

A. G. Daniels

# THE WEST MICHIGAN HERALD

HE THAT REAPETH GATHERETH FRUIT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL

Vol. V.

OTSEGO, MICHIGAN, JANUARY 9, 1907.

No. 2

## Conference Proceedings.

### Third Meeting Tuesday 3:30 P. M.

Conference opened with the usual devotional service of song and prayer. Elder Campbell in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Additional delegates were seated as follows: Lowell, Oren Evans; Grand Rapids, Dr. L. J. Otis, J. M. Wilbur; Edmore, A. J. Barratt; Clifford Lake, L. H. Gudme; Sturgis, J. M. Irving, Mrs. J. M. Irving; Kalamazoo, Mrs. Florence Kneeland; Mt. Pleasant, Warner S. Cole, A. Servoss.

Committee on Plans then gave a partial report as follows:

1. RESOLVED, That we as a conference render our hearty support to the instructions of the testimonies that the medical missionary work should be the right hand of the message, and that we utilize such effort in aggressive missionary work.

(a) By educating our people along health lines through personal effort and by conducting studies monthly through the West Michigan Herald; and that we make a special effort to see that they become subscribers to Life and Health.

(b) By connecting with tent efforts and series of meetings, lectures on health and temperance, thus using this branch of the work as an entering wedge.

2. In order that a large number of workers may be developed within our conference who shall, as soon as they have sufficient experience, be encouraged to go to more destitute fields; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That each con-

ference worker and local church elder see to it that suitable persons from each church be encouraged to engage in missionary work with our literature, and that a suitable person be selected to co-operate in training these workers.

This report was adopted by considering each item separately. At this point Elder Haughey took the chair.

The first resolution was discussed by Elder Campbell, Dr. Hansen, Dr. Otis, Elder Haughey, J. B. Blosser, Elder Bourdeau, J. M. Wilbur and J. W. Hofstra.

Brother DeVries asked the question whether Health Reform was to be used as the entering wedge; and stated that he had known of instances when it was opposed. Elder Haughey stated that this would necessitate the medical superintendent spending much of his time in the field.

This resolution was passed unanimously by the conference. After a recess of fifteen minutes, the conference sang one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee." Elder Heckman offered prayer.

Resolution No. 2 was then read and discussed by Brethren Blosser, Crothers, Curtis, Nicola, Dr. Otis. W. D. Curtis thought we needed some trained workers, but expressed himself as heartily in favor of the resolution.

The committee on Licenses and Credentials submitted the following partial report: For credentials: Elders A. G. Haughey, S. M. Butler, I. D. VanHorn, M. S. Burnham, H. Nicola, A. C. Bourdeau, W. C. Hebner, R. C. Horton, M. N. Campbell, W. E. Videto, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland.

These names were acted upon separately, and credentials were granted as recommended. The names of Elders E. VanDeusen and Fred Brink had been omitted from the report because Elder VanDeusen has gone to Alabama and it is not certain that he will return, and it was thought best to leave it to the Conference Committee to grant his credentials when he does return; and Elder Brink has gone to Arizona and so that conference will renew his credentials.

Conference adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

### Fourth Meeting of the Conference Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

Elder Haughey in the chair.

Hymn No. 1260 was sung and prayer was offered by Elder Bourdeau. Scripture lesson was given by Elder Haughey.

Reading of the minutes was waived.

Elder Haughey stated, as had been announced, the time would be given to our laborers, and he called upon Elder Nicola. Elder Nicola's work has been in District No. 1, of which he is director. He had not attempted to do pioneer work especially, but confined his work mostly to the churches and helping them in getting actively engaged in all lines of our work. He has visited Niles and Union City and spent one night at Berrien Springs where he talked to the students. He had been present at three quarterly occasions of the Benton Harbor church. He did not do much public work here, but spent most of the time in visiting and personal

work. He had been at Glenwood several times and had by appointment met Elder Hebner there. Has baptized four persons at that place. There are nine or ten churches in his district.

