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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Workers' Council.

A council of the workers of the West Michigan Conference convened in Battle Creek, Michigan, October 17-22. Elder Allen Moon and J. B. Blosser were present representing the Lake Union Conference; and Elders A. G. Haughey, M. S. Burnham, A. C. Bourdeau, H. Nicola, R. C. Horton, W. C. Hebner, W. R. Matthews, S. D. Hartwell, M. N. Campbell, C. A. Hansen, W. E. Videto, W. H. Heckman, and J. W. Hofstra, Dr. L. J. Otis, and Brethren G. W. Amadon, A. Smith, E. A. Merriam, Edward Collier, M. C. Whitmarsh, A. L. Bayley, A. C. Haughey, J. M. Wilbur, H. C. Pitton, John E. Hanson, S. S. Gray, Clifford Russell, Fred Green and Reid Shepard, also Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden, Mrs. Cleora Green, Mrs. J. M. Wilbur, Miss Edith Wilbur, Miss Margaret Haughey, Miss Jennie DeYoung, Miss Eva Howe, Miss Zona Carr, Miss Calista Nelson representing the work of the West Michigan Conference. Miss Edna Bellows and Myron Butterfield were both absent on account of sickness.

The council convened Thursday evening, October 17, at half past seven o'clock and the time was occupied by the Conference President placing before the workers the various matters that should engage

their attention during the period of the council.

Elder Moon occupied the first hour of each morning during the session in presenting the principles of organization from a Biblical standpoint. These studies were greatly enjoyed by the workers and many precious and valuable lessons were drawn from the experiences of Israel and the early Christian church.

Among the many questions given special attention were methods of carrying on the work among the churches this winter; work in new fields; instruction on the present issues; circulation of the special issues of the SIGNS and WATCHMAN; the evangelical work; and the distribution of laborers.

By unanimous vote the council expressed itself in favor of the plan of holding general meetings during the fall and winter months, these general meetings to be for the benefit of the churches in the vicinity where held, to be attended by the conference officers representing the departments of work, who would give instruction along the lines which they represent. The distribution of laborers was made in accordance with this plan; and below we give a list of the workers with their assignment of fields:

For Battle Creek Elder M. N. Campbell, pastor; G. W. Amadon; A. L. Bayley; Minnie C. Harnden; for Grand Rapids, John E. Hanson, pastor; J. M. Wilbur and Jennie DeYoung; Kalamazoo, E. F. Collier, pastor; Edna Bellows; Calista Nelson; Muskegon, Elder W. H. Heckman, pastor; Zona Carr, Charlotte and surrounding churches, Elder S. D. Hartwell, pastor, Al-

bion, Moses Whitmarsh; Buchanan Myron Butterfield; Union City, Mrs. Cleora Green; Benton Harbor, Elder W. E. Videto; new fields, Elder W. C. Hebner and S. S. Gray, northwestern part of the conference; Elder J. W. Hofstra and Dr. L. J. Otis, unworked towns along the railroad line between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids; reserve corps of workers for church work and general meetings, Elders M. S. Burnham, H. Nicola, A. C. Bourdeau and R. C. Horton and Brother A. Smith.

Considerable time was spent in the study of recent communications through the spirit of prophecy bearing upon the last days' apostasies. At the close of this study, all the workers unitedly manifested their firmness to the truth by taking a definite stand for the principles of organization and the spirit of prophecy.

All the workers agreed to do their best to push the circulation of the special numbers of the SIGNS and WATCHMAN and to urge upon our people the necessity of taking a part in the same good work.

The Bible teacher of Emmanuel Missionary College, Elder Videto, was present and spoke in behalf of that institution. From his report we find that the faculty of the school has been greatly strengthened. The students now in attendance are much further advanced in class work than any previous year. They now have an enrollment of about one hundred. Fully two-thirds of whom are doing strong collegiate work.

