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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Conference Proceedings.

THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT 2:30 P. M. SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1906.

Elder A. G. Haughey in the chair.

"Jesus Paid It All" was the opening song. Doctor L. J. Otis led in prayer.

It was moved to defer action on the last seven recommendations of the Educational Committee and listen to the reports of the Committees on Young People's Work and Constitution. Carried.

The Committee on Constitution reported as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to recommend amendments and emendations to the Constitution and By-Laws pertaining to this conference, beg to submit the following report:

That Articles I. and II. of the Constitution stand unchanged.

ARTICLE I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II. Territory.

The territory covered by this conference shall consist of the counties of Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Van-Buren, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ionia,

Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Moncalm, Mecosta, and Isabella, of the state of Michigan.

That Article III. be changed to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. Object.

The object of this conference shall be to promote the glory of God, the uplifting and salvation of men through the spread of the everlasting gospel, embracing the special truths for these last days embodied in Rev. 14:6-12.

That Article IV., Section 1, remain unchanged.

ARTICLE IV. Membership.

Section 1. The membership of this conference shall consist of such duly organized Seventh-day Adventist churches as are or may be situated within the boundaries of the conference.

That Section 2 read as follows:

Section 2. This conference shall be composed in its business assemblies of duly accredited delegates from the various churches composing it, chosen at the rate of one delegate for each church organization and one additional delegate from each church for every full fifteen active members belonging to the church; of the members of the Executive Committee of the conference; and of all persons holding ministerial or missionary credentials or licenses from the conference.

That Section 3 read as follows:

Section 3. The conference may at any session extend to such other persons as it shall designate the right to participate in the discussion, or to vote, or both, in the discretion of the conference.

That Article V. be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. Officers.

The officers of this conference shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, and the secretaries or other heads of the various departments created by the conference for carrying on its work.

These shall be elected at the annual sessions of the conference in the same manner as hereinafter provided for the election of the Executive Committee.

That Article VI., Section 1, be not changed.

ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee.

Section 1. The Executive Committee of this conference shall consist of five or more persons, of whom the President shall be one, chosen at the annual session of the conference in such manner as may be prescribed by the delegates thereof. As far as practicable the departments hereinafter mentioned shall be represented on the Executive Committee.

That Section 2 read as follows:

Section 2. The officers of the conference shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and ready to enter upon their duties.

That Section 3 be unchanged except as to slight grammatical emendation.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power between the sessions of the conference. It shall give credentials or licenses to ministers or other workers who are entitled to such recognition; fill any vacancy which may occur in its number, or in the offices, boards, committees, or agents of the conference, unless

other provision be made by vote of the conference for filling such vacancies.

That Section 4 be expunged.

That Article VII. read:

ARTICLE VII. Departments.

The work of this conference shall be carried on under five departments; namely, Evangelical, Educational, Medical, Missionary, and Religious Liberty. Each department shall be under the supervision of a responsible head who shall be chosen by the conference or the Executive Committee with special reference to his fitness properly to discharge the duties of his office.

That Article VIII., Section 1, be amended so as to provide for calling special sessions as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. Sessions.

This conference shall hold a regular yearly session, reckoning from the year 1903, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in the Review and Herald or the conference paper at least two weeks prior to the date of the session.

Section 1. Special sessions may be called by the Executive Committee in the same manner as in calling a regular session, whenever in its mind the circumstances demand it.

That Article IX. be unchanged.

ARTICLE IX. Trustees, Committees, and Agents.

The voters of this conference shall, at each regular session, elect the trustees of such corporate bodies as are or may be connected with this organization according to the state laws governing such corporations, and the conference shall employ such committees and agents as it may deem necessary, according to the by-laws in such cases made and provided.

That Article X. be unchanged.

ARTICLE X. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or at any special session.

PROVIDED, That if it is proposed to amend the constitution at any special session, notice of such purpose shall be given in the call for that session.

Your Committee appointed to recommend amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws pertaining to this conference recommend this body to request the board of trustees of the West Michigan Conference Association if consistent so to amend the By-Laws of that association as to place the power of amending its By-Laws with the association as a body.

Moved and carried to adopt the report as a whole.

(To be continued.)

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

From the Field.

BUCHANAN.

At the late conference it was decided that I make Buchanan my place of labor for some time. After finishing at Sturgis, my wife and I came to this place. We were not in town half an hour until it was noised abroad that a Seventh-day Adventist had come. The day after coming here our arrival was announced at a Methodist dinner party.

