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Auditing Committee Meeting.

The Executive Committee of the West Michigan Conference held a session at Grand Rapids, Wednesday, Dec. 21, at which time it was voted to call a meeting of the Auditing Committee in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, January 19, at 3 p. m. Members of this committee: A. G. Haughey, M. B. Miller, Ezra Brackett, W. D. Parkhurst, S. M. Butler, Warner S. Cole, Joseph Smith, James E. Root, Wilford C. Kellogg, J. H. Thompson and Howard M. Hayes. Any one having requests will please make them known to some member of this committee.

PLAN OF WORK.

It was voted to endeavor to make the next session of the conference one of special interest to all who may attend. Instead of spending so much time in resolving and re-resolving it will be the purpose of those who have the work in charge to make this a time of special spiritual feasting in counting and re-counting the blessings of God during the year 1904.

We are asking that those con-

nected with the different branches of the work within the West Michigan Conference, and all those engaged in the different departments of these various branches come prepared to report items of interest connected with their work. This, of course, is designed to include the delegates, whom we shall ask to be prepared to give reports of their work in the local churches; the canvassers to report their part of the work; the Bible workers, medical workers, church-school teachers and ministers, the interests with which they are connected. We hope to secure some valuable facts through this method.

DELEGATES NOTICE.

The Third Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference is to be held in the Adventist church in Grand Rapids, January 20-25, 1905. This church is located at 22 Cass Ave., about one block from the Wealthy Ave. and Scribner Street car line. Those coming into the city desiring to reach the church should take the street car at one of the depots and ask for a transfer to Wealthy, then get off at Cass Ave. and go about one block north.

Elder W. D. Parkhurst, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland together with the committee selected by the Grand Rapids church will act as committee on reception and location. W. D. Parkhurst's address is 927 Quigley Ave., Grand Rapids Mich. The delegates should go directly to the church and upon arriving there please inquire for one of these brethren.

NOTICE TO LABORERS.

We hope that all employees of the West Michigan Conference will be prepared to give reports of the items of interest connected with their labors during the year 1904.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Each organized church within the boundaries of the West Michigan Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and an additional delegate for each full fifteen members. These delegates should be elected at the annual business meeting of the church, the regular time of which is Sunday, January 8. Delegate's credential blanks will be received by the church clerks, which should be filled out and returned to the secretary of the conference.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

From The Field.

Dear Readers of the Herald:

This week of prayer has been a precious season for the church at Allegan. By request of the church, Brother W. M. Crothers spent the week with us. His help was very much needed, and was appreciated by each one. The Lord came very near us and His spirit was present in each meeting. After the reading on Sabbath, Dec. 10, Brother Crothers made some pointed remarks on the lesson, bringing forcibly to each mind present the importance of the time and our need of a thorough searching of the heart that we might receive the blessing God is waiting to pour out upon us.

We held two meetings a day, one in the church where we all met for the reading and social meeting. In the evening we met at private houses for Bible study and prayer. Friday we had both readings, so that the time Sabbath could be occupied by Brother Crothers, at which time our attention was called to the many promises made to His children. He based his remarks on 2 Peter 1:1-4, after which

a stirring testimony meeting followed.

May the Lord help each one of us to so connect with Him, and place all upon the altar that the message may be pushed to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the King come to claim His own.

Pray for us that we may remain faithful and receive the crown of life at last.

Yours in the Master's work,
F. B. HOWARD.

MECOSTA.

We here have much to praise the Lord for from the instructions we received from the readings, and also from Sister Margaret Haughey. We had two services each day, one in the afternoon for the reading and one in the evening for the public. The outside attendance was not large, but all had a good interest and gave good attention each evening. On Sunday evening Dec. 18, there was quite a good attendance and Sister Haughey had good freedom and gave us a very interesting lesson on the Three-fold Message, and also of the Prophecy, stating the time of the judgement and showing that we are living in that time.

As I think of the swiftness of the message it does look as though it will be proclaimed in this generation, and I hope that our little company will become workers for the Master and seek out souls that may be saved, and ever remember the good spirit that prevailed with us in the meeting, and that the same spirit may ever be with us, and that we may be saved by the power of the gospel.

W. M. SAXTON.

I just returned a few days ago from spending the week of prayer with the Greenville church.

At the beginning of the evening meetings, the attendance was small, but it began to increase. The warming influence of the Spirit of Jesus was felt to some extent at this season, but not, I believe, as much as God wants us to have it.

Brethren and sisters, we must KEEP ON PRAYING. God has something for little praying companies.

Among my readers at the present time there are some who seem to be thinking seriously, and may make their decision in the near future to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

I want the Lord, through me, to lay strong foundations in the hearts of people. I desire to do a thoroughly spiritual work that will stand the test. I know that I cannot do this unless I have a vital connection with the Master.

