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West Michigan Camp-Meeting.

The camp-meeting of 1904 for the West Michigan Conference is to be held on the fair grounds at Allegan, Allegan Co., Michigan, Aug. 18-29, 1904. All the arrangements relative to meeting the passengers, handling the baggage, and the rental of tents and lumber are mentioned elsewhere. Application has been made for reduced rates over the railroad, but we do not know that this will be granted. A later notice will be given touching upon these various points. We hope that our churches generally will begin to plan so that all parts of the field may be well represented in this camp-meeting.

It may be pleasing to our brethren to know that it is the plan to discard all matters of conference business from this meeting, and devote the entire time to the spiritual and missionary up-building of the work. We expect to get help from abroad. Requests have been sent for workers outside the conference to attend, and as soon as definite word is received notices will be published.

Any one desiring to become a helper in the pitching of tents, and the work of arranging for the meeting, is asked to correspond with the writer. We will need men accustomed to hard physical labor, carpenters, grocermen, cooks and table waiters. In some of these lines small money compensation will be given. In others we hope that it will be voluntary service,

done as unto the Lord. Further notices will appear later.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Organization Of Church Schools.

No. I. THE BOARD.

Each church that plans to operate a church school, after due notice given at some general meeting, should elect a Church School Board.

In small churches three members are enough, but in larger churches perhaps five will be better.

In the public school districts we have:—

A Moderator, who acts as chairman of the board, and of the district meetings;

A Director, who is secretary of the board and district, and is usually the actual manager or executive officer of the district; and

An Assessor, who is the treasurer of the district, and usually pays but little attention to the running affairs of the school.

It has seemed wise in the organization of our denominational school boards, to drop the names, moderator, director and assessor, and use instead the titles, chairman, secretary and treasurer. This however does not carry with it that the duties are entirely the same in each instance.

In the choosing of a board, thought should be given to the work to be done, and the persons most suitable for the work should be chosen. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A PERSON BE ELECTED TO A PLACE THEY DO NOT DEFINITELY CONSENT TO FILL.

Ordinarily the church treasurer should be the treasurer of the school board, but there may be circumstances where it will be deemed advisable to elect a different person. If the treasurer of the church lives a long distance from the

school, and is not a patron of it, it would seem very proper for another to be chosen for that place who is nearer the school, to handle the school funds.

Sometimes it may be wise to ask a person to take the office of secretary of the school board who will not be fitted to take the management of the outside matters of the school, and frequently a sister in the church might be placed as secretary, in which case the board should expect the chairman to act as manager. The chairman is naturally the executive officer of the board, and in case there is no objection, it should be understood that he is the one to carry out the wishes of the board relative to the school. This will give the board a real head, and matters will not be left to run at loose ends. "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." This old adage is very true in church school matters.

On the other hand, it may be best in some places for the secretary of the board, because of his experience, nearness to the school or some other circumstance, to be designated as the director of the school. If this is to be so there should be a definite vote of the board to that effect, and the vote recorded, that there may be no misunderstandings.

The Church School Board is not an independent organization, but is a board of managers for the school. If the church as a whole is maintaining the school, the Board should be subject to the vote of the church. If the school is to all intents, a private one, then the patrons and donors are the ones to direct the board, and others in the church may be permitted to take part in the deliberations of the general meetings and elections only on invitation of those who stand as

sponsors of the school. HOWEVER, —ALL OUR DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE CHURCH SCHOOLS. I say SHOULD BE, church schools.

J. G. LAMSON.

Medical.

Since returning from the Lake Union Conference our medical work has been onward, not only in Grand Rapids, but also in adjacent towns.

One lady, of wealth, appreciating rational methods, comes to us from Holland three times each week for treatments; others come from towns near Grand Rapids. During the past three months we have had several severe cases of typhoid fever. In each case we have seen the patients restored to health by faithful, physiological treatments. Not one drop of medicine has been necessary.