We remained the first night with one of our faith,—the only one in town. The next day people commenced to ask questions of the gentleman at whose home we stayed, as to whether we had come to stay, were we going into business, etc.

After securing rooms I got out among the people and find many honest souls who are searching for truth—that which we have to give. I have taken several orders for "Coming King," and I find that many are impressed that Jesus is soon coming.

Since our coming, people have become stirred on the Sabbath question and are putting forth a list of reasons that we so generally hear. The people seem to have a lively interest in it. It is discussed

in the bank and in the little groups that meet on the streets. One old gentleman has taken it upon himself to inform the people that the law does not exist any more. An evangelist kindly informed me to preach the gospel and let the law alone, after which he attacked the gift that is found only in the remnant church.

While canvassing I was turning away from a door when the lady asked if I were the Seventh-day Adventist minister. An affirmative answer gained an entrance to her home. She had been wishing that she might see me, and is impressed with the truth. She is the wife of a supreme court judge. While visiting a sister, she met a friend to whom she began to talk about the Sabbath, her attentive listener admitting the Sabbath truth and saying that she had been impressed by God that she was not keeping the right day.

There are honest souls here who must and will hear the message for these times. We need the prayers of those who look for the coming Saviour.

The other churches are not pleased because we are here, but God is pleased and his smile of approval gives more peace than the world's frown can take away.

J. M. IRVING.

GLENWOOD.

It was my privilege to visit the church at Glenwood February 23-25. Elder W. C. Hebner is holding a series of meetings in our church at that place, and a good interest is manifested.

At the close of the service Sunday evening, February 25, a young man decided to keep the commandments of God. There are others who are studying the truth.

Miss Ruth Saxby is teaching the church school. The scholars are making advancement in their studies and I trust that they will grow in grace, and knowledge of God.

May the efforts that are being put forth for the salvation of souls

be blessed and "the Lord add to the church such as shall be saved."

Elder Hebner will favor us with a more complete report some time in the near future.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Educational.

Haskell Home School.

At present we have an enrollment in our school of about 115 pupils. The regular attendance of course is quite the same, as the children live and attend school in the same building.

There has been very little sickness except during the quarantine for diphtheria. Faithful work was done by our nurses, with Miss Ethel Bosler in charge. Not a case was lost. To be sure, this broke into the school work for a time, but all the rooms have long since settled down to good, active work again.

The primary room, consisting of first and second grades, is my little corner. It is a very pleasant room on the south and west sides of the building. The sunlight of these beautiful days streaming into the windows during the whole session, together with the steam heat, make it possible to brighten up the room still more with a few potted plants.

Before the last stroke of the bell ceases to sound, about thirty little people ranging from seven to nine years of age are in their places anxiously waiting the opening exercises in which they join most heartily.

Have deviated somewhat from the old plan by introducing a "Story Hour," following directly after the opening exercises, to correspond with the story hour over which the public primary teacher makes so much. This was in part an experiment, for instead of myths and fairy tales we have Bible stories. It is, however, no longer a theory with me, but has worked itself into a practice which I shall plan to continue. Had I time and space I would be glad to tell you more concerning the results of this

little plan which I have had opportunity to observe. Suffice it to say it has proven helpful to every other class taught in the primary room.

Besides the little lessons regularly given to the first and second grades we add simple drawing, sewing, and paper sloyd work.

We have a missionary box in our school room, and although the children here have few pennies of their own, they cheerfully bring from their little store while we sing:

"Hear the pennies dropping!
Listen while they fall;
Every one for Jesus.—
He will get them all."

One little boy who was so fortunate as to find a fifty-cent piece on the play ground, which was unclaimed, brought the whole amount as an offering to the Southern field.

Truly I believe that statement that our gifts are not measured so much by what we give as by the amount we have left. I am confident the Lord can bless and multiply the pennies of little orphan children.

Some very pretty little booklets with neatly written Bible verses were prepared for the jail workers who are laboring for the prisoners at Marshall. Possibly these words of life may inspire some of these poor souls who have fallen under temptation to come back to the One who is "able to save to the uttermost all who will come unto Him."

One bright day I took this little band of workers to the James White Home to sing and recite for the inmates who are aged and infirm. Could you have seen the joy that this occasion brought to those old people you could rest assured we felt amply repaid for our time and effort.

On each Monday morning the whole school meets in the assembly room for chapel exercises. These few moments once a week we try to make profitable to the children by association together and by giving a few moments to lessons of

morality in its truest sense.

