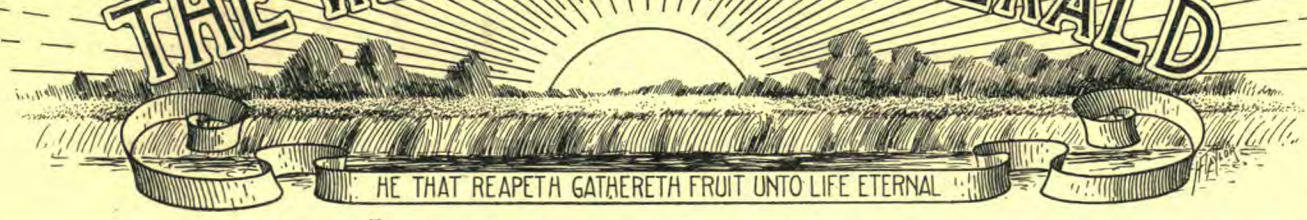


# THE WEST MICHIGAN HERALD



HE THAT REAPETH GATHERETH FRUIT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL

VOL. IV.

OTSEGO, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 19, 1906.

No. 49

## The West Michigan Herald.

Issued every Wednesday by the West Michigan S. D. A. Conference, Otsego, Michigan.

Rate: 25 Cts. per year (50 numbers) in advance.

Entered Sept. 23, 1903, at Otsego, Mich., as second class matter, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1878.

Margaret Haughey, Editor.

### How Shall We Observe the Holidays?

Sanitarium, California,

December 6, 1906.

"For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich."

Shall we follow Christ as our pattern? In His life of self sacrifice was seen not one jot or tittle of selfishness. He who had been rich in the heavenly courts, left all His wealth and power, and came to this world, clothed in the humble garb of humanity. For our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Like Him, His followers are by lives of self-denial to be a blessing to the world. If in the lives of all God's people the character of Christ were revealed, we should see thousands more converted to the truth.

If men would only remember that every favor they receive is a gift from God, would they not do very much more than they are now doing to relieve His work of the embarrassment of poverty? Would they not act the noble part in rendering to the Lord that which is His own?

Wealth hoarded will become a curse. Often the Lord cannot preserve and bless the possessions of

men because the owners feel little or no obligation to assist in the great work of proclaiming the truth in new fields. Their substance, generously divided with their brethren who are laboring with meager facilities in destitute fields, would bring in rich blessings from God.

No charity is complete unless it reveals an appreciation of the gospel. Those who now, in this time of emergency, selfishly hold on to their means, will soon suffer the loss of all they have. Those who are truly converted, and who have more than sufficient for their immediate necessities, will freely impart of their abundance to help those who are poorer than they.

All should feel an intense interest in the advancement of the third angel's message. The work of proclaiming this message has already grown to large proportions; but it is to advance still more rapidly. We need many more laborers, and God's loyal people, filled with a spirit of self-denial, should now give cheerfully and liberally, in order that facilities may be provided for the entering of new territory. In many places the work has been retarded because of the scarcity of means. The rebuke of God will rest upon those who do not come up to His help against the mighty powers of darkness.

Shall we not, as a people, refrain from following the custom of the world in unnecessary indulgence during the coming holiday season? O how much might be accomplished in needy mission fields with the money that is squandered in various ways at this

season of the year by those who profess to be Christians!

Will not the Seventh-day Adventists in every place first consecrate themselves to the Lord, and then do their very best, according to their circumstances, to advance His work, by gifts and offerings? Will they show that they appreciate the blessings of the Lord and that they are grateful for His mercy? Will they not consider their obligations to God, at a time when the world especially seeks for pleasure, and expends large sums of money for gifts to those who are not needy?

I have said to my family and my friends, I desire that no one shall make me a birthday or Christmas gift, unless it be with the permission to pass it on into the Lord's treasury, to be appropriated in the establishment of missions.

I will greatly praise the name of the Lord if His people, at this time, by the exercise of benevolence, will increase the facilities for successful work in many needy fields. I long to see among Seventh-day Adventists an increase of faith and courage, and more praise and thanksgiving to God, so that while in the past there has been a withholding of means, there shall from henceforth be seen the evidences of a grateful heart,—the faithful bestowal of gifts and offerings, to supply the needs of many destitute fields.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

For Sale.—Forty acres of land with new buildings and other improvements. A desirable home. Farm joins the Cedar Lake Academy farm. Address W. J. McCurdy, Cedar Lake, Michigan.

