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Receipts of the West Michigan Conference for the Year 1907.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907,	\$ 3,267.67
Tithe	34,369.83
Sabbath-school Offerings	1,855.84
Weekly Offerings	527.23
Conference Improvement Fund	1,665.35
Mission Board Offerings	361.27
Annual Offerings	1,567.96
Return of loan from Cedar Lake Academy	800.00
One Hundred Fifty Thousand and Dollar Fund	4,978.33
Return of Loan from E. M. College	500.00
General Fund	396.74
India Mission	68.00
Madagascar Mission	6.00
International Publishing Association	14 48
Colored Work	574.55
African Native Workers' Fund	49.65
Religious Liberty Work	176.60
Birthday Offerings	4.86
Self-denial Fund	25.15
Japan Mission	12.20
Battle Creek Church Expense	2.00
Mid-summer Offerings	694.49
Southern Field	132.98
Levant Mission	39.42
Pacific Press Publishing Co. Offerings	2.50
Nashville Church	19.29
Jamaica Church	71.30
Work in London	20.00
Finnish Mission	376.90
Chinese Mission	201.27
Freewill Offerings	.75
Huntsville School	13.75
Russian Mission	.25
Orphans' and Aged Fund	386.12
Jewish Work	42.50
Spartanburg Church	22.21

Natches Church	8.00
Iceland Mission	2.00
Work in Fiji	30.00
Edgefield Mission	.53
Bills payable (loans and deposits)	4,548.00
Danish Mission	3.36
Atlanta Church	2.00
Clifford Howell's school	41.83
Dr. Cave's Work	42.41
Missionary Volunteer Educational Fund	71.83
Nashville School, Colored	80.00
Harvest Ingathering	17.07
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	514.87
Expense	211.56
Nashville Sanitarium	25.00
Total	58,845.90

Disbursements of the West Michigan Conference for the Year of 1907.

Salary and Expenses	26,882.94
Expense	942.59
General Conference (donations)	1,030.61
Battle Creek Church Expense	2.00
Sabbath-school Offerings	1,415.76
North Michigan Conference (Tithe)	1,000.00
Donations to Clifford Howell's School	50.00
One Hundred Fifty Thousand and Dollar Fund	7,395.35
Weekly Offerings	545.98
West India Publishing Co.	9.00
African Natives Workers' Fund	46.65
Jewish Work	12.10
West India Training School	108.81
Pacific Press Publishing Co. Offerings	24.67
Mission Board Offerings	375.28
East Michigan Conference (Tithe)	284.26

Ontario Conference (Tithe)	150.06
Iowa Conference (Tithe)	65.10
East Pennsylvania Conference (Tithe)	7.00
West Pennsylvania Conference (Tithe)	1.50
New York Conference (Tithe)	28.00
Ohio Conference (Tithe)	34.39
Cedar Lake Academy	1,322.05
Canvassers' Institute	50.00
Legal Attorney Fees	75.00
Lake Union Conference (Tithe)	2,123.27
Conference Improvement Fund	150.00
Orphans' and Aged Fund	456.11
India Orphan Fund	54.09
India Mission	61.56
Williamsdale School	2.00
Church for the Colored, Natches, Miss.	10.00
W. H. Anderson's Mission Work	10.00
Dr. Hill's Mission Work	9.21
Annual Offerings	1,381.70
Freewill Offerings	15.75
International Publishing Ass'n. Offerings	255.61
Self Denial Fund	35.08
Birthday Offerings	6.77
Mid-summer Offerings	303.49
Church for Colored, Nashville, Tenn.	19.29
Southern Missionary Society	1.35
Southern Field	243.80
Colored Work	359.93
Edgefield Mission	3.03
Madagascar Mission	6.00
Religious Liberty Offering	160.63
Japan Mission	12.20
Jamaica	53.30
Levant Mission	39.42
Work in London	20.00
Chinese Mission	152.15
Russian Mission	.25
Finnish Mission	349.90
Work in Chicago	250.00