The work of Cedar Lake Academy was reported by Brother Fred Green, the business manager. From his report we learned that

the school has an enrollment of nearly eighty pupils, thirty-five of whom are residing in the dormitory. They can house about one dozen more students. The Cedar Lake school has been blessed with good crops of potatoes and corn. They had a few peaches, most of which they sold at an average of two dollars per bushel. Their onion crop is practically a failure. They had a fair crop of beans, and all their crops are harvested and in good condition. The school seems to be prospering.

Clifford Russell, as educational secretary, presented the work and interests of the church schools which now appears to be in a healthy condition. His talk awakened a deep interest on the part of all our laborers in this department of our work.

Elder Hartwell, as religious liberty secretary, presented in a very interesting manner the progress of the religious liberty work among us, and it was planned at the council for Elder Hartwell and Brother Hanson to spend as much time as necessary at Lansing during the constitutional convention to exert as strong an influence as possible by their presence and by means of proper literature to prevent the adoption of measures that would tend to restrict liberty of conscience.

Brethren J. B. Blosser and A. C. Haughey presented the matter of the circulation of our tracts and books in a strong enough manner as to cause all the workers to pledge themselves to do their best to stir up an interest on the part of the people in this department.

The interests of the Sabbath-school and young people's work were presented in a characteristic manner by Miss Margaret Haughey and a spirited discussion followed her talk.

Toward the close of the council the question of the time and place of holding the next Lake Union Conference session was discussed.

The council came to a close Tuesday afternoon. All the workers felt that this had been a gathering of great benefit to the West Michigan laborers. Every one returned to his field with renewed courage and determination to press forward in the Master's service.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Chairman.
M. N. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

An Explanation.

For some reason there seems to be a misunderstanding among our young people about the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, the examination for attainment, and the lessons for their Sabbath-meetings.

LESSONS.

The Youth's Instructor is the official organ of the Missionary Volunteer work. It contains lessons for the weekly meetings of the societies, if they desire to use them. The lessons in the West Michigan Herald are to be used also if the young people desire to use them. These lessons have been written to aid those leaders who feel somewhat backward about leading out in the work of giving Bible studies. Most of our societies are using the lessons that are in the West Michigan Herald.

READING COURSE.

At our recent convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a resolution was passed that a reading course to be conducted through the columns of the Instructor. This has nothing to do whatever with the lesson that is to be given at the weekly meeting of the societies. You will notice that this lesson is called the "Missionary Volunteer Reading Course." This course commenced October 1, and will be as follows:

The first book in the course is "Early Writings" by Mrs. E. G. White. Price 75 cents.

The second book will be, "Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, —a book written for young people, giving a brief survey of the world wide mission field. Price, cloth 50 cents; paper 35 cents.

The third book is "Pastor Hsi (Shee), one of China's Christians."

Price, cloth, \$1.00; paper, 50 cents.

In connection with these books "Outline of Mission Fields" by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Board will be used. This will be sent free to all who order "Into All the World." A "Colored Map of the World" showing prevailing religions. Price, 50 cents.

This course commenced October 1, and will continue eight months. There is no expense except the cost of the books, map and Instructor. Suggestive questions will appear in the Instructor each week, and at the close of each book, questions will be sent out by the Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary for written review. All who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate showing that fact.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

At our convention a resolution was passed that our young people every where should qualify themselves to pass an examination in the cardinal truths of the Third Angel's Message, and in denominational history. During the first week of March 1908 an examination will be given to all our young people who desire it. This examination will be conducted by the Church elder or some one appointed by him, from questions sent out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The papers will be examined and the Certificates granted by the Missionary Volunteer secretary of each Conference. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based this year on the present series of Sabbath School Lessons,— "A Synopsis of Present Truth," the special Bible Reading Series of the Signs, commencing October 30; and "Our Truth" number of the Instructor. The first we should study; the second and third we should study and circulate.

The Great Second Advent Movement by Elder Loughborough will be the basis for the examination in denominational history. The lessons that appear in the West Mich-

igan Herald will be an aid to all those who expect to this examination.