<b>One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.</b>					
Grandville	\$ 20 00	D. F. Smith	5 00	Mrs. F. Squires	1 00
Battle Creek	198 42	Harriet Campbell	1 00	Franklin Squires	1 00
Dimondale	23 00	Wm. Briggs	1 00	M. V. Moore	25
Carson City	10 00	Wm. Pierce	1 00	Mrs. M. V. Moore	50
Otsego	12 66	R. C. Horton	5 00	Total	412 09
G. W. Woodruff and wife	6 00	Alonzo McNett	50		
William Collard	5 00	Claude Countryman	50		
Laura Davis	50	Wm. Merrial and wife	2 00		
Bell Collard	2 00	Edwin Pohmann	1 00		
Joe Collard	5 00	Oren Evans	5 00		
Dora Palmer	1 00	Anna Evans	50		
Quincy	20 50	Henry Swartout	1 00		
John Putman	1 00	Mrs. Joseph Bennett	25		
Eber Weed and wife	5 00	Mrs. S. A. Buchanan	1 00		
C. C. Collins and wife	5 00	James Peterson	3 00		
Hastings	4 55	Bertha Peterson	3 00		
L. H. Goodime	1 00	E. R. Bliss	10 00		
C. M. King	50	E. S. H. Bliss	25 00		
Sand Lake	1 25	Denver Center	2 86		
Kalamazoo	57 59	Holland S. S.	5 00		
Benton Harbor	5 50	Monterey	5 27		
Eaton Rapids	6 25	Total	630 82		
Wright	15 71	<b>Conference Improvement Fund.</b>			
Potterville	6 04	A. G. Haughey	25 00		
Byron Center	3 15	S. M. Butler	25 00		
Allegan	16 13	E. VanDeusen	25 00		
Portland	17 34	Jennie DeYoung	17 50		
W. C. Hebner	6 00	G. W. Amadam	21 50		
Grand Ledge	13 19	Fred Brink	20 00		
Shelby	7 00	W. C. Hebner	25 00		
Clifford Lake	1 80	Jennie Nelson	25 00		
Era Carr	1 00	Nellie Nelson	25 00		
Ellen Carr	1 00	J. B. Sperry	25 84		
Sophia Carr	3 00	Charlotte church	1 00		
A. M. Carr	5 00	James Irving	10 00		
Anna Butzer	1 00	M. N. Campbell	25 00		
Mr. Lonson	5 00	Mecosta church	3 45		
A. A. Servoss	1 00	H. Nichola	15 00		
John Merriett	5 00	R. C. Horton	25 00		
Geo. W. Cole	5 00	L. J. Otis, M. D.	25 00		
M. S. Burnham	1 00	C. A. Russell	5 00		
Glenwood	3 42	Minnie C. Harden	15 00		
Decatur	3 41	E. A. Merriam	5 00		
Mendon	18 53	H. C. Pitton	25 00		
Harvey Sterling	3 00	A Friend	10 00		
Ella Sterling	3 00	Harvey Sterling	2 00		
Charlie Sterling	3 00	Jennie Swartout	50		
C. E. Messer	5 00	Matie Swartout	50		
Martha Drake	5 00	H. O. Swartout	1 00		
Mrs. DeLorbe	1 00	C. E. Swartout	1 00		
Wm. Cronk and wife	5 00	Hubert Swartout	25		
Hattie Benton	50	Florence Swartout	25		
L. A. Frohmader	5 00	Mrs. M. J. Miner	50		
W. A. Frohmader	5 00	Uriah Miner	1 00		
Henry Frohmader	5 00	Lowell church	30		
		Greenville church	2 75		

### From the Field.

I have spent some time in visiting the churches in this locality. Some of them have not had any help for so long that they appreciate a visit from one of our workers very much.

December 8 I met with the church at Morley. There are only a few members left at that place, and with but two exceptions, the members are scattered from five to nine miles away. However, they are all full of hope and courage over the progress of the message and all decided they would do all they could to raise the \$150,000 fund.

H. C. PITTON.

### Report of the Otsego Young People's Society.

I always enjoy reading the reports of other societies, and thought you might like to hear of our work.

