

The West Michigan Herald.

"Watchman, What of the Night."

VOL. II.

OTSEGO, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 14, 1904.

No. 3534

THE WEST MICHIGAN HERALD.

Issued every Wednesday by the West Michigan S. D. A. Conference, Otsego, Michigan.

Rate: 25 Cts. per year (50 numbers) in advance.

Entered Sept. 23, 1903, at Otsego, Mich., as second class matter, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1878.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS DIRECTORY.

President—A. G. Haughey, Plainwell.
Vice President—M. B. Miller, 29 University Ave., Battle Creek.
Secretary and Treasurer—E. A. Merriam, Otsego, Mich.
Field Secretary—M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw.
Superintendent of Education—Prof. J. G. Lamson, Battle Creek.
Editor West Michigan Herald, Secretary Sabbath School Assn.—Margaret Haughey, Otsego.
Medical Supt., Dr. P. S. Bourdeau, 475 Wealthy Ave., Grand Rapids.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. G. Haughey, M. B. Miller, W. D. Parkhurst, Prof. J. G. Lamson, Ezra Brackett.

Evangelical.

Arise And Build.

God's word to His workers in Washington is, "Arise and build;" and His word to his people in all the conference is, "Strengthen the hands of the builders." The work in Washington is to advance in straight lines, without delay or hindrance. Let it not be kept back for lack of means. The workers in Washington will advance with steadfast courage just as fast as the Lord's people will furnish them with means. Let every church in every place act its part cheerfully and willingly.

I know that the people of God desire to act their part nobly in advancing His work in the world. God extends His favor to us daily, and we are to regard it as a privilege to show that we are in harmony with the work now being done at the Capital of our Nation. We have no time to lose. The bounty that God daily bestows upon us makes a direct and forcible appeal to us to respond to the

goodness and love of God by placing all that we have and are upon the altar of sacrifice. We must be co-laborers with God. He calls upon us to engage in His work, to return to Him a part of that which He has bestowed upon us. He has made up his helping hand. Our self-denying benevolence, our willing offerings, are to give evidence that the truth has been doing its work upon our hearts.

Let us cut away every selfish indulgence that calls for an outlay of means, large or small. The work of God is now to be established in Washington. Means will be needed to erect a Sanitarium. The building is to be plain and inexpensive. We would not waste the Lord's money by unnecessary display. Look at the life of Christ. He stooped from His glory to the humiliation of poverty. He was the Majesty of heaven, yet he declared, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

God has need of the means that He has lent you. He needs the money that you can spare. Let no man's hand now be slack. Please send us help, that we may carry forward the work that has for so long been neglected. God has said, "Arise and build," and we must obey His word.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

"The Gospel to be given to all the world in this generation."

"Many of them which heard the word believed."

"Go ye into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled."

"I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and taught you publicly and from house to house."

What is Home.

Recently a London magazine sent out a thousand inquiries on the question, "What is home?" In selecting the classes to respond to the question it was particular to see that every one was represented. The poorest and the richest were given an equal opportunity to express their sentiment. Out of eight hundred replies received, seven gems were selected as follows:

Home—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home—The place where the small are great and the great are small.

Home—The father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise.

Home—The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

Home—The center of our affection, round which our heart's best wishes twine.

Home—The place where our stomachs get three square meals daily and our hearts a thousand.

Home—The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.—Midland Advocate.

Are You Homesick?

"But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." Did you ever get homesick and long to go home to mother? We presume the majority of people who have left the parental roof and gone out into the world have had a light attack of homesickness, and looked forward with joyful anticipation to the time when they could go home to mother.

A letter is received which contains a loving invitation to go home. We accept the invitation; the long looked for day comes and

our hopes are realized and once more we bask in the sunshine of home—"the center of our affection, round which our hearts best wishes twine." But too soon the stern duties of life speak and say, "Arise ye, and depart, for this is not your rest." So we leave the parental roof once more and have our former experiences repeated.