We have made an effort to make this work as plain as we know how, and we hope all will be able to understand it. May the blessing of God rest upon the Missionary Volunteer work, and may all our youth reach that standard of attainment that will pass them through the pearly portals.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Lesson For Missionary Volunteers Sabbath, November 2, 1907.— The Time of Trouble.

1. What will come upon the nations of the earth, at the time when Michael, or Christ, stands up? Dan. 12:1. Note 1.

2. What will the turkish power do at this time? And with what result. Dan. 11:45 and the first clause of Dan. 12:1. Note 2.

2. Under what vial or plague does this take place? Rev. 16:12. Note 3.

4. How many plagues have preceded this one? Five.

5. What is the reason these terrible plagues are poured out upon humanity? Rev. 14:9,10.

6. What constitutes the wrath of God? Rev. 15:1,7.

7. What are the plagues of the first four angels? Rev. 16:1-9. Note 4.

8. Upon what particular power does the fifth angel pour his plague? Rev. 16:10,11.

9. Who are the kings of the east spoken of in verse 12 of this chapter?

10. What spirits lead those nations to this battle? Verse 13.

11. What is the name of the place, where the battle is fought, in the Hebrew tongue? Verse 16. Note 5.

12. How many nations will be gathered there? Joel 3:9.

13. What will the Lord do after these nations have gathered there? Joel 3:11.

14. How extensive will this slaughter be? Jer. 25:33.

15. What are the wicked planning to do to God's people? Rev. 13:15.

16. Are they successful in carrying their plans into execution? Early Writings, page 27, par. 2, chapter "Subsequent Visions 2 add.

17. Will the plagues effect God's people? Ps. 91:5-8.

18. What is the fortress of God's people in this day of general slaughter? Ps. 91:2.

19. Who will deliver them from the snares laid for them, and from the pestilence? Verse 3.

20. What will God's invitation be for that day? Isa. 26:20.

NOTES.

1. This standing up of Michael is not to be confused with Christ's second coming, these two events are separate and distinct. This event to which this verse has reference, is Christ taking the Kingdom after the investigative judgement. See Dan. 7:13,14.

2. The Turk expects to be driven out of Europe in the near future, he will then make Jerusalem his capital. And there will this power be destroyed "come to his end and none shall help him."
3. The drying up of the river Euphrates is a symbolical expression. The Euphrates is a comparatively small river, and has never been a hindrance to the kings and their armies. It is evident this Scripture speaks of the power which has its possessions through which this river flows, the Turkish power. It therefore confirms that which is written in Dan. 11:45, "Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

4. Note, these plagues are all augmenting the sufferings of the plagues which preceded. So the second plague is added to the first and increases the suffering. The third is an addition to the first and second. So by every addition of a plague, the sufferings become more intense, until the seventh is poured out which destroys those who have survived. The Third Angel's Message is a warning to the world to

flee from this awful punishment.

5. This Hebrew word means, "height of Megido." These heights are between 55 and 60 miles direct north of Jerusalem.

J. W. HOFSTRA.

From the Field.

Lake Odessa.

Lake Odessa church school commenced October 7. Four pupils enrolled. Although few in number we claim this promise, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst also."

We have a nice cozy little school room at the home of Brother Steeles. We are all striving to work and act in a way that the angels of truth and righteousness will love to linger with us.

Missionary work for this month: Mailed sixty-four tracts, fourteen papers, and five letters.

EDNA L. COOPER.

Cherokee Springs, S. C.

(We have been given the privilege of quoting the following from a private letter written October 14, 1907. Editor.)

Last night I preached the closing sermon of our tent effort at this place. Meetings had been in progress four weeks with a good interest and some silent but bitter opposition. Nothing great has been done, but the Lord has been with us and the heads of four families have taken a firm stand with us. Many more are under conviction and we hope that some of them will yet obey.

They will be organized into a church when they have had further needed instruction.

My health for the first five or six weeks after my arrival in S. C. was very good, and I was able to do a full share of work both at the camp-meeting in Spartanburg and in the tent effort here. For the last three weeks I have not been so well, but with the exception of three services which I had to give up to Brother Nash, who has been

with me, I have preached night about with him. I praise the Lord for a part in the work and hope he will permit me to remain in active service.