Our society was organized June 30, and we immediately began laying definite plans for work. Of course our town is small but each member has been able to work in some way for the Lord; such as personal work, visiting the sick, giving to the poor, giving away and selling literature, sending away papers and writing letters. We have visited every home in the town three times, first giving the Earthquake Signs, next a tract, and last we gave them the Thanksgiving number of the Signs.

Our weekly meetings are interesting, two members having charge of the service. One leading in the devotionals, and the other giving the lesson. We are studying from the Family Bible Teacher, and also learning memory verses from these studies.

We feel confident that the Lord

will bless our society here if we will but look first, midst, and last to Him, to aid us in our work.

EDITH SHEPARD.

**Report of Sabbath School Convention held at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., Dec. 1, 1906.**

After a few opening remarks by the president of the convention, Prof. C. L. Stone, the congregation joined in singing "My Sabbath Home" and we all joined in prayer with Elder Curtis. The College Chorus Class then favored us with an anthem entitled "Praise Waiteth for Thee." This was followed by an interesting and pretty exercise by the youth and children of the Sabbath school. A paper prepared and read by Mr. Brown, one of our colored students, entitled "The Sabbath School a Training School for Mission Fields," clearly set forth the important duties of the Sabbath school in preparing its young people for the Master's service. Dr. Runck lead out in a discussion on "The purpose of the Sabbath school" followed by others each one presenting some new and different ideas.

Several of the members of the Benton Harbor Sabbath school then favored us with some very appropriate music. Ten of the students, Mr. Harry Westcott, Mr. Harry Hall, Miss Audry Murphy, Mr. Henry Elloit, Miss Laura Stone, Miss Cora Blosser, Mr. John Ragland, Miss Nellie Strickler, Mr. Ernest Rushland, and Miss Mable Curtis, were asked to tell us how they prepare their Sabbath school lessons. Opportunity was also given others to tell their experiences and many interesting and helpful suggestions were made, one being that wherever we are or whatever we may be doing we should always carry our Bibles with us, so if we have a few idle moments we may commit to memory some text of the lesson. The question being raised "How do mothers find time to teach the little ones their lesson"

was quite fully answered by Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Newman, and Mrs. Cowles. Miss Almeda Haughey read the following extract from the writings of Sister White,— "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath school lesson with your children. Give up the social visit if need be, rather than sacrifice the hour devoted to the precious lessons of sacred history. Observe system in the study of the Scriptures in your families. Neglect anything of a temporal nature; dispense with all unnecessary sewing and with needless provision for the table, but be sure that the soul is fed with the bread of life."

The next subject "How I teach the lesson to my class," was discussed by Prof. Videto. He said he not only wished his class to commit scriptures to memory, but to do some independent thinking and answer the questions in their own language. Mr. Frank Kendall of Benton Harbor, Mr. Bert Standish, a student; Miss Margaret Haughey and Prof. Haughey also took part in the discussion of the subject.

After an appropriate song by the College Male Quartet the meeting adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

Promptly at 3 o'clock we met again and all joined in singing "Tell me the old, old story." Prayer was offered by Dr. Annis followed by an anthem "We will extol Thee," by the College Chorus Class. A paper was read by Mr. Perry Webber, one of our students, entitled, "A model teacher, a model pupil," followed by a paper by Mrs. C. L. Stone on the same subject. These papers were discussed by Mr. Booze, Elder Curtis, Mr. Standish and Prof. Kauble. Music was next rendered by the male quartet from Benton Harbor. "A model Sabbath school" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. Porter of Benton Harbor and this was followed by remarks from Prof. Kauble, and Prof. Haughey. Our State Secretary Miss Margaret Haughey, being with us was asked to speak to

us a few minutes. Her remarks were listened to with good attention and interest.

The meeting closed by singing the "Doxology," and I am sure that all felt much benefitted for having been present.

MYRTIE FISHELL, Sec'y.

**Portland.**

The school at Portland was opened October 31 with an attendance of five. The membership has increased to nine. One child's parents are not Sabbath keepers. There seems to be quite an interest here in regard to the school. An account of the school and its special studies was put in the paper by those who are not in the truth.

The children seem to enjoy their work very much, and take quite an interest in telling to others the lessons they learn. One little boy was asked the difference between our school and the public school, he replied, "We read the Bible, sing and pray, and we can't swear or do anything naughty." The subject of swearing had not been mentioned in the school, but he seemed to understand that it was not allowed. He is a bright little boy, full of life and energy and if we can interest him in our work would make a good worker for Christ.