In consultation with four of our best Grand Rapids physicians over one of my very sick patients, I was told by each one that the chances for recovery were very doubtful. The proper water treatments were faithfully given, and a healthful diet was faithfully prescribed, together with other rational treatments. When we felt that all was being done that could be for the patient, we earnestly asked the Lord to come to our help to bless the means that were being used for her recovery. The Lord did hear and answered the prayer offered. To the great surprise of all her friends and the physicians who knew of the case, the patient, a mother of four small children, is up and able to faithfully fill the important place she occupies in the family.

While we rejoice to see what the Lord is doing physically for our patients, we have continued cause for thanksgiving when patients come to our home two, three and four nights each week, not for medical treatment, but with their Bibles, for systematic Bible study. At

the close of the Bible Reading, one of the ladies present said there was no other alternative for her but to keep the true Sabbath. Some of the most precious hours to me since coming to Grand Rapids have been spent in my office seeing interested souls accepting the rays of present truth as they were presented to them.

Sabbath, June 11, I enjoyed the privilege of speaking twice to the Allegan church, a goodly number from the South Monterey church being present.

June 27, I returned from attending the London, Ont., camp-meeting. While there I spoke several times. Mrs. A. R. Satterly, a trained nurse of broad experience from the Buffalo, N. Y. Sanitarium, of which Dr. Satterly is in charge, rendered most appreciated service in speaking and demonstrating. We were both much pleased to see that the same interest which is manifest in health subjects in the United States, prevails in Canada.

Last Wednesday evening I spoke in the "Church of God" at Dutton by invitation of the pastors, Elder and Mrs. Woodard. Notwithstanding the rain, over seventy-five persons were present to hear on the subject of health.

I am of good courage in the work.

DR. P. S. BOURDEAU.

News From the Field.

Grand Rapids.

God is greatly blessing the work and workers in this city. Precious souls are coming to the light and taking a firm stand for the Lord. Eight adults have recently requested baptism, and the Spirit of God is working upon the hearts of others. Sabbath was the appointed time of our quarterly meeting, and nearly the whole congregation remained to partake of the "ordinances." Brethren bowed in sweet, humble submission, washing the feet of the brethren; the silent hand clasp, the tearful eye, the fervent kiss; all spoke in no uncertain tones

of the "Spirit" work of grace in the hearts of His children.

God is stirring the hearts of His people, and there is a revival of the "Spirit" among us. The prayer meetings are better attended, and the attendance is increasing. I trust this is but the beginning of a glorious work to take place in the hearts, in the church, and then in the city of Grand Rapids. I praise the Lord for the evidence that he is working on hearts; to him be all the glory. I am praying for a pentacostal experience in the church. Who will join me?

W. D. PARKHURST.

Holton.

Our meetings have been in progress one week, the congregations have been good, and we are greatly encouraged from night to night as we see the close attention paid to the word as presented. We are just about to enter upon the prophecies.

Much wisdom is needed from God to do His work in a way that will please Him. We feel of good courage in the Lord. Pray for us that many may accept the message for this time, and be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven; and may we be kept humble that God can work through us successfully to win souls.

W. H. HECKMAN.

W. C. HEBNER.

Quarterly Meeting.

The writer spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Orange church. This church is made up the Sabbath-keepers living at Portland, Traverse, Lake Odessa, West Sebawa. They have three Sabbath-schools convening at Portland, Traverse and Lake Odessa. For a number of years these scattered Sabbath-keepers have held their regular quarterly meeting together, and their church organization is known as the Orange church. We spent the time very profitably together. The Lord gave the writer a clear and definite message for the

people which seemed to be very much appreciated by all the members. We believe the time has come when some labor should be bestowed at at least two points, and that more than one church organization should be planned for in this territory, as Portland and Lake Odessa are 18 miles apart. We hope to be able to put a tent in this locality at the close of the camp-meeting.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Grand Rapids.

I have just returned to Grand Rapids after a ten days' visit to Bauer. Feeling so tired and weary for several weeks before going, I thought a few days in the country would help me physically, and I was not disappointed.