W. M. CROTHERS.

The College At Berrien Springs.

Emmanuel Missionary College opened September 11 and enrolled the first two days about seventy-five students. This number has now increased to one hundred. One month of the school is in the past, and it has been a month of hard work, willingly performed, on the part of both teachers and students. The enrollment is divided about equally between the sexes and also about evenly between college preparatory and true academic or collegiate work.

The spirit manifested in the school is very encouraging. Our Friday night meetings are sources of inspiration and joy. Some have for the first time given their hearts to the Lord this term, and renewed consecration has been found by others.

We are carrying on five lines of Bible study, as follow: Old Testament History, New Testament History, Daniel and the Revelation, Advanced Bible Doctrines, Special Bible for Ministers and Bible Workers. In mathematics and the sciences, classes are formed in algebra, geometry, elementary astronomy, both beginning and advanced physiology, chemistry; while in language, the work covers everything from grammar to advanced rhetoric and literature. We have classes in Greek, Hebrew, and Latin, and the physics class forms at the beginning of the winter term. Classes are also arranged in history of education, history of missions, with five regular years of history work besides.

In the Commercial Department, twelve are enrolled in shorthand and fourteen in bookkeeping. This department bids fair to be one of the strongest in the entire school. Plans have been laid to have the

basement of the main building for the Commercial Department, and this will enable the College to present an actual practical course, with face-to-face original transactions between the students, experience in office work, and office practice, all combined.

Classes are already organized in organ, piano, pipe organ, and chorus work. There are several classes in review of fundamentals while classes are also organized in grade work in mathematics and grammar for the benefit of those who reside here or who though advanced in age, are somewhat deficient in the common branches.

Though having been connected with the school only a month, I have been very happy in my work and am enjoying my acquaintance here with the young people. A most notable spirit of helpfulness seems to prevail on every hand. We are anxious that every young person in the Lake Union who can not find in his own local school the work he desires, should come into immediate touch with the management at Berrien Springs, with a view to entering the work here. May we not hear from a large number in the various conferences?

J. G. LAMSON.

An Appeal From Cedar Lake Academy.

This is not a request for money, although it would be very acceptable if cheerfully offered. We are in need, however, of a library different from the one we now have both as to quality and quantity. We have a few good books, but we are in need of many more, which can not be purchased without money. We have no money, but we have a bright hope that our library is to be enlarged by contributions from numerous, liberal friends.

Reader, are you our friend? If so, please ponder this question: Have you not some books suitable to the library and spiritual needs

of our students, which you could donate? This is certainly a missionary enterprise to those who have books that they do not need. These books, if given to our school, or loaned for the use of our students, may be the means of saving souls and of adding stars to the doner's crown.

Address all communications to W. C. Mathewson, Principal, or to Fred Green, Business Manager, Cedar Lake, Mich.

Obituary.

Mrs. George F. Noble died at her home in South Haven, Michigan, September 26, 1907, after a long and painful illness of tuberculosis.

Mattie E. Gardner was born near Erie, Pa., September 23, 1858, and seven years later came with her parents to Monterey, Allegan Co. She was united in marriage September 23, 1880, to George F. Noble.

Deceased is survived by her husband and son, Russell; also four sisters: Madams Florence Stranahan of Monterey, Bertha Noble of Stevens Point, Wis., Lila Mallory, and Ethelyn Bender of Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Noble was a member of the S. D. A. church of Monterey, a woman loved by many friends, and the esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the many beautiful flowers that were sent during illness and after death. She died trusting in the promises of her Saviour, and the prayer that she might pass from this life while quietly sleeping was answered.

The funeral services were held at South Haven, Rev. Lester, of the Baptist church, officiating. The remains were taken to Monterey and interred in Poplar Hill cemetery, there to await the resurrection morning.

Sabbath, November 2, a quarterly meeting for the South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego and Kalamazoo churches will be held at Allegan. We hope there will be a good attendance. Elder A. C. Bourdeau will be present.