We realize that we are wandering in a world of sin and we long for something better, for "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint," then comes the blessed invitation from "the mother of us all," "child come home," we accept the invitation and look forward to the time when we can go home to "mother" and bask in the sunshine of Jesus' love. Are you homesick? Do you want to go home to mother? Now is the time to get ready. We do not have much longer to prepare. God grant that we may be ready soon, and go home to mother to remain forever.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

News From the Field.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The Lord is good and I am so glad that he has counted me worthy to be a co-worker with him. The work is great and the laborers are few and we need to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers.

When I see so many who are hungering and thirsting for light, as they are not satisfied with the food they get, I feel so thankful that the Lord has given me this last message and that I may, with his help, give them meat in due season. It is a precious privilege to be a worker for the Lord.

Since camp-meeting some of my readers have gone back to the Netherlands. I knew they were going and that I would not get to hold many readings with them, so I asked the Lord to direct me, so that in the few readings I would have with them they would hear the truth. There was a young man

staying with the family who expected to go to Paris. He was a good student, and had read, and heard different people talk on Bible subjects but had doubts about it being the word of God.

When he heard the explanation of United States in prophecy he kept silent, but the next week he felt so grateful for what he had heard that he asked me if we had any books explaining Daniel and Revelation. I told him yes and he said, "I want it and I am going to study it, for if these things are true, as you have explained them, there is a time of trouble ahead." He ordered "Daniel and Revelation" and "Great Controversy." The family with whom he stayed gave me an order for "Daniel and Revelation" the same evening.

The young man bought "Steps to Christ" and some tracts on the Sabbath question. So I feel that the Lord put it into their hearts to buy the books and tracts so they can get the truth from these silent messengers. To the Lord be all the praise. He goes before. Let us follow on. His word will not return unto him void.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

Benton Harbor.

I take this opportunity of telling you something of my work in Benton Harbor. Before entering the canvassing work I had an experience something like Jonah had when he was running from the Lord. For two or three years I have been impressed that the canvassing work was my work, but I have dreaded it and have put it off.

Last winter during the meeting in Battle Creek, an earnest appeal was made for canvassers, and the Lord laid the burden on my heart anew, but I still made excuses—poor health, had never sold books, and never attended a canvassers' school—and the tempter prevailed and I sought and found employment in Battle Creek. I had a continual pricking of the conscience. Finally I could endure it

no longer and I prayed earnestly, if the Lord really wanted me, (hoping all the time he did not,) he would hedge up the way in Battle Creek, and open the way for me to enter the field. I got an answer to my prayer sooner than I expected. In less than two days I was out of employment and I took it as a direct answer to prayer and thanked God for it, and that evening I attended my first canvassers' meeting, met our Field Secretary, and partially promised to enter the work at an early date.

But Satan was not asleep. In a few days I was offered a paying position in Battle Creek, and I yielded to temptation. I reasoned like this—there is plenty of missionary work here, the work is easy and I will be at home. But the "still small voice" kept pleading, and one day I met my prospective employer and he informed me that circumstances had so changed that it would be impossible to give me employment at that time. I went home thinking very seriously,—surely God's hand is in this. The very next morning the door bell rang, and when I opened the door there stood our Field Secretary. As soon as I saw him I said, "I surrender." The burden rolled away immediately.

Arrangements were made for me to take up the work in Benton Harbor. During the preparation for my leaving home I was perfectly happy and contented. There is peace and joy in submitting our ways to the Lord, and having a conscience void of offence toward God and man. I bade good bye to the folks at home on the morning of May 2, with just a little pull at the heart strings. The enemy whispered "You will be a stranger in a strange land." Another voice, "Lo I am with you always." On reaching Benton Harbor I received a warm welcome from our people, and the Lord has abundantly blessed my work here this summer. He has verified His promises to me in so many ways. He says, "And every

Financial.