The sewing of the primary room is continued throughout the grades. This makes the beginners' sewing class of about forty children, the instruction being given by the writer assisted by one of the oldest Home girls. We have had hitherto a very neat graded course in sewing, but are now adopting the course used by the Jewish Training School in Chicago, thinking it better and more practical in many respects.

The advanced sewing class under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Whitney is doing most excellent work in cutting and drafting.

Thus you may see our aim is to fit the children for the practical duties of life as they are necessarily, under their circumstances, thrown early out upon a selfish world to make their way through life.

The boys are also considered in our plans. We give them an opportunity to work in the sloyd room. It is very interesting to study the work turned out, for in every case one can read the character of the one who has constructed the model. So this is another means to help the church school teacher in the developing of character in her students.

The children who are prepared to do work in advance of the church school are sent over to the Battle Creek Academy. We are glad for the benefits of this school.

On Friday evening at the beginning of the Sabbath the children all meet together for their missionary meeting. This, at present, is conducted by Miss Lena Hunt whom we are glad to have associated with us in the school work, looking after and advancing the interests of the older children.

The teachers have met for teachers' meetings in counsel with Mrs. E. H. Whitney in this work. We realize "the little foxes spoil the vines," so by co-operation we hope to exterminate everything that does not pertain to a healthful growth of the child, physically, mentally, and spiritually. We

have spent some precious seasons together.

All the teachers are cheerful and seem to be enjoying the work the Master has deemed best to call them to this year. We believe the harvest truly is great and the reapers few. We hope and pray our efforts may not be in vain, but that some of those for whom we labor now may yet be among those to whom the message comes, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel as a witness unto all nations."

LOTTIE BELL.

Report of Church Schools for October, 1905.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Bauer	Janet Campbell	10	9	19
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	71	65	136
	Minnie Hart			
	Mrs. C. N. Saunders			
	Frances L. Case			
	Harriot Hefley			
Berrien Springs	Florence Kelsey	10	14	24
Bloomington	Estella Murphy	3	4	7
Carlton Center	Grace Evans	4	4	8
Cedar Lake	VoWyla Aiken	9	10	19
Charlotte	Mrs. E. A. S. Clark	5	8	13
Covert	Amy Woodruff	3	6	9
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	4	2	6
Maple Grove	Myrtle Lawrence	2	4	6
Odessa	Tina Jorgensen	2	2	4
Paw Paw	Grace Davis	10	5	15
So. Monterey	Eugene C. Waller	9	9	18
Wright	Winifred Trunk	6	4	10
Totals		148	146	294

Canvassers' Institute.

Arrangements are being made to hold an institute at Cedar Lake, Mich., April 4-12, 1906, for the benefit of those who desire to canvass for denominational literature. Special arrangements have been made with the Cedar Lake Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College so that any young men or women who will sell one hundred fifty dollars worth of subscription books, retail value, during the summer, can have the privilege of attending either of these schools for one school year. It is expected that all those living in the three northern districts; namely, fourth,

fifth, and sixth, will attend the institute at Cedar Lake. Brethren S. D. Hartwell and George Matteson are now visiting the churches in these districts. Any one desiring special information regarding the canvassing work should address either George Matteson, Paw Paw, Mich., or S. D. Hartwell, 191 James St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

Dr. L. J. Otis met with the Bauer church last Sabbath, and expects to be with the Wright church next Sabbath.

The editor spent last Sabbath at Benton Harbor in the interest of the Sabbath-school and Young People's work.

Elder A. G. Haughey was at Berrien Springs last week attending a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee.

We have just received the March number of "Life and Health." It contains many good things. If you want a good thing cheap, subscribe for "Life and Health;" it is only 50 cents a year.

Battle Creek Notes.

Miss Fern West has been on the sick list during the past week. She is again at her post this week.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth delivered a most interesting and instructive sermon on religious liberty in the tabernacle last Sabbath morning.

A special effort is being made to secure subscriptions for the LIBERTY magazine. A number of our people are canvassing in different parts of the city.

The Dorcas Society, which now numbers over sixty members, is doing good work. Many families have been helped this winter, and much good done in many ways.

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Signed, C. McREYNOLDS,

Pres. Wisconsin Conference.

Appointments.

The undersigned expects to hold meetings with the following churches on the days named below:

Frost March 7.

Clifford Lake, March 8.

Greenville, March 9, 10.

Gowen, March 11.

Trufant, March 12.

Sand Lake, March 13.

Edmore, March 15.

The hour of service will be left with the local elder to arrange.

S. D. HARTWELL.