Some of the church members took me to visit some of their relatives and neighbors, in whom they are interested, which afforded opportunity for several readings which I trust will be instrumental in helping some to see the truth more clearly.

The local elder and his wife took me out in their carriage one evening on a missionary trip. They collected copies of "The Family Bible Teacher" and distributed others, leaving a Southern Watchman also at each home. We called at about ten or twelve homes during the evening. I am sure the Lord will richly bless this earnest, faithful labor.

I hope to be able to take up my city work with renewed strength and vigor for the short time that I remain, as in the near future I shall be going to some distant field.

ELIZABETH MCHUGH.

Family Church Schools.

In our visits we have lately been permitted to spend a short time in the home of one of our members who owns a small farm of 40 acres, upon which there is a mortgage resting. But believing that it was his duty to give his children, four

in number, two sons and two daughters, a Christian education, he took one room of his house for a school room, and has boarded and paid the salary of a church school teacher, the first year seven months and the past year eight months. The Lord has blessed their efforts. They have also been able to materially reduce the amount of the mortgage, having made some large payments upon it. Both these terms of school have been very successful. They are planning on a eight months' school this present year. The Lord has blessed them with good crops. Their little farm is under a high stage of cultivation. They feel that they are farming for the Lord. Would to our heavenly Father that the good example set by this family might be followed by others who are not fortunate enough to be situated near a church school, as is the case with this family.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

ents to Michigan in 1854, and lived in Allegan until she was married to Leander M. Jones of So. Monterey in 1870. They enjoyed life together until his death separated them two years ago. In her youth, through the labors of Elder Cornell, she was converted and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She ever lived as a consistent and faithful member. Her amiable disposition won to her many friends wherever she went. Her life was filled with acts of charity. Her sympathetic and helping hand in time of sickness and trouble was always the first in the homes of her neighbors. A sister, brother, three children, and many relatives and friends were called to mourn May 31st when the death angel paid his visit. She was laid to rest in the country graveyard near So. Monterey.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Financial.

Tithe Report For June.

Allegan	\$116.47
Allendale	20.13
Battle Creek	509.65
Berrien Springs	136.85
Belding	13.80
Benton Harbor	113.83
Covert	13.15
Cedar Lake	5.31
Carson City	28.26
Eaton Rapids	.80
Grand Rapids	401.32
Howard City	3.55
Individuals	22.47
Lowell	8.30
Lake View	243.00
Monterey	50.00
Mt. Pleasant	45.65
Orange	14.38
Shelby	88.75
Wavoryly	12.00
Total	\$1,874.67

Obituary.

Caroline M. Southwell was born July 25, 1842, in Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y. She came with her par-

News and Notes.

The Cedar Lake Industrial Academy Board will meet at Cedar Lake, Monday, July 18.

The "Locating Committee," appointed at the West Michigan Conference session at Charlotte to secure a suitable location of the headquarters of the West Michigan Conference will meet at Allegan at the time of the camp-meeting.

Arthur L. Bayley has been elected as church clerk of the Battle Creek church, to succeed D. W. Reavis, who resigned on account of being called to a position with the Review and Herald in Washington, D. C.

During July the Superintendent of Education, J. G. Lamson, will visit all churches north and east of Grand Rapids that desire schools, and wish to have counsel relative to the educational work. He will be pleased to hear immediately from those who desire him to meet with their church.

News and Notes.

On account of limited space we were obliged to omit several interesting reports last week which appear in this issue.

Elder A. G. Haughey expects to visit Berrien Springs this week in the interests of the work of the Emmanuel Missionary College.

Parties desiring employment at the camp-meeting in any of the departments elsewhere mentioned will please correspond with those in charge of the department.

Those desiring tents for the Allegan Camp-meeting, will please order immediately of the West Michigan Conference, Otsego, Mich., and accompany the order with cash.