Tithe Report for the Month of August.	
Allendale	\$ 9 31
Battle Creek	809 74
Bedford	58 63
Burlington	7 95
Berrien Springs	58 63
Blendon	21 00
Benton Harbor	94 73
Cedar Lake	24 02
Clifford Lake	24 86
Carson City	11 00
Dimondale	1 41
Eaton Rapids	4 76
Frost	4 60
Grand Ledge	26 00
Grandville	3 02
Grand Rapids	94 67
Hastings	26 25
Horr	2 00
Howard City	4 85
Individuals	3 63
Kalamazoo	4 19
Lowell	16 45
Maple Grove	5 00
Muskegon	5 00
Mendon	15 91
Otsego	4 65
Odessa Church School	17 75
Paw Paw	45 90
Pottersville	5 56
Shelby	17 28
Sand Lake	17 68
Urbandale	42 53
Waverly	59 58
	1548 52

News and Notes.

Prof. J. G. Lamson will attend the East Michigan Conference and camp-meeting at Flint.

The West Michigan Conference donated 172 copies of Swedish "Life of Christ" to the work in Washington.

Mr. James Irving, who has been laboring in the tent work with B. F. Kneeland, has gone to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to attend the Academy.

Miss Margaret J. Bilz, National Evangelist of the W. C. T. U., spent a few days last week in Grand Rapids with Dr. Patience S. Bordeau.

Prof. J. G. Lamson, superintendent of the Educational Department of the West Michigan Conference, will locate in Kalamazoo. He will be pastor of that church.

Bertis Wolcott, who has been teaching in the Cedar Lake Academy for some time in the past, has accepted a position in an industrial school in Colorado.

The graduating exercises of the Sanitarium Nurses' Training School was held in the Sanitarium gymnasium Tuesday evening, September 6. Twenty-six nurses were granted diplomas.

Mrs. Wagner, one of the nurses connected with the medical work in Grand Rapids, returned last week from her vacation. This brings a great relief to those in charge, as there is a rush of work at present.

We hope to have some reports from our workers next week. We know they are busy, but we hope they will remember that the brethren and sisters throughout the conference desire to hear from them through the columns of the "Herald."

The Battle Creek church school opened Tuesday, September 6, with an enrollment of over one hundred and thirty pupils. They have an excellent faculty and the prospects are favorable for a good school the coming year. The school has twelve grades this year.

Mrs. E. G. White arrived in Battle Creek Tuesday, September 6. A large audience assembled at the Tabernacle Wednesday, September 7, at 1:00 p. m. and she spoke for one hour and a half giving earnest words of exhortation and instruction. She hopes to visit Battle Creek again in the near future.

Miss Bertha Snyder, who has been engaged in the Bible work in Muskegon, is spending a little time in the country, where she hopes to regain her health and strength. We hope she will be able to engage in active service in the near future. Her address is Kibbie, Michigan, R. F. D. No. 2.

We understand there will be

twenty-five church-schools in the West Michigan Conference this year.

Brethren Fred Brink and W. E. Videto have closed their tent-meeting at Weidman and expect to locate at Lake Odessa.

Eld. A. G. Haughey left Plainwell Monday evening to attend a special legal meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Adventist Central Educational Association, which was held at the Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. From there he went to College View, Neb., to attend the General Conference Council.

The North Michigan Conference and camp-meeting, which was held at Mancelona, closed Sunday evening September 11. There was a large attendance of our people at the meeting. All the tents were occupied. Elder E. W. Farnsworth and Miss Bessie DeGraw were present at the first of the meeting and rendered valuable assistance. Elder A. G. Haughey was there the last Sabbath and Sunday. Elder S. M. Butler spent a short time there in the interest of Cedar Lake Academy. Elder I. D. VanHorn was there the entire time.

