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Report of the Educational Department of the West Michigan Conference.

Another year has been withdrawn from time and added to eternity. Its record for good or for ill, for success or for failure has been faithfully entered upon the ledger of heaven. Let us work and pray that when the record of next year shall have been written by the recording angel, fewer mistakes may appear and more records of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

All things considered, the past year has been a prosperous one in our educational work. God has spoken in no uncertain terms regarding this branch of the work, and when we are willing to become channels through which He can work, we may confidently expect His prospering care.

The opposer of God's work in the earth has been viewed with jealous eye the progress of the work, and he has by no means been idle. One school was discontinued for a few weeks at the holiday vacation, but is again in operation, and another was organized at that time, thus crowning a partial defeat with victory.

There are now 20 schools in the West Michigan Conference with 478 pupils enrolled, about 80 of whom are taking 8th grade work, or above. According to the statistical report published in the Review and Herald of Sept. 19, 1907, there were more pupils in the church schools of West Michigan than in any other conference save only California-Nevada.

Owing to serious illness of the Educational Secretary last winter,

it was deemed advisable to provide a substitute for about a month. Miss Frances Case was secured to engage in visiting schools during that time. The regular duties of the secretary were resumed April 1st, and thus all the schools were visited at least once and some of them several times during the year.

The plan of conducting mid-year and final examinations in grades 4 to 8 inclusive was put into operation last year and given a fair trial. We considered this a strong factor in building up and unifying the work, and the same plan is being pursued this year.

The Lake Union Board of Examiners formulated an outline based upon the course of Study adopted at the College View Educational Convention. This outline specifies the work to be covered by each grade in each half year's work. Thus all our schools are doing the same work at the same time, and a degree of uniformity is secured.

A few months ago it was my privilege to pay a visit to the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. I found that official much interested in our educational work; and, after explaining to him something of our organization and aims, he expressed himself in very favorable terms regarding our work, and said the department would be glad to cooperate with us in any way that might prove beneficial to us.

A very successful normal was conducted at Emmanuel Missionary College beginning June 6th, and continuing 5 weeks. The total enrollment was 59, those in

attendance from West Michigan numbering 29. The instructors were as follows: N. W. Kauble, J. G. Lamson, W. C. Curtis, J. H. Haughey, Floyd Brallier, Clifford Russell, Fred Green, Pearl Hallock, Cora Hicks and Florence Howell. Examinations were held at the close of the normal. A second examination was held at Hastings following the camp-meeting. The papers issued from this office during the year have been as follows: Permits—5. Licenses—16. Credentials—7. Total—28. Total number of teachers actually employed—28

A uniform series of blanks were gotten out during the year by the Lake Union Board of Examiners. These blanks have met with general approval. This series, I am informed, has been adopted by the North Pacific Union. The blanks consist of teacher's permit, license, and credential; teacher's monthly report to the Educational Secretary, and teachers' report at commencement and close of school; pupils' monthly report card, promotion card, and eight grade diploma; a matriculation blank to be used on entering the Summer Normal, and an enrollment card to be used at teacher's examination; a teacher's contract; and an annual report of the treasurer and of the secretary of the school board.

All our workers were deeply pained to learn of the sudden death at his home in Berrien Springs of our esteemed Lake Union Educational Secretary, Eld. W. D. Curtis. His loss is keenly felt, as he was a most earnest and capable worker. His last public effort was a stirring appeal in behalf of Christian Educa-

tion delivered at Emmanuel Missionary College on the very day of his death.

A few days subsequent to the death of Eld. Curtis, in response to a call issued by Elder Moon, president of the Lake Union, Miss Pearl Hallock of Northern Illinois, Mrs. R. W. McMahan of Indiana, and Clifford Russell of West Michigan met at the home of the late Elder Curtis to unite with Elder Moon and Sister Curtis in planning for a continuance of the Lake Union Secretary's work until the time of the Union Conference. Sr. Curtis is now preparing the Teacher's Improvement Course outlines, the mechanical work being performed at the South Bend office. The most pressing of the other duties were placed upon the different members of the board present.

The Teachers' Improvement Course for this year embraces an exhaustive study of the book "Education." Outlines for daily study are sent out monthly in advance, and a quizz covering the previous months' work is given. This manuscript is sent to the office for review and filing. The most of our teachers have shown their appreciation of the advantages offered in this course, by doing creditable work. There is no expense to the teacher in taking this course.

Through the kindness of the Foreign Mission Board, our teachers are now supplied with a pamphlet of 84 pages giving a complete history of Seventh Day Adventist Missions from their inception to the present time. The teachers are also supplied with the monthly missionary readings. This material is a great aid in teaching missionary geography.

The "True Education" readers have been introduced into nearly every school, and are meeting the approval of all who have given them a fair trial. The method employed is the phometric, coupled with the word and sentence methods. In subject matter and adaptability for correlation with other

subjects they are unexcelled. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 are ready for use, and numbers 4, 6, and 8 will be off the press soon.