As Mendon is the home of Brother Collier, he did not deem it necessary to spend much time there. Brother Collier had done some labor with his home church. Not much work has been done in Branch County. There are three companies in this county. At Coldwater he had helped the brethren in the distribution of literature and promised to come back and help still further in this work.

At Sturgis he found the work in a growing condition, and others are taking hold of the truth. At this place he received \$20 on the \$150,000 fund, and they had promised to help still further. Burlington and Union City have united in their services. There is a good interest to hear the truth in Union City. Elder Heckman held Sunday evening services there some little time with good attendance. There has been little work done in St. Joseph and Cass counties.

Elder Burnham was the next speaker. He stated that he had no field. Elder Haughey remarked that his field was the West Michigan Conference. Elder Burnham said that in building a stone wall we use what we call chinkers, and stated he had been used for that purpose. He had been at Belding where he was connected with Brother and Sister Brower who are now in Porto Rico. The work in this town in some respects was a peculiar one, for there are three silk mills, and they had to work with the people outside of working hours, but much seed had been sown and we believe it will spring up and bear fruit. There is still need of work being done in Belding. After camp-meeting he labored in Greenville, visiting with the people, and his help was very much appreciated.

Elder Bourdeau stated how

grateful he was to be with us in the proclamation of the message. He has been connected with the work over fifty years. After camp-meeting he joined Brother and Sister Whitmarsh in work at Muskegon with a good interest, but on account of cold weather they were obliged to take the tent down when the meetings ought to have continued longer. Several accepted the truth and the church was helped and strengthened. After the council of workers he looked after the work in Union City and Burlington and other surrounding churches. At Union City the work is progressing. About thirty are meeting on the Sabbath, the brethren gathering from the surrounding country. It is planned to organize a church there in the near future.

At Bedford some money was raised on the "big fund." They are holding the young people at that church because they have a good church school in charge of a good teacher.

Brother Amadon was then called upon. He said he was not a minister and felt somewhat embarrassed at being called upon. He worked fifty years in the Review and Herald. After the burning of the office he worked for a time at Nashville, Tennessee, and had not expected to ever plant his feet on Battle Creek soil again, but it seemed in the providence of God that he should be called back to that city to labor. He is visiting the sick and having Bible readings and talks with those with whom he can arouse an interest. There seems to be many sick people in Battle Creek, and these need to be visited, and he has been visiting and praying with them. He expressed his desire to carry out the instructions as found in the Bible and Testimonies in regard to prayer for the sick.

Elder Hebner was the next speaker. He had district No. 1 until Elder Nicola took charge, he is now located in district No. 5. At Hesperia he held some interesting

meetings. Two accepted the truth as result of the work done there.

His home is at Shelby but has not spent many Sabbaths there.

He had been connected with Brother Hartwell in tent effort at Hart and Mears. At Hart they found the people very busy working in the canning factory, sometimes even working all day on Sunday. This had hindered their work. The tent meeting at Mears had been in progress only about ten days when they were called to camp-meeting. They left a good interest there and hope in the future to work further in that place.

Meeting adjourned until 9 a. m. Wednesday.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

---

### From the Field.

---

#### Spartanburg, S. C.

Since my last letter the Lord has been blessing us, altho we have been made to realize in a very practical way the fact that the "dragon is wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

In November the Grand Jury of Spartanburg presented all our ministers and people in the country for indictment as incorrigible and persistent violators of the Sabbath. The Spartanburg Journal contained an editorial in favor of Religious Liberty, but not rightly representing us as a people, saying we were a moral, harmless, but deluded sect of people. It represented us as having set time for the end, and in spite of our predictions the obstinate old world was still in existence and doing business at the same old stand.

Elder Nash was away at the time so I tried, with much prayer and the Lord's help to answer it. Two days after Elder Carey had an article in on Religious Liberty. The editor was glad to receive the

articles and printed mine in full, but mangled Elder Carey's considerably. The Baptist convention was in session here at the time and the whole city was stirred over the matter. The Baptists resolved to do all in their power for better observance of the Sabbath, but not by legislation, setting their face against that as a convention.