Huntsville School	13.75	Present Worth	1,433 69	Homer	-	198 00
West Virginia Conference (Tithe)	125.00	Total	2,614 70	Horror	-	104 54
Wisconsin Conference (Tithe)	14.00	LOSS AND GAIN.		Howard City	-	14 00
Haskell Home	1.20	GAIN.		Kalamazoo	-	1,079 50
Iceland Mission	2.00	Merchandise	78 18	Kent City	-	127 95
Church at Spartanburg, S.C.	11.00	LOSS.		Kinderhook	-	167 24
Fiji Mission	30.00	Expense	65 00	Lakeview	-	152 69
Donation to Workers	10.00	Balance Net Gain	13 18	Leslie	-	2 75
Missionary Volunteer Educational Fund	50.00	Total	78 18	Lowell	-	154 06
Property	1,268.33			Lyons	-	77 91
Nashville School, Colored	50.00	Tithe Report for 1907.		Maple Grove	-	118 97
Real Estate	4,580.00	Agnew	\$ 118 36	Mecosta	-	179 16
Clifford Howell's School	41.83	Allegan	496 88	Mendon	-	197 41
Dr. Cave's Fund	35.66	Allendale	167 83	Monterey	-	374 65
Danish Mission	3.36	Bangor	140 51	Morley	-	25 13
Kansas Conference (Tithe)	12.18	Battle Creek	10,621 38	Mt. Pleasant	-	289 74
Vermont Conference (Tithe)	2.00	Bauer	267 07	Muskegon	-	673 76
Colorado Conference (Tithe)	57.30	Bedford	621 47	Niles	-	120 60
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	1,243.43	Belding	148 22	Otsego	-	913 90
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1908	2,889.87	Benton Harbor	713 16	Palo	-	34 75
Total	58,845.90	Berrien Springs	1,374 39	Paw Paw	-	491 77
		Bloomington	206 24	Portland	-	374 03
Book Department.		Brookfield	135 74	Pottsville	-	169 91
RECEIPTS.		Buchanan	143 23	Quincy	-	427 73
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907	\$ 138 17	Burlington	136 47	Rothbury	-	226 63
On Account	3,333 94	Bushnell	155 83	Sand Lake	-	232 19
Merchandise	866 50	Byron Center	91 29	Shelby	-	585 25
West Mich. Herald	47 85	Carlton Center	325 55	Sturgis	-	159 71
Expense	65	Carson City	555 61	Trufant	-	191 16
Total	\$4,387 21	Cedar Lake	1,360 67	Union City	-	114 51
DISBURSEMENTS.		Ceresco	11 75	Urbandale	-	317 16
Merchandise	\$ 418 89	Charlotte	627 46	Vermontville	-	61 15
On Account	3,113 97	Clifford Lake	140 21	West LeRoy	-	320 17
Tract Society Expense	75 27	Coldwater	143 86	Wright	-	661 99
West Mich. Herald Expense	293 04	Convis	26 00	Individuals	-	457 48
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	486 03	Covert	108 98	Colorado Conf.	-	57 30
Total	\$4,387 21	Decatur	212 85	East Mich. Conf.	-	95 91
RESOURCES.		Denver Center	114 12	Iowa Conf.	-	69 70
Merchandise per Inventory	477 00	Delvin	3 40	Kansas Conf.	-	17 98
Expense per Inventory	9 63	Dimondale	213 04	Northern Ill. Conf.	-	9 10
Accounts Receivable	1,642 04	Douglas	323 97	Ontario Conf.	-	77 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	486 03	Eaton Rapids	89 57	Quebec Conf.	-	20 00
Total	2,614 70	Edmore	435 32	Vermont Conf.	-	2 00
LIABILITIES.		Emerald	21 30	Western New York Conf.	-	32 90
Account Payable	1,181 01	Fremont	226 06	Wisconsin Conf.	-	7 00
		Frost	19 77	Association Loan Returned	-	24 69
		Glenwood	173 54	Overdraft Returned	-	51 18
		Grand Haven	41 12	Return of Attorney Fees	-	12 15
		Grand Ledge	250 36	Total	-	34,369 83
		Grand Rapids	2,102 25	SUMMARY.		
		Grandville	190 31	Amount sent	-	
		Greenville	449 12	to missions	-	21,123.58
		Hastings	187 66	(Tithe and	-	
		Hesperia	60 94	Trust Funds.)	-	
		Holton	142 64	Salary of	-	