MABEL JAFFRAY.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The week of prayer, December 10-17, was a period long to be remembered by many in this city.

At the first meeting it was thought best to divide our forces and hold several meetings in different parts of the city, each evening. Four meetings were held nightly: one on the west side, Martin DeVries, leader; one in the north end, Squire Hopkins, leader; one on the west side, John Leland, leader; and one in the church on Cass Avenue, conducted by W. D. Parkhurst.

All the leaders report precious seasons of spiritual refreshing. The Lord came graciously near to the people in these meetings, and many re-consecrated themselves to the Lord and pledged themselves to His service. A number of outsiders attending these meetings became very much interested, and asked for prayers and for further instruction along the different lines of truth. At the last evening service at the church EVERY ONE present expressed the determination, with God's help, to make EVERY WEEK a week of prayer.

We are of good courage, and hope for a still greater revival of the Spirit, when every one who truly loves the Master will be actively engaged in his service.

The annual offering was \$60.65, and I am informed there is more

that will be handed in.

W. D. PARKHURST.

Medical.

Some Hints About Typhoid Fever.

(concluded next week.)

While time or space will not permit a lengthy treatise on this disease which is so much dreaded, a few suggestions may be offered which may be beneficial to those who may be obliged to care for those afflicted with it, and also to prevent the spread of the disease.

Typhoid fever is a general infectious disease caused by the germ *Vacilli Typhus*, which generally lives about four weeks. If the patient is ill longer it is due to some other complication and not directly to the disease itself.

Etiology: Typhoid fever comes on usually in the fall of the year, and is most frequently found among those between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five years. It is given through the alimentary canal either from impure water, milk, food, sputum and ice, and may be carried by flies. Great care should be taken in the use of water and milk, for as the old adage goes, "An ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure." Sometimes water that appears to be pure is found to be just the opposite. Any water that is not known to be perfectly pure should be boiled for at least one-half an hour before using it, and no slops of any kind should ever be thrown near the well.

About a year ago the writer was hired by Jackson County to go in the country and take care of a family ill with typhoid fever. One member of the family had just died and two were very sick. We began to look around to see if we could discover any cause for the contagion and we found that the back yard around the pump had been made a regular cesspool for the accommodation of a few ducks, and that dishwater and garbage had been carelessly thrown out to lodge any where it happened. The

consequenses were that one life was sacrificed, and two other members of the family were obliged to suffer for weeks between life and death, and the county paid a bill of two or three hundred dollars. This I give just as an example of many other similar instances. I regret very much to say that I have been in some S. D. A. homes where I am sure by the odor of the house that decayed vegetables were left in the cellar, and the yard (front and back) was filthy dirty. If those people never have typhoid fever it is not because they are not exposed, and that by their own slackness.

But to return to the subject, we only mention this that we may be more careful in preventing this dreadful disease. The symptoms of typhoid are: fever, temperature lower in the morning and high in the afternoon, chills, headache, pain in the side, nose bleed, abdominal tenderness, diarrhea mental confusion, and rose spots on the abdomen, which appear about the seventh day. It is hard to diagnose the disease until the end of the first week.

THE SICK ROOM.

The typhoid, like every other sick room, should be simple, plain, cheerful, airy and CLEAN and if possible, located that odors from the kitchen will NEVER reach it. The floors should be bare and should be kept clean by the use of soap and water, and washed with a cloth, NEVER a mop. This can be quietly done without any annoyance to the patient. Keep the room free from dust and flies, and have plenty of good, fresh air and sunshine. Have the furniture plain. The bed should be kept with the greatest of care. Clean linen should be put on at least every second day and all clothing or anything used about the patient should be disinfected and washed by themselves. All dishes, spoons, etc. should be boiled in soda water before using.

MRS. EDITH BRUCE.

Educational.

Winter Term at Emmanuel Missionary College.

The time for the winter term at Emmanuel Missionary College is fast approaching, and where are the young people who should be in training preparatory to entering some line of work in the cause? During this term we are planning on conducting a course of lectures in which quite a number of the brethren in the field will take part. We are sparing no effort to make this the strongest term's work we have ever had, and are aiming to give every one who comes to us a thorough training, so that when they enter the field they will be able to do more efficient work. Write to us for information in regard to this term.

During the fall term the students have done excellent work, and a good spirit has pervaded the school. We are very hopeful that we will have a large attendance at the beginning of the winter term, January 5th.

N. W. KAUBLE.

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY.

Monday, Dec. 19, we had the pleasure of visiting the Cedar Lake Academy. This was our first visit and we are glad to say that we were favorably impressed and desire to speak a word in favor of the school, and those who have the burden of the work.