The Lord used the circumstances to open the eyes of many to the evils of religious legislation. We do not think there will be any indictments at present as public sentiment is against it. Many are inquiring into the truth and we hope to see some precious souls take their stand soon.

The church at this place has subscribed means to send Liberty for one year to thirty-seven individuals, in this number are included judges, lawyers, the grand jury, doctors, dentists, college professors and others.

Pray for us that the Lord may work mightily for His own glory and that we in this needy field may be baptized with the Holy Spirit for a new consecration, new zeal, and power in the cause of God.

ELIZABETH McHUGH.

### The \$150,000 Fund.

We are certain that all our people are interested in the work of supplying the fields and building up the institutions for which this plan of raising \$150,000 was instituted. The first \$50,000 of this amount is to be sent to the South.

At the earnest request of those interested, we have prepared leaflets setting forth the situation and the needs here. One of these is entitled, "Why \$50,000 is appropriated to the Work in the South," and contains statements by Elder George I. Butler, Prof. J. E. Tenney, Dr. F. A. Washburn, Dr. M. M. Martinson, Chas. F. Curtis, I. A. Ford, Lyman D. Randall and J. S. Washburn, in regard to the institutions to be assisted by this fund,—the Nashville Sanitarium, the Huntsville School, the Southern

Training School, the Graysville the Atlanta Sanitarium, and the Southern Publishing Association. Pictures of all these institutions appear in the leaflet. It is a comprehensive and clear statement of the present needs of the South which are to be supplied by this fund.

The other leaflet contains statements from the Testimonies calling for help for the work in the South, and definitely locating the headquarters for the Southern work in Nashville. Only a few statements, selected from the great volume of Testimonies that have been sent out for many years appealing to our people to help the work in the South, are quoted, among these some of the very latest.

These leaflets will be of great interest. We will gladly furnish them to anyone who desires them, if you will apply to us at 610 Meridian St., Nashville, Tenn.

J. S. WASABURN.

### Relation of Our Young People to The Sabbath-School Work.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. This applies to the work in the Sabbath-school as well as in our daily work. We have more might in our youth than when we get older. The youth have a work and when those who are older see the young that are ready to step into the ranks it causes them to rejoice, for when this Gospel is preached in all the world, we know that the end will come quickly. And if all our young people should enter the work, it would spread as a fire started in the prairie after a drought.

The Sabbath-school is one of God's work shops where minds are molded, to some extent of course, it would be more were they under the same influence the rest of the week. When we hear the reports from distant fields it creates a desire to help carry on the work and I am sure nothing would give us more happiness in this world and

the one to come. NOTHING could be more profitable for we would be laying up treasure in heaven.

The young people should learn to be a help in the Sabbath-school. It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth. If the yoke is borne when one is young it will not be hard or grievous when one grows older. I feel it a duty to add that all whether young or old, should try to do the work that is given to them. Better fail in the attempt than to shirk from duty. The Young People's work and the church are not rival institutions. The banding of our young people into companies of workers means that they are to be church workers. It should mean that the young people who really love Jesus will be more faithful in their attendance at the regular services, the prayer meeting, the missionary meeting, and the Sabbath-school. It should mean that the young people should be workers in all these lines. They should have their lessons carefully prepared and be regular in attendance. In this they may be an incentive to the older ones.

LUCILE GREGG.

Have you read the January number of "Life and Health?" If not send to the publishers, Washington, D. C., for a sample copy and read it. Samples will be sent on application free of charge. This is a good time, at the beginning of the year, to subscribe for this health journal. It is only fifty cents a year in price, yet it is worth much more to anyone. It is the purpose of the editors to make "Life and Health" especially helpful during 1907. It is one of the best periodicals to use in connection with missionary work. It serves as a splendid "entering wedge" to the full message. If you do not now take the journal, send for a sample and examine it.