West Mich. Laborers	21,535.70	
Salary of Aged Ministers and Ministers outside of Conf.	1,809.48	
Expenses of Traveling and Tent Meetings	3,537.76	
Property	6,982.92	
Expense of Office	966.59	34,832.45
		55,956.03

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Otsego, Mich. Feb. 2, 1908.

Executive Com. West Mich. Conf.

Elder A. G. Haughey, Pres :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That I have examined the books of your treasurer for the time from December 1, 1906 to December 31, 1907, and find them neatly and correctly kept with ledger in balance. I checked as usual from bank stubs, receipt stubs and original correspondence to the office having a money consideration, and found nothing in the files not correctly entered upon the books. The cash in the office, and the deposits at the First State Savings Bank, of Otsego and the West End Branch of City Bank, of Battle Creek, Michigan, agree exactly with the amounts called for by the books. The work appears to have been conscientiously performed.

W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor,
Lake Union Conf.

Conference Statistics.

During the year 1907 the West Michigan Conference has had a pay roll of sixty-seven, eight of whom were laborers outside the conference.

Those working in West Michigan held tent meetings as follows: Two at Wayland; two at Buchanan, three at Battle Creek; two at Grand Haven; two at Sullivan; one each at Quincy, Grand Ledge, Lowell, and Two Rivers—fifteen in all.

One general camp-meeting was held at Hastings in August; and a Workers' Council was held in Battle Creek in October. General meetings were conducted with fourteen churches; 3,772 public meetings were held; 272 baptisms. Four churches were organized: Grand Haven, May 18, eleven members; Buchanan, October 5, twenty one members; Union City, October 25, ten members; Albion, February 8, 1908, twenty-one members—total sixty-three.

In 1906 we had twenty church schools, with an enrollment of 400; in 1907, twenty schools, with an enrollment of 415—a gain of 15. The present enrollment at Cedar Lake is 63.

There has been no gain in the number of Sabbath-schools. Eighty-six were reported at the last session of the conference. There has been a loss in actual membership of 95, and an increase in donations to missions of \$615.33.

There were fourteen Young People's Societies reported previously, and sixteen at the present time.

Our donations to missions in 1906 were \$20,105.77; and in 1907, \$21,208.40—an increase of \$1,102.63. Our tithe in 1906 was \$35,482.67; in 1907, \$34,369.83—a decrease of \$1,122.84. Total receipts of 1906 were \$55,588.44; while the total receipts of 1907 were \$55,578.23—a decrease of \$10.21.

The total book sales of 1907 were \$6,484.24. Five students earned scholarships: three at Cedar Lake, and two at Berrien Springs.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Dept. of the West Mich. Conf. for Quarter Ending December 31, 1907.

Sixteen Societies. Nine Reporting.

Missionary letters written	83
Missionary letters received	23
Missionary visits	78
Bible readings or cottage meetings	1

Subscriptions taken for periodicals	5
Papers sold	1,205
Papers mailed or given away	1281
Books sold	3
Books loaned	2
Pages of tracts given away	608
Hours of Christian Help work	73
Offerings for foreign mission work	\$98 13

MARGARET H. HILLIARD,
Secretary.

Report of the Sabbath School Department for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1907.

No. of Schools	86
Membership	2427
Average Attendance	1777
No. of Classes	515
Seniors	1154
Juniors	513
Intermediate	367
Primary	276
Kindergarten	194
Home Dept. local schools	23
Total Contributions	\$593.19

MARGARET H. HILLIARD,
Secretary.