We believe there are many young people in the West Michigan Conference who ought to have the advantages of the Christian education that can be obtained at Cedar Lake.

Elder S. M. Butler and wife and brother Otto Rathbun are doing faithful work. Do not be afraid to send your boy or girl to Cedar Lake. The training in the school room is thorough. The influence in the school home is good. There are no theatres, saloons or street corners to attract or distract the students.

Do you want your children saved in the Kingdom of God? Then give them a Christian education. You may have to make a sacrifice in order to do it, but it will pay you, for you want to say in that Great Day, "Behold I and the children which God hath given me."

Our workers can help the Academy by trying to get our young people to attend it. And when we are near let us put forth an effort to visit the school, and speak a word of encouragement to the youth and to those who have the work in charge. "They helped every man his neighbor, and every one said to his brother, "Be of good courage."

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Are We Afraid?

The following from a private letter illustrates a point which is well worth considering:

"I went down to Mr. — on an errand and he and his wife began the conversation upon Bible themes. He asked me several questions which I could not answer, but I told him I would furnish him tracts that would. One of his questions was, "Who changed the day?" This family is probably the wealthiest in our community. "Now, said he, 'you people have always been afraid to mention the truth to me and because of this, I have been afraid of you, too.'"

Is it possible, dear reader, that such a statement as this may be made about us when it is too late to answer satisfactorily?

H. H. HALL.

Our first party of missionaries for India reported from Port Said, Egypt, December 1. They were looking forward to the time of their arrival in Calcutta about December 18, and wrote that they were beginning to call India home.

Brother H. H. Dexter and family had a very pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, enroute to France. On Sunday evening Brother Dexter spoke to an audience of fifty in the second cabin.

REVIEW AND HERALD.

The "Review" visits every family in the following named churches and companies:

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Homer
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Greenville

News and Notes.

This is the last issue of the "West Michigan Herald" for 1904.

Brother W. H. Heckman is spending a few days this week in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. W. E. Videto is spending the holidays with her parents in Jackson, Mich.

Miss Jennie Nelson, one of our office workers, went to Bay City last Friday to spend a few day visiting relatives.

The church at Otsego held a missionary service last Sabbath. They had a very interesting program in which many took an active part.

We have a supply of Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1905. Send in your orders early.

We hope our Sabbath-school secretaries will be prompt in sending in their quarterly reports for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

Elder A. G. Haughey will spend Feb. 1-8, 1905, teaching Bible in the Emmanuel Missionary College. The subject will be Bible Work and Bible Workers.

The Otsego church school closed Tuesday, Dec. 20, for a two weeks vacation. The teacher, Miss Eliza Warner, is spending the time with her parents at Quincy.

Brother C. A. Prescott spent the week of prayer with the churches at Rothbury and Shelby. He writes that it was a time of refreshing and the missionary spirit was revived.

The editor spent Monday, Dec. 26, in Battle Creek assisting in the arrangement of a program for a Sabbath school convention, which will be held at that place some time in the future.

Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau spent Sabbath, Dec. 17, with the church at Wright. Mrs. Edith Bruce spent the day with the church at Sand Lake. They report that they had a profitable time.

Brother Ezra Brackett met with the church at South Monterey three times and with the Allegan church four times during the week of prayer. He writes that the spirit of God was manifested at all the meetings.

We hope every Sabbath-school secretary in the West Michigan Conference will read the article in the January issue of the Sabbath-School Worker, entitled "A letter to the local Sabbath-school secretaries."

The editor spent Sabbath, Dec. 10, with the church at Morley. The members of that church are scattered, and it was impossible for them to meet every day during the week of prayer. We went to Mecosta Dec. 12 and remained until Dec. 19.

On account of Typhoid fever in the family of the superintendent, the Sabbath school at Kellogg was broken up for a time. The superintendent writes that they are thankful to open their Sabbath-school again, and the future prospects of the school are pleasing.

We have just received at the office a set of arithmetics written by David Eugene Smite. We are so well pleased with them that we take pleasure in recommending them to the schools of the West Michigan Conference.—W. E. Videto.

Miss Jennie DeYoung writes that she had a pleasant and profitable time during the week of prayer with the church near Howard City. She says, "I never spent a happier week of prayer in all my life, and the brethren and sisters were so thankful that the Lord sent some one to help them."

We hope the young people of the West Michigan Conference will take the "Youth's Instructor" for 1905. It is the organ of the Young People's Society, and the "Weekly Study" published therein is used by many societies. The publishers have promised an array of good things for 1905.

"Life and Health" is the name given to the "Pacific Press Health Journal" when it was transferred, last July, from the Pacific Coast, to the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C. In its neat new dress, with its message of the A B C principles of life and health, it is rapidly becoming more popular with the masses. Price 50 cents per year.