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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

### Conference Proceedings.

Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference Held Thursday, 3:00 p. m.

After singing, prayer was offered by Dr. Otis.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Elder Haughey then made a few remarks concerning the question under discussion at the last meeting and said he hoped some of the laymen who had served on auditing committees would give their advice.

Brother Root spoke in favor of the recommendation and moved that we support it as already made. This was seconded.

Dr. Otis thought some of our lay members not understanding the situation, might not be suitable ones to sit on such a committee, and mentioned his own financial

condition for the consideration of the conference.

Several others spoke to this question after which a rising vote of the conference was taken which was unanimously in favor.

Elder Haughey then suggested that as this was a unanimous vote, it would be hardly just for any member present to go away and put dissatisfaction into any ones mind. He also made some further remarks concerning the salaries of the ministers, speaking of the many expenses constantly coming in which must be met.

The unfinished business now being completed, the financial report was called for and read by the treasurer which was as follows:

### Receipts of the West Michigan Conference for the First Eleven Months of 1906.

Sabbath-school Offerings	\$ 1564.88
Weekly Offerings	546.97
Educational Fund	2.77
Acre Fund	3.00
Cedar Lake Academy F'd	14.00
Haskell Home	346.59
Annual Offerings	1365.97
Mission Board Offerings	426.41
Barotseland Mission	10.40
Self-Denial Fund	34.31
Southern Miss. Society	3.16
Southern Field	293.54
C. O. L. Fund	22.00
Miscellaneous Offerings	3.42
General Fund	1.54
Birth-Day Offerings	7.84
Salary Accounts	3.28
Loan to Tract Society Returned	351.41
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	554.36
African Native Workers Fund	86.50
Literature for the Blind	5.00

Religious Liberty Fund	258.99
Emmanuel Missionary College Fund	3.00
Huntsville School	36.00
Holly School	.50
Conference Improvement Fund	306.79
James White Home	6.68
Menominee Church	1.00
India Orphan Fund	86.97
Japan Relief Fund	10.73
San Francisco Sufferers	.80
Colored Work	317.81
Pacific Press Publishing Co. Offerings	651.95
Sanitarium Salary	17.14
Mid-Summer offerings	898.16
Free-will Offerings	16.25
Washington Fund	30.00
Expense	2.40
Tithe	33189.50
West Mich. Sanitarium	2706.72
Edgefield Mission	2.15
J. E. White	1.00
Loan to General Conference Returned	1000.00
Cordelia Bowen's Work	2.80
West India Training School	299.20
Return of Loan	100.00
Nashville Work	2.23
Jewish Work	39.03
One Hundred Fifty Thousand and Dollar Fund	302.38
Work for the Blind	94.36
W. H. Anderson's Mission Work	10.00
International Publishing Association	177.81
Dr. Hill's Mission Work	9.21
West India Publishing Co.	9.00
Williamsdale School	2.00
Natches Mississippi Church	2.00
Mileage Returned	27.27
	\$46,299.26
Cash on hand Jan. 1, '06	4,810.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,079.26</b>