I enjoy my work this year and hope and pray that this year's work will result in the conversion of each child.

We had exercises Thanksgiving day which were well attended. Brother Clifford Russell, our educational secretary was with us.

GRACE L. DAVIS.

**To Our Holland Brethren.**

All church officers who have Holland speaking brethren in their church, kindly take notice of this. The Sabbath-school lessons in the Holland language will be ready within eight days. The writer will send them to the same parties who have received them before. If there are some who have not received them in the past and would like to have them now, kindly let

us know as soon as possible, and we will supply all who desire them. The Holland Sabbath-school lessons are better now than ever. The notes which go with the lessons are with only one exception all complete. A diagram illustrating the 2300 years is included. Be sure to secure this lesson quarterly.

Yours in Christ,  
J. W. HOFSTRA.

### **The West Michigan Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists.**

The delegates to the regular session of the West Michigan Conference are also members of the West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists. The trustees of this association will be elected by the West Michigan Conference in harmony with the revised by-laws of said association at the time of the regular annual session of the West Michigan Conference which is to take place during the annual session at Cedar Lake, Michigan, December 24 to 28.

A. G. HAUGHEY,  
Pres. West Mich. Con. Ass'n. of  
Seventh-day Adventists.

### **Special Notice.**

The Cedar Lake church and the Academy have agreed to lodge and board the delegates at the next session of the conference. We hope that none but delegates will attend, because we will be unable to care for visitors. It will tax the school and church members to the utmost to properly care for the delegates, and there are no hotels nearer than Edmore three miles distant.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

### **Election of Delegates.**

All the churches of the West Michigan Conference that have not already elected their delegates should do so at once. The conference secretary will furnish the church clerks with credentials, and we trust the credentials will be filled out and returned to the conference secretary, E. A. Merriam, at a very early date.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

### **NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS.**

The committee appointed by the Cedar Lake church to arrange for entertaining the delegates to the West Michigan Conference would kindly request each church clerk to send to the undersigned the names of the delegates from his church who will attend the conference. It is necessary to have these names one week before the conference in order to locate the delegates before they come. Please attend to this matter AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

JENNIE NELSON,  
Cedar Lake, Mich.

### **A New Method of Teaching Reading.**

The Rational Method of Teaching reading is being introduced in the most progressive schools of this country. It successfully combines the virtues and avoids the faults of the old methods. The new readers that were recommended by the Educational Convention held at College View last summer, and now being published by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, were prepared in the light of this method.

Brother O. J. Graf, Educational Secretary of the Northern Union Conference, has prepared an outline of instruction on this method, which should be a great help to every teacher of reading. The outline comes in pamphlet form. Prices, post paid single copy, five cents; twenty-five copies, \$1.00; one hundred copies, \$3.50.

Order of the Educational Department of the Northern Union Conference, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

### **"The End of the World in This Generation."**

This is the title of a special number of the Watchman just coming off the press. The title will challenge the attention of everyone whether they love or hate this message, and insures a careful reading of the contents. Everybody is interested in literature bearing on the end of the world and our peo-

ple should take this opportunity to distribute this number of the Watchman putting it into every hand who will receive it. The writer has carefully examined the articles in this issue and they are splendidly written, and will carry conviction to the reader. The Battle Creek church has ordered three thousand to start with. This is a rare opportunity. Let us rise and grasp it.

Prices are as follows: 5 to 24 copies, 4 cents each; 25 to 299, 3 cents; 300 or over, 2½ cents.

Remember the time cometh when no man can labor.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

### **News and Notes.**

Sabbath December 1, seven members were added to the Douglass church.

W. H. Edwards spent a few days last week at the office auditing the conference books.

Doctor L. J. Otis spoke to the member of the Otsego church, Wednesday evening December 12, on the subject of Bible temperance.

We are very sorry to inform our readers that Brother Clifford Russell is quite sick. We hope the readers of the Herald will remember him at the throne of grace that he may be spared to his family and to the cause of God.

Elder W. D. Curtis, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, S. D. Hartwell, Elder S. E. Wight, president of the North Michigan Conference; Mrs. E. S. Clark, church school teacher at Bedford; Miss Flossie Hall, teacher from Grand Ledge; W. J. Fairchild, teacher from Westphalia, East Michigan Conference; Miss Irma Parks, teacher at Charlotte, and Miss Margaret Haughey were the laborers presents at the convention held at Charlotte December 8 and 9.