chicago meeting.

The church elders received some marked copies of the Herald, and we hope they will call the atten-

tion of the brethren and sisters to these articles.

Lost—At conference in Otsego an Oxford Bible, with the name of E. L. Richmond stamped on the inside front cover. Finder please communicate with this office.

Eld. E. W. Farnsworth returned to Battle Creek from New York Friday morning and Sabbath morning spoke in the Tabernacle giving the trumpet a most certain sound.

Doubtless the readers noticed several typographical errors in last week's issue of the "Herald." Please remember that editors and printers make mistakes some times, as well as other people.

Sabbath, February 24, 1906, is the day for the annual collection to be taken for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference. Please read what it said about this in another column. We hope that all the church elders will call the attention of the brethren and sisters to this matter.

The February number of "Save the Boys" tells, "How Abraham Lincoln Signed the Temperance Pledge," "Experience of a teetotler," and "How Paul Kept His Pledge." Price five cents a copy, forty cents a year. Address "Save The Boys," Minneapolis, Minn., Washburn Park.

"The Missionary Idea" is the title of the latest book issued by the Union College Press. It is a book of Missionary plans, helps and suggestions to missionary workers in the home, church and school, and will fill a long-felt want. The book is highly recommended by our leading workers. It contains over 225 pages and is handsomely bound in cloth. Sent postpaid for 75 cents. It may be obtained of our tract societies or of the publishers,

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