Disbursements of the West Michigan Conference for First Eleven Months of 1906.			
Menominee Church	\$ 211.00	Donation to Worker	100.00
Cedar Lake Academy F'd	1492.42	Southern Illinois Conference Tithe	4.00
Self-Denial Fund	46.97	Teachers Expenses	79.26
Southern Miss. Society	7.91	Jewish Work	37.03
Weekly Offerings	575.57	Cordelia Bowen's Work	2.80
Annual Offerings	2466.93	Calendars for Cedar Lake Academy	50.00
Freewill Offerings	1.75	Bills Receivable	25.00
Mission Board Offerings	473.48	One Hundred Fifty Thousand and Dollar Fund	9.00
Nashville Sanitarium	1.00	Edgfield Mission	.40
China Mission	1.00	Mid-Summer Offerings	689.16
Nashville Church	.50	J. E. White	1.00
Boretseland Fund	15.40	Nashville Work	2.23
Washington Fund	32.95	West India Training School	207.39
Southern Field	154.59	West Virginia Conference	125.00
Acre Fund	3.50	Blind Work	181.86
Haskell Home	347.20	Work in Chicago	250.00
Birth-Day Offerings	6.34	Salary	24257.23
Literature for the Blind	5.00	Over draft, Tract Society	271.11
Miscellaneous Offerings	3.69	San Francisco Sufferers	.80
Attorney's Fees	150.00	Colored Work	.40
African Native Workers Fund	73.50	Cash on hand Nov. 30, '06,	2130.78
Religious Liberty Offerings	258.99	Total	5,1079.26
Huntsville School	36.00	Executive Committee West Michigan Conference.	
James White Home	6.68	Elder A. G. Haughey, President:	
Holly School	.50	THIS IS TO CERTIFY:	
India Orphan Fund	50.11	THAT I have examined the books of the West Michigan Conference for the eleven months ending Nov. 30, 1906, and find them correct and in balance. The cash in the safe, and deposits in two banks agree with the books. The Conference funds have been carefully and consistently handled, and disbursements have been made only upon orders from the President. Vouchers are on file in the office for the payments of freights and items of general expense in the conduct of the business and the office.	
Japan Relief Fund	10.73	W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor,	
Loan to Mrs. Porter	10.00	Lake Union Conference.	
Pacific Press Offerings	629.78	The Chair stated that this report would be printed in the West Michigan Herald.	
Educational Fund	25.00	This report was then unanimously adopted.	
Expense	464.20	Brother Butler then gave a short report of the Cedar Lake Academy. He stated that they had made a few improvements this year. That	
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	1713.57		
Emmanuel Missionary College Fund	13.00		
Central New England Tithe	6.12		
East Michigan Tithe	17.88		
Indiana Conference	3.00		
Ohio Conference	24.80		
Ontario Conference	39.75		
South Lancaster Tithe	10.47		
Takoma Park Tithe	12.85		
Stokholm Sweden	25.50		
Iowa Conference	24.20		
Massachusetts	5.88		
Penn. Conference	21.42		
Spring Arbor	20.00		
Sanitarium	2938.73		
Sabbath-school Offerings	1180.22		
Property	546.53		
General Conference	4341.83		
Rent	104.00		
Lake Union Conference	842.37		

they had stumped six acres of land at \$28 per acre. In a recent survey the boundries were not found to be where they had been supposed to be and they had therefore paid Capt. Thompson for stumping as many acres more as they had already stumped.

Also some improvements had been made on the Academy buildings amounting to about \$400.00. During the year no donations had come in except a few dollars with which to purchase cows.

They had thought this summer they would be in the best financial condition they had ever been, but owing to the early freeze in October, about half the potato crop and all of the onion crop had been ruined, so that most of the income is now from the tuition of the students, etc.

On account of the crop failure, they were unable to procure the necessary supplies for the school-room, to properly equip it, but were not discouraged and hoped to do better next time.

All the running expenses of the school had been paid, but not the debts.

This year the Academy has had the largest enrollment it ever had, there being about 68 students in attendance.

There has been an older class of students and also a better class because of being older.

The work runs from the 7th to the 11th grade, with four teachers.

Brother Tolf then spoke of the self-improvement societies of the school, there is such an organization among both the young men and young women of the school. These societies are doing practical work as far as possible, and also doing considerable literary work preparing themselves for public effort, and he admonished us that the conference need not be surprised if ministers were sent forth from this school.

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials then brought in the following final report:

For Ministerial License: E. F. Collier, Clifford Russell, J. M. Irving, H. C. Pitton, S. S. Gray, E. A. Merriam, Dr. L. J. Otis.

For Missionary Licenses: G. W. Amadon, A. L. Bayley, J. M. Wilbur, Fred Green, Moses Whitmarsh, Lesley Avery, Miss Margaret Haughey, Miss Jennie DeYoung, Mrs. Minnie Harnden, Miss Edna Wilbur, Miss Edith Wilbur, Mrs. W. H. Heckman, Mrs. B. F. Kneeland, Mrs. S. M. Butler, Miss Jennie Nelson, Miss Nellie Nelson, Miss Edna Bellows, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Erma Paul, Miss Zona Carr, Miss Nona Carr, Mrs. J. M. Irving, Mrs. Moses Whitmarsh, Miss Frances Case, Miss Eva Howe.