## 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.

### OFFICERS.

President,	-	A. G. Haughey Otsego.
Vice President,	-	S. M. Butler Cedar Lake
Secretary and Treasurer,	E. A. Merriam Otsego	
Asst. Sec'y. and Treas.	-	Fred Green Otsego
Educational Secretary,	Clifford Russell Otsego.	
Medical Secretary	-	L. J. Otis, M. D. 202 S. Fuller St., Grand Rapids
Religious Liberty Sec'y,	S. D. Hartwell, 335 John St., Charlotte.	
Sabbath-school Sec'y,	-	Margaret Haughey, Otsego.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

### Young Peoples' Day.

With the approval of the General Conference Committee, Jan. 26, 1907, has been set apart as Young Peoples' Day, and all our churches are invited to observe it.

Early in January there will be a special Young People's Day number of the Youth's Instructor which will contain the readings for the morning session of the program. In a series of articles by M. E. Kern, appearing in some of the December numbers of the Instructor, suggestive helps are given on the topics for the "Three Minute Papers," to be assigned to local members.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Bible and Testimony Study.  
"The Work of Young People," Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth.  
Reading, Mrs. E. G. White.  
Reading, "A Place in This Message for All Our Youth," G. B. Thompson.  
Reading, "A Preparation for Work," Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.  
Consecration Prayer Season.  
Reading, "The Levant Mission Field."

Mission Offering.  
Song and Benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening Exercises.  
Letter from the State Secretary of Young People's Work. 1. "Object of Young Peoples' Societies." 2. "What Societies May Accomplish."

Three Minute Papers, "What Young People Can Do," Assigned to Local Members: 1. Personal Work. 2. Sabbath-school Work. 3. Distribution of Literature. 4. Christian Help Work. 5. Bible Work. 6. Work for Other Young People. 7. Help for Mission Fields.

"Duty of the Church to the Young People's Society."

"Relation of the Young People's Society to the Church."

Closing Exercises.

For further information address,  
MARGARET HAUGHEY,  
Otsego, Mich.

### Distribution of Laborers.

Battle Creek; Elder M. N. Campbell, Elder I. D. VanHorn, G. W. Amadon, A. L. Bayley, Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph; Dr. C. A. Hansen.

Berrien Springs; Elder W. E. Videto.

Cedar Lake; Elder S. M. Butler, Mrs. S. M. Butler, Leslie Avery.

Grand Rapids; Elder W. H. Heckman, J. M. Wilbur, Jennie DeYoung, Mrs. W. H. Heckman, Miss Mabel Baker.

Kalamazoo; Elder B. F. Kneeland, Mrs. B. F. Kneeland, Edna Bellows, Erma Paul.

Muskegon; Moses Whitmarsh, Mrs. Moses Whitmarsh, Misses Zona and Nona Carr.

Elders M. S. Burnham, A. C. Bourdeau, N. Nicola, R. C. Horton, W. C. Hebner, S. D. Hartwell, J. W. Hofstra, Dr. L. J. Otis, Brethren E. F. Collier, H. C. Pitton, S. S. Gray and Brother and Sister Irving laboring among the churches.

### Notice.

One of the oldest of our churches, having a fine school building, has become so reduced in number by removals, that it seems almost impossible to continue the work. We plan to keep the school running this year, however, and if there are any of our people who desire to locate near one of our schools, please correspond with the undersigned. The school is located in an excellent farming community, and work is abundant.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

### News and Notes.

Miss Jennie Nelson returned to Cedar Lake last Monday.

There will be a Sabbath-school convention at Bedford next Sabbath.

The main building of the Academy at Bethel, Wisconsin, burned New Years morning. We quote the following from the Wisconsin Reporter: "The fire which started in the boiler room, was beyond control when it was discovered. There being no wind, it burned slowly, allowing the students and faculty who worked calmly and nobly, to remove clothing, bedding, furniture, and also some of the doors, to a place of safety. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 with an insurance of \$3,500. The school work will continue."

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2.

Blessings to us without number,  
From a God that does not slumber,

All the years have come;  
May we often this confess.

And with our blessings others bless,  
Until we reach our home.

For that land beyond the sky,  
For which we cannot help but sigh,

We shall never cease to pray—  
"quickly come."

All tears be banished from our eyes,  
Lost links be found and tender ties,  
How can our heart to thee but rise,  
Our home, sweet home.

Mrs. J. M. COLBURN.