Albion Church.

A church was organized at Albion, Sabbath, February 8 by Elders A. G. Haughey and S. D. Hartwell. The members of this new church had previously lived near to other organized churches, so that while twenty one became members of the new organization, they all united by letter. Brother M. C. Whitmarsh has been laboring in Albion since the camp-meeting and has been successful in getting the Adventists of that locality to desire organization.

Obituaries.

Buried from the Adventist church at Covert, Mich., Dec. 21, 1907, Mrs. Juliette Ripley aged 57 years. She had been a great sufferer many years with that dreadful disease, scrofula. Although not a member of the church she believed the truth we teach and requested that our people conduct the services. The

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Margaret Hilliard, Editor.

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help which had been appointed to this place at that time failing to come, the writer spoke to a very attentive audience on the origin, result, and final destruction of sin.

MRS. JULIA COUNTRYMAN.

Geo. P. Williams, aged 63, whose home is near Grand Rapids, Mich., was buried in Covert, his former home, Jan. 18, 1908. He had been a Sabbath keeper about twenty years and died in hope. He leaves a wife and two daughters. The wife gave definite orders to the friend who attended to the arrangements, that an Adventist minister be procured. They, misunderstanding, secured the services of Lemuel Branch, formerly an adventist but now a Crammerite.

DR. O. LETSON.

News and Notes.

All of the office workers will attend conference, so the office will be closed for a few days.

Perhaps our readers think Selected often writes for the Herald, but he is the only contributor that we can depend on.

Elder J. W. Hofstra and Dr. L. J. Otis have been holding some meetings in the Universalist church at Dowagiac.

We hope all of our laborers read the article entitled "A Plea" that appeared in last week's issue. If you failed to receive a copy notify us and we will send one to you.

At the late session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Elder S. E. Wright, president of the North Michigan Conference, was elected to the presidency of that conference.

By the time this issue reaches most of its readers the sixth annual meeting of the West Michigan conference will be in session at Charlotte. We hope that those who cannot attend will pray for the Spirit of God to be present and that His will be done.

A very quiet, informal wedding occurred Thursday evening, February 6, in Otsego, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Eber W. Sherwood, when Miss Millie Shepard was united in marriage to Perry Miner. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about thirty invited guests by Elder A. G. Haughey. After congratulations, a dainty supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Miner were the recipients of many useful and beautiful wedding gifts. The "Herald" extends hearty congratulations.

The article by "A Layman" in the last HERALD is a timely one and I believe it will be approved by the readers generally. If every worker will fall in line the change can easily be brought about.

And why not extend the invitation to lay members as well? Interesting bits of experience in doing missionary work will be as gladly welcomed from them as from other sources.

I do not entirely agree, however, with the brothers' comment on the

Notes by the Editor. Now, editors as a class are busy people, yet they must take the time to supply more or less original matter each issue, and usually it is about as interesting as the other items. It is true that they help to fill up the paper, but I for one would not like to see them omitted.

Can we not all take hold and help to make our conference paper better?

E. L. RICHMOND.

Scripture Directory.

For the blues read Psalms 27.

If we see the wicked prosper more than we, read Psalm 37.

If people seem unkind to you, read John 15.

If one is losing confidence in men, read I Cor. 13.

If you are discouraged about your work, read Psalm 128.

If tempted to see yourself larger and the world smaller, read Psalm 19.

If you cannot have your own way in everything, read James 3.

If you are all out of sorts, read Hebrews 12.

—Selected.

Unforgotten.

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and years away
In swift insistence on the memory
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Old friends are far away; we seldom meet
To talk of Jesus or changes day by day.
Of pain, pleasure, triumph or defeat,
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spend thought
For days together, of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us and we ought
To read his signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has fiercer fight
A more appalling weakness or decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right
And so in case you need my prayer, I pray.

Dear, do the same for me: If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be sure I need it, therefore pray.

—Marianne Farningham.