All other names referred to the Conference Committee.

This report was adopted.

Recess of ten minutes.

After recess we resumed our work.

Elder Heckman offered prayer.

Resolution No. 10 which had been laid on the table was taken up, which reads as follows: Resolved, That as a conference we express our hearty appreciation for the excellent financial management exercised during the past year, and especially commend the conference officers for the liberal way in which they have remembered the needy fields outside our borders in sharing with them the tithe.

This was spoken to by several who voiced the sentiment of the resolution, and expressed their thankfulness that we can enter upon the new year so well equipped financially. The resolution was unanimously carried.

The Committee on Plans presented the resolution that had been referred to them on city mission work which reads as follows: And whereas: The Lord has instructed us (Vol. 7 p. 19) that the greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, we therefore,

RECOMMEND, That our ministers who are stationed over the cities, take the oversight of this work of

training such laborers as shall engage in city colporter and Bible work, leading them in an aggressive effort to reach unbelievers.

This resolution met with the hearty support of all, and passed without a dissenting vote.

Elder Campbell asked permission to present a resolution out of order, which read as follows: Resolved that as delegates we present to the brethren, sisters and friends of Cedar Lake by a rising vote, an expression of sincere gratitude for the generous hospitality shown us during this session of the conference and we take this opportunity of pledging our hearty support, both moral and financial to the Academy located in their midst.

This was adopted by a rising vote of all present.

Elder Haughey thought this called for a speech from Elder Butler.

Elder Butler expressed the pleasure it gave the Cedar Lake church to entertain the conference, and gave them a cordial invitation to come again.

The time was then given to reports from the field.

Brother Bayley spoke of how he enjoyed his work as clerk and treasurer of the BattleCreek church. There had been an increase in the tithes and offerings of the church during the past year.

Sister DeYoung spoke of her work in Grand Rapids. Several of her readers had accepted the truth. This will encourage her to greater efforts for unbelievers.

Sister Snyder was the next speaker. She has not been engaged in active work for some time on account of failing health, but had labored in Grand Rapids a portion of the time. She had had many precious experiences. Other workers had arranged to carry on the work with interested readers. She said she would ever remember the work and workers of the West Michigan Conference.

Elder Haughey said they were sorry to lose Sister Snyder, but on

account of her health it was best for her to sever her connections with this conference for the present.

Short reports were given by the new workers just taking up the Bible work.

The Executive Committee were authorized to approve of the minutes.

Conference adjourned sine die.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President,

E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

#### "Ask Not to be Excused."

From writing a letter to U. S. senators from your state remonstrating against H. R. 16483 known as the Wadsworth Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia. It will be remembered that the bill has already passed the House of Representatives and is now in the hands of the Senate committee for the District of Columbia.

This bill may be acted upon by this committee most any day and recommended favorably to the senate.

It will also be remembered that the Fifty-ninth Congress closes the fourth of March. While we are hoping that the bill will die in the hands of the District of Columbia Senate Committee, it could however in the closing hours of Congress be acted upon and passed very quickly.

It should be understood that statesmen are pleased to know the wishes of their constituents. It has been demonstrated that earnest letters do have a salutary effect upon statesmen by calling their attention to evils underlying any proposed measure or emphasizing the evils of which they may already have a knowledge.

It will be seen that should any action on the bill be deferred until the last day or two of Congress nearly every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States would have time to write a short and pointed but courteous letter to the senators from his respective state making a most earnest protest against the proposed Sunday bill for the Dis-

trict of Columbia. Let no one "ask to be excused" from writing his senators and do so AT ONCE.