By action of the Conference Committee and the Cedar Lake Academy Board, the duties of the Educational Secretary were defined with reference to the academy. Accordingly three days were spent during the latter part of November in visiting the different departments connected with the institution. The present corps of teachers is as follows:

W. C. Mathewson, principal.
Fred Green, business manager.
Edith Shepard, preceptress.
VoWyla Aiken, Church-school dept.
Mrs. Dora Straight, matron.

This, the oldest intermediate school in the denomination, is prospering under the guiding hand of God, and a noble company of young people are receiving a training which we trust will fit them for usefulness in some part of the Lord's work. The enrollment in the Academy has reached 63. In the church-school department, 25; making a total of 88, which is probably the largest in the history of this institution.

In October I visited the different rooms connected with the Battle Creek Industrial Academy. This is also an intermediate school, and is located outside the city limits of Battle Creek. The corps of teachers consists of:

Mrs. Flora Williams—Principal.
Mrs. Harriet Heffley
Minnie Hart
Lois Randall
May Williams.

The total enrollment to date numbers 145. This school differs from Cedar Lake from the fact that it is not a boarding school, no dormitory being in connection. I was much pleased with the thorough work being done in the class rooms. This school has not yet fully adopted the Course of Study, and therefore has been unable to follow the Lake Union examinations entirely.

Each one of our schools has been visited at least once this year, and some of them several times.

The list of schools and teachers outside of Battle Creek and Cedar Lake, enumerated above, with total enrollment is as follows:

School	Teacher	Enrollment
Bangor	Mabel Haughey	12
Bauer	Mildred Wilson	11
Bedford	Katherine Bell	16
Berrien Springs	Edna Decker	22
Carlton Center	Ethel Cooper	15
Charlotte	Augusta Blosser	22
Covert	Mrs. J. Countryman	18
Denver Center	Grace Davis	15
Glenwood	Claude Countryman	9
Grand Ledge	Flossie Hall	8
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	21
Lake Odessa	Edna Cooper	4
Mich. Home	Jennie Judson	3
Monterey	Nettie Smith	20
Otsego	Edna Ayars	17
Paw Paw	Anna Garton	15
Portland	Mina Hastings	8
Wright	Lucile Gregg	9
Total		245
Grand Total		478

The schools in our Conference were all supplied with teachers, and we are able to furnish two teachers for Southern Illinois, and two for North Michigan. Besides 4 of our former teachers are continuing their studies in college this year.

The educational work is not greater than the message. Neither is there another department of the message greater than it. It takes all these departments to make one symmetrical whole. Mistakes have been made, for our workers are not infallible; but I firmly believe that there is no more self-sacrificing corps of workers than is to be found in the ranks of our church-school teachers. And may we not, as laborers in this department of God's work, feel that we have the earnest prayers and the hearty cooperation of our dear people throughout the length and breadth of the West Michigan Conference? May God grant that this may be true.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Report of the Sabbath School Department of the West Michigan Conference for 1907.

PRESENT STANDING.

At the present time we have 86 schools with a membership of 2,427. Our membership ought to be much larger than this for the Sabbath School work is so thoroughly organized that every Seventh Day Adventist can be a member of the Sabbath School. We have the home department for the aged, sick and isolated, so there is no excuse for anyone not being a member of some department of the Sabbath School.

CONVENTIONS.

Seven conventions were held the past year and we had the privilege of attending all of them. Aside from this, general meetings were held at five churches and the Sabbath School work was considered at these meetings.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER.

According to the reports of our secretaries there are over thirty of our schools that are not taking the Worker. We believe it would be a great help to our schools if all of the officers and teachers had access to this good Sabbath School journal.

DONATIONS.

1st quarter	-	-	540	57
2nd "	-	-	558	90
3rd "	-	-	694	77
4th "	-	-	593	29
Total			2,387	53

MARGARET H. HILLIARD,
Secretary.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Year 1907.

The work in this department has made some advancement the past year. We have sixteen organized societies and a good interest is manifested in the study of the Word and in all lines of missionary work. In the early part of the year it was decided that the young

people of the L. U. C. would raise money to start a mission among the Finns of the Upper Peninsula. It required a mile and a quarter of pennies, or its equivalent. Our young people took an active part in helping to lay this copper line and as a result \$376.90 has been received on this fund.

At our last camp-meeting the young people voted to support one of their number in the Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary for one year. Miss Winifred Trunk, one of our church school teachers, is attending the seminary, receiving a preparation for a foreign missionary, and \$71.83 has been paid on this fund. Forty-two dollars and forty-one cents has been donated to aid Doctor Cave in starting the medical work in his native country-Barbadoes. Thus we have a total of \$491.14 that has been given by our young people to foreign work. Aside from this quite a sum has been used in home missionary work, as our youth have circulated periodicals, tracts, etc.

The following is the amount of work reported:

Missionary letters written	-	245
Missionary letters received		47
Missionary visits	-	210
Bible readings or cottage meetings	-	21
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	-	98
Papers sold	-	1241
Papers mailed or given away		3812
Books sold	-	41
Books loaned	-	5
Pages of tracts given away		4770

At the General Conference Young People's Convention it was voted that a reading course be published for our young people through the columns of the Instructor. Sixty-eight persons are taking this course.