The Lord graced this meeting with his spirit and blessing. On Sunday afternoon forty were baptized in a small lake near the camp ground. Elders Matthews and Irwin administered this solemn ordinance. A large number of people were present on this occasion.

There was a good outside attendance at the meeting and a tent meeting will be held to follow the interest. They expect to have twelve church schools in this conference this year. The Lord has blessed the work and workers of the Northern Michigan Conference. Eld. S. E. Wight was re-elected as president.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." The Lord is the very best paymaster, and I love His service.

Another thing he has done for me. I dreaded to start out mornings, especially Monday morning. I sought the Lord earnestly in regard to this. I asked Him to take away the dread, and help me that my heart might be in the work, and He answered my prayer. Praise His name. If He can do it for me He can do it for others. "Ask and ye shall receive." He has blessed in giving me orders, and I know that angels have gone before and opened the doors and hearts of the people.

Every one receives me kindly, and I have succeeded in placing "The Great Controversy" in many homes in Benton Harbor. Many interesting experiences come to my mind as I am writing, but I have taken so much space now that I will forbear this time. The canvassing work in Benton Harbor is onward. To the Lord be all the praise. My hope and courage is good. I love this work with all my heart, and am in the work to stay. The fields are already ripe for the harvest. I pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers.

ELLA PORTER.

Educational.

ACADEMY ITEMS.

The next term of school at the Cedar Lake Academy opens October 4, 1904.

The barn, blacksmithshop, and corn crib have recently been given a coat of paint, which greatly improves their appearance.

The fruit plantings are looking well, notwithstanding the extreme cold of last winter. About one

acre of strawberries will be in bearing next season.

The church school commenced Monday, September 5, with Miss Ruth Saxby of Charlotte, as teacher. Miss Saxby was a student in the Academy last year.

Miss Mae Parker of Memphis, Mich., is now connected with the school as stenographer and office assistant. She will act as instructor in shorthand the coming year. Miss Parker was a student here for about two years, making a specialty of the commercial course, which she completed in June, 1904.

Mr. Irving Hall, who has recently returned from Colorado, made the school a pleasant visit last week. Irving was a student at the school, learning, among other things, the mason's trade, at which he has become proficient. A floor laid in the Academy cellar last year speaks well for his skill in cement work. He is planning to continue his studies in academic lines at the Academy this year. He is a fine young man and we shall be glad to welcome him to our student body.

All of the time that could be spared from the work on the farm this summer has been devoted to pulling stumps, about nine acres have been lifted and cleared. In a few days the machine will be moved to another field to begin operations on five acres more, which, it is hoped, may be completed before the ground freezes. The work has been done by student labor under the direction of Mr. Adolf Evers, who has been a student in the school for something like three years. The stumps will be piled or made into fences during the fall and winter, preparatory to cultivation of the land in the spring. This will add about fifteen acres to the tillable land of the school.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Sabbath School Superintendent.

Much has been written on the duties of a Sabbath school superintendent and it is not our purpose to write something new for we feel that it would be impossible for us to do so. However, we wish to emphasize a few things that have been written.

"There is earnest work to be done in our Sabbath schools, and those who have the management of these schools should move with wisdom and tact." A superintendent is not to do all the work. It is his duty to see that others work. We know that it requires more wisdom and tact to get others to work than it does to do the work ourselves.

"Many try to do too much, and fail to encourage their teachers and students to do what they can." The superintendent should call to his aid his assistant and his teachers. In many schools the assistant superintendent is a mere figure head. Many times the members of the school do not remember who was chosen for that office. This should not be the case for the assistant should be what his name indicates. If the superintendent has wisdom and tact he will be training the assistant, so he can take his place when it is necessary to have a change of officers.

Our Sabbath schools are to be educational, for it is in the Sabbath school that workers can be educated and trained. So if the superintendent will have his assistant and teachers to aid him in conducting the general review, teachers' meetings and various other things that make a school interesting, workers will be trained for service.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

"Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."