K. C. RUSSELL.

### Financial.

Conference	Improvement	Fund.
Previously Reported	-	552 14
A. L. Bayley	-	25 00
E. A. Merriam	-	5 00
W. E. Videto	-	5 00
Jennie DeYoung	-	2 50
J. W. Hofstra	-	12 50
Total		602 14

### One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Previously Reported	1,357 05
Battle Creek Church	68 20
Lowell Church	3 50
Mildred Parish	2 00
Holton Church	1 18
J. W. Hofstra	2 53
Berrien Springs Church	13 00
Dimondale	3 00
Lars Jorgensen	2 30
Charlotte Church	2 00
Allegan Church	6 50
John I. Snow	2 53
Mrs. S. A. McCoy	1 25
Frances D. McCoy	1 00
Laura Fisher	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wells	6 00
John Roth	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Sibley	3 00
Decatur	1 00
Chas. Waters	2 00
Cedar Lake Young Peoples Society	4 82
Sand Lake Church	5 10
Total	1,489 96

### Tithe Report for January, 1907.

Agnew	\$ 15.00
Allendale	13.50
Battle Creek	1089.19
Bauer	57.70
Bedford	150.86
Benton Harbor	74.57
Berrien Springs	17.50
Brookfield	30.45
Bushnell	28.86
Carlton Center	38.75
Carson City	23.28
Cedar Lake	43.65
Ceresco	11.75

Clifford Lake	6.72
Decatur	55.42
Denver Center	6.64
Dimondale	40 64
Douglas	65.63
Eaton Rapids	4.77
East Michigan Conference	4.02
Edmore	103.34
Emerald	2.00
Fremont	34.90
Frost	.25
Grand Rapids	108.43
Grandville	12.35
Grand Ledge	36.65
Hastings	14.10
Holton	44.04
Horr	1.07
Howard	4.00
Homer	18.84
Individuals	47.80
Iowa Conference	10.35
Kalamazoo	91.84
Kinderhook	39.35
Lowell	44.64
Loan to Ass'n. Returned	24.69
Lyons	4.59
Maple Grove	41.87
Mecosta	2.65
Monterey	83.94
Muskegon	464.75
Mt. Pleasant	25.00
N. Illinois Conference	9.10
Ontario Conference	4.00
Otsego	108.14
Overdraft Returned	51.18
Pala Sabbath-school	8.25
Paw Paw	5.00
Portland	79.48
Pottersville	37.03
Quincy	84.24
Sand Lake	55.00
Shelby	56.02
Sturgis	39.30
Trufant	6.45
Urbandale	93.91
West Leroy	49.71
Wright	93.96
Total	3821.11

### West Michigan Conference Receipts for January, 1907.

Tithe	\$3821.11
Sabbath-school Offerings	324.22
Weekly Offerings	61.18
Conference Imp. Fund	84.50
Mission Board Offerings	13.73

Annual Offerings	286.23
Cedar Lake Academy F'd.	3.75
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	406.84
Return of Loan	300.00
General Fund	19.45
India Mission	24.66
Madagascar Mission	6.00
International Pub. Ass'n.	12.97
Colored Work	5.00
African N. Workers Fund	4.00
Religious Liberty Fund	5.04
Birthday Offerings	1.89
Self-Denial Fund	3.30
Japan Mission	20
Battle Creek Church Ex.	2.00
Mid-Summer Offerings	1.00
Southern Field	8.36
West Michigan Sanitarium	52.27
Conference Ass'n.	14.99
Bills Receivable	20.00
Levant Mission	2.35
Blind Work	1.00
Total	5486.04

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY RECEIPTS.	
On Account	361.40
Merchandise	47.06
West Mich. Herald	4.60
Total	413.06

### Flower Seeds For Sale.

Four pkts. of seed for six cents.  
 One pkt. Ambrosi.  
 " " Kochia Scoparia.  
 " " Asters, mixed.  
 " " My selection.  
 Six lots to one address for 25 cents. One or two cent stamp taken. Mrs. G. W. McArthur, 128 Waterman Ave., Coldwater, Michigan.

"Americans spend one and one-half times more money for chewing gum than they give to missions. While the money that goes to support missionaries in heathen lands is not a tithe of that which finds its way into the tills of the millinery shops. Candy costs the American people considerably above twenty-five per cent more than is paid to missions. As one dollar falls in the hands of the missionary, one hundred dollars is paid for jewelery and silverware. While these figures represent American expenditures, they present facts worth thinking about by our own people."