CONCLUSION.

The work is onward and we hope it will continue until our children and youth are trained for service, and the Advent Message

given to all the world and Jesus comes and makes up His jewels.

MARGARET H. HILLIARD,
Secretary.

Report of the Field Secretary.

It is not possible to give a detailed report of the work done in 1907 as there was no missionary agent in the conference from the time of the camp-meeting in 1906 until that of 1907.

The sales in the conference as reported to the Review and Herald were \$2,596.70 in Subscription Books and \$3,887.54 in Trade Books, making a total of \$5,484.20. This is good, but might be much better, in fact we must make it so this year.

Since entering upon the work I have spent quite a little time on the school farm at Otsego.

In all there have been fifteen agents in the field in an irregular way. Several of these have spent but a few days or a few weeks at most. Five students are in school, three in Cedar Lake and two in Berrien Springs, who have earned their scholarship selling books. Thus the canvassing work is indeed a missionary work. It put the Truth into the hands of the people; it gave the agents an experience and an entrance into the school and also helped the schools.

While this is all good scarcely a beginning has been made. West Michigan ought to be the Banner Conference in the distribution of literature whereas we have done about half as much as Ohio or Northern Illinois.

In our conference we have the largest membership of any conference in the Lake Union, and we have at least an average territory in which to work.

SOME OF OUR NEEDS.

First, We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit to fit us for work.

Second, We need such an organization, and such a system as will not only make room for every one who is able to work but will find some one to fill these places.

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In short we need to get to work. The Missionary Department ought to include the entire body.

Third, We as workers need to return to the old method of carrying a good supply of books and tracts wherever we go, and selling all we can. Then as we go from place to place we will have our eyes open for men and women who might do acceptable work in a true missionary line. As it is, the Tract Society nor the Missionary agent seldom if ever get a word from a conference worker suggesting a name of a prospective canvasser. While I do not wish to find fault with any worker, but I would like to see such actions taken here as would bind us all as workers together to that degree that no matter what line we engage in we shall always be alert for any and all who might make acceptable workers in any branch of the work. Let us as brethren and sisters unite in one bond of unity and each esteem other lines as important as the one in which he is engaged. I am not clear as to just how this can be done. But it can be and must be done ere the work will go as the Lord desires it to go.

I would not feel that I had done my duty without calling attention of this delegation to the work accomplished by one aged brother, J. Q. Foy of Battle Creek, who has reported \$384.80 sales in Battle Creek since November 10th right in the midst of all the trouble in that place. What has been done there can be done elsewhere. When we get ready to do the work the way and place will be waiting.

All who attended the workers' council will remember that a resolution was adopted in which all workers agreed to lend all assistance possible toward securing at least one canvasser. It is but justly due to Elder Campbell to state that the fine report from Battle Creek is the result of his fulfilling his pledge.

I am in hearty accord with any proper plan which will increase our book sales and the circulation of our papers and tracts. This is a missionary work of the highest order. Brethren, let us each enlist and help to close the work quickly.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

From the Field.

Lake Odessa Church School.

MISSIONARY WORK FOR THIS MONTH:

Seventeen papers given away.

Five missionary letters written.

One book loaned and some clothing given to a poor family near by.

One month of another year has passed away. We can say that it has been a happy one for us. Each day we are trying to see that we have overcome something that is not of Christ. Our desire is to bring the fruits of the Spirit right out in their beauty.

Since vacation we have had four meetings. Each one so far has been well attended. To the last three were forty-five. Most all were worldly people. We are still meeting at different homes. The first six chapters of Daniel are finished.

As we take up the prophecies, we hope the readers of this Herald will kindly remember us in prayer.

EDNA L. COOPER.

News and Notes.

Ten of the church school teachers attended the conference.

The Charlotte church members did all in their power to make it pleasant for the conference delegates.

The conference proceedings will be printed in the Herald. We could not get any of it ready for this paper.

The first session of the conference was held Thursday evening, February 13. Ninety-nine delegates were present.

The capacity of the Charlotte church building was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the delegates, but all kept sweet.

Elder M. N. Campbell returned from Washington, D. C., in time to attend the conference and he reported a profitable and interesting trip.

Elder Allen Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, W. H. Edwards, the secretary, and J. B. Blosser, field secretary, were present at the conference.

Three committees were appointed to consider matters to be presented to the conference, viz: Committee on Plans, Committee on Nominations, Committee on Licenses and Credentials.

The following appeared as an editorial in the New York Times of Monday, February 3, 1908:

A NOTEWORTHY MEMORIAL.

A memorial to Congress of the Seventh Day Adventists in the Congressional Record of Jan. 29 is a document of interesting literary, religious, and political significance. It is an adroit argument against the passage of certain bills for a stricter observance in the District of Columbia of Sunday. It is rich in its citations of historical precedent and clear and strong in its argument against the union of church and state, and apt in its quotations of authorities from Neander to Bancroft. Their present position is interesting and their memorial is a noteworthy document.