On Sabbath, June 25th, Elder Hebner baptised four candidates at Rothbury; and others at this place are expecting to go forward in this ordinance in the near future. May the Lord continue to bless the labors of Elder Hebner, and those associated with him.

Eld. W. C. Hebner reports a very favorable opening of a series of tent meetings at Holton, on the evening of June 26th. About eighty interested people attended the opening meeting, and many of them gave him a hearty personal welcome at the close of the service.

Several communications have recently been received from Dr. J. H. Keichline, who was sent to Cairo, Egypt, a year ago as a representative of the Battle Creek Young People's Society. Last Sabbath afternoon this society at their regular weekly session had the privilege of listening to a few interesting remarks from H. E. Simkin, relative to the work which Dr. Keichline is establishing in this Moslem country. Mr. H. E. Simkin recently returned from Australia where he spent three years in the publishing work.

Sunday evening, July 10, a mass meeting was called at the Taber-

nacle, Battle Creek, in the interest of the school work.

Elder Haughey spoke on the subject of the attendance at church schools, the Bible grounds for denominational schools, and why this denomination needs schools at the present time. All should lend support in every way possible.

Elder Miller took up the work of the Board in fostering the school and the work they are trying to do.

J. G. Lamson suggested methods of support for the school and plans for the work of the new year, after which all were given an opportunity to express their appreciation of the church school by pledging for its support.

Sister Jennie DeYoung, of Grand Rapids, in writing of her work in that city, says:

"The Lord is daily teaching me precious lessons, and more and more I am feeling the need of a deeper consecration to Him. I have evidence that the Lord goes before me in my work, opening the doors and hearts, and leading me to places where I never would have gone without his guidance.

"One dear, saintly old lady, 77 years old, recently said to me that she knew the Lord had sent me to her. She is now studying the nature of man, and is anxious to learn of the Sabbath, and all the special points of our faith, pledging herself to abide by the teachings of the Word."

The Conference Committee met in Battle Creek, July 9, at the close of the Sabbath at which time several important questions relative to the work of the Conference were carefully reviewed and then acted upon.

The work of the camp-meeting was next given long and earnest consideration. For the best conduct of the camp, the work was divided into five departments, each member of the Committee being assigned by the vote of the Committee to the special oversight of the work of the department. It was not the thought that the members of the Committee should have to do the actual work of these departments, but that they should seek out good men to do the work under the supervision of these de-

partment superintendents. The assignments are as follows:—

Pitching Camp, and general superintendence, A. G. Haughey, Plainwell, Mich.

Grocery, Dining Hall, and associated supplies, W. D. Parkhurst, 927 Quigley Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sanitary Conditions and Police Force, M. B. Miller, 29 University Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

Lumber, straw, hay, and wood, and stabling, Ezra Brackett, Allegan, Mich.

Reception committee, locating committee, and baggage and transportation, J. G. Lamson, 22 Hill St., Battle Creek, Mich.

VOTED, That Brethren Haughey and Brackett be a special committee to make all the necessary arrangements and contracts for the conduct of the camp that need to be made prior to the opening of the camp-meeting.

VOTED, That the rental of tents be three dollars.

Elder W. D. Parkhurst, of Grand Rapids, was recently elected a member of the West Michigan Conference Committee, to fill the vacancy made in the Committee by the following resignation:

"Battle Creek, Mich., June 29, 1904. Executive Committee of the West Michigan Conference,

Dear Brethren: On account of having accepted a position with the new corporation of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, in Washington, D. C., and being required to take up the work there in the immediate future, it will be impossible for me to continue my services as a member of the Conference Committee. I therefore tender my resignation, and in so doing I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the privileges I have enjoyed in working with the members of the Committee, and for the general work of the Conference. Our association has been most pleasant, and as I leave the Committee, I wish to say to each member that I appreciate and love you, and my interest in you and your work will not cease with the close of my services with you as a member of your committee, but I shall always be interested in you and your work in the West Michigan Conference, and shall constantly pray for you and the work.

Sincerely yours,
D. W. REAVIS."