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Conference Proceedings.

The first meeting of the Third Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference convened in the Seventh-day Adventist chapel, 22 Cass Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 21 at 7 p. m., with the President, Elder A. G. Haughey, in the chair.

After Scriptural reading of the second chapter of Philippians 1:18 by Elder M. B. Miller, Elder I. D. VanHorn in a fervent prayer invoked the divine blessing upon the conference. Song number 581 was then sung by the congregation.

The Secretary called the roll of churches, of which 139 delegates representing 36 churches responded.

The president read from the Constitution Article X, also amendment, showing who were delegates to the convention entitled to participate in its deliberations.

The president then made a call for new churches that wished admittance to the conference.

Elder W. C. Hebner read a request from the Rothbury church asking for admittance to the con-

ference. This church has a membership of nineteen. By vote Rothbury church was admitted.

The church at Bangor presented a request through Elder R. C. Horton for admittance to the conference. This church has a membership of twenty-three, and by vote this church was received with its delegates.

The Holton church with a charter membership of thirteen and three additional members, making 16 at the present time, asked for admittance to the conference through Elder W. C. Hebner. By vote this church was unanimously received, and its delegates seated.

The Chair stated that we had present with us Professor N. W. Kauble, president of the Emmanuel Missionary College; J. B. Blosser, field secretary of the Lake Union Conference; and Elder D. T. Bourdeau of the General Conference.

Moved by J. S. Preston and seconded by W. M. Crothers that these brethren be invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference with full delegate powers. Carried.

The reading of the minutes of the last annual session was waived.

The president stated that he did not wish to give an address at this time, but wished to outline the work and plans for the future of the conference. In part he said, "We have a desire that the delegates would feel that this is a meeting of the West Michigan Conference, and that it takes each one to help to compose the conference. I hope that all through these meetings each delegate will recognize the fact that he has the privilege of a delegate. In calling this session of the conference it was with the hope that not the entire time nor even the greater part of the time be given to the discussion of

resolutions, many of which would never materialize, but that we have reports not only from ministers and laborers, but from the church elders, church deacons, etc." In looking toward the future the President anticipated that seven or eight churches would be ready for admission to the conference next year.

As announced to-morrow would be devoted to the consideration of our institutional work.

Meeting adjourned to 9:00 a. m. January 22.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,
E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

The second meeting of the conference was called at 9:00, a. m. January 22, with the President in the chair.

After song prayer was offered by Elder H. Nicola. The President read a portion of that memorable prayer of the Saviour as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and expressed a hope that this desire for oneness as here set forth by the Saviour should be the earnest wish of every one, and that it would continue all through the meetings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Additional delegates from Charlotte and Fremont were seated.

The following named committee was selected to act with the Secretary as committee on delegation: A. C. Bourdeau, A. L. Bayley, and E. F. Collier.

The President spoke of the methods of the past for the selection of the committee to act during conference, and it was found that the plan that worked best was to select a committee from the floor to act with the conference committee. By vote the following named parties were selected from the floor to act with the conference

committee as advisory and sessions committee: J. B. Blosser, Prof. J. H. Haughey, Elder D. T. Bourdeau, R. C. Horton, W. W. Shepard, J. J. Evans, Joseph Smith, W. S. Cole, Robert Walker, R. A. Hart, G. W. Morse, Wm. Crothers, John Buck, M. N. Campbell, and B. E. Nicola.

The time was then given to the consideration of our institutional work. The report of the work in Grand Rapids was given by Doctor Bourdeau and nurse, Mrs. Edith Bruce.

Miss Henry, governess of the Michigan Home for Girls, spoke in behalf of that institution, especially of the school work.

After a recess of fifteen minutes the time was given to the Battle Creek sanitarium work, including Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home.

Doctor Morse, who has been connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium for fifteen years, speaking of the work in general stated that the past year has been a very prosperous one and that the Lord is with them. His personal view is that there never was a greater desire on the part of the people connected with the sanitarium to work harmoniously with the different phases of the third angel's message than there is to-day.

Elder G. C. Tenney representing the religious work in the institution, related interesting incidents of how he has been able to help spiritually many of the patients. He stated that at least one hundred people have embraced the Sabbath since he has been with the institution. At quite an expense a tract and paper rack is kept supplied with religious reading matter, and the inquiries regarding Bible truths are many.

Miss Gray briefly outlined her work in Chicago and related an experience she had last night while selling Good Health in the city of Grand Rapids, in telling a discouraged man the power there is in God to keep one from sinning.

Sister Whitney, the matron of

the Haskell Home, gave a complete report of that institution, which has been carried on for fourteen years. There are one hundred twelve children in the home at present. A fruit farm is very successfully superintended by Brother L. A. Curtis, and from strawberry harvest until late in the fall the little ones are kept busy with fruit. It was stated that the donations for the year 1904 exceeded those of the previous year. Elder Haughey expressed a hope that the information received by the delegation would help to swell the donations so that they might be larger this year than they were in 1904.

Sister Whitney also represented the James White Memorial Home, which was established in 1893.

Medical schools among churches, cottage meetings, and clinics were spoken of by those directly connected with these branches of the work. Every Friday evening is spent by the medical students in some form of religious service with the people about them.

Sister Barry spoke encouragingly of her work with Good Health, The Life Boat, and Signs of the Times. By special invitation she told her experience with Good Health last evening in this city, having sold twenty-five copies in about an hour. She said "I am sure the Lord blessed us last night, and he gave me a good experience."

Brother Riley Russell, a graduate nurse of Battle Creek Sanitarium, told of his work among the patients. He said, "Brethren, we are a part of this work and by the grace of God we are going through and triumph with the message."

More complete reports of the institutional work will appear in the future issues of the "West Michigan Herald."

A. G. HAUGHEY, Chairman,
E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

Distribution of Labor.

Elder W. C. Hebner, District 1: Branch, St. Joseph, Cass and Berrien counties, with Edward Collier as assistant.

Ezra Brackett, District 2: Allegan, Kalamazoo and VanBuren counties.

Elder VanHorn, District 3: Calhoun, Barry and Eaton counties.

W. D. Laken, District 4: Ionia, Kent and Ottawa counties.

District 5. W. C. Hebner: Oceana, Newaygo and Muskegon counties.

District 6, Fred Brink: Montcalm, Isabella and Mecosta counties.

R. C. Horton, Berrien Springs.

S. M. Butler, Cedar Lake.

W. D. Parkhurst, Grand Rapids.

C. A. Hanson, Kalamazoo.

Henry Nicola, Battle Creek.

W. E. Videto, Educational work.

M. N. Campbell, Book work.

W. H. Heckman, Battle Creek.

Jacob Hofstra, Holland work.

B. F. Kneeland, Nortonville and Nunica.

G. W. Morse, Battle Creek.

E. A. Merriam, Financial interests.

Arthur Bayley, Battle Creek.

Dr. P. S. Bourdeau, Grand Rapids.

Margaret Haughey, Sabbath-school work and editor of the West Michigan Herald.

Jennie DeYoung, Bible work in Grand Rapids.

Mabel Jaffray, public effort at Decatur.

Jennie Nelson, office work.

Lillian Smith, office work.

Anna Kamstra, School work.

Bertha Snyder, Muskegon.

Minnie Harnden, Battle Creek.

Work is being planned for some additional helpers which will be announced later.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

ALLENDALE.

A company of about forty was raised up at this place many years ago by Elder I. D. VanHorn. Some twenty years ago Elder R. C. Horton raised up a company which was afterward formed into the Allendale church together with a few who were left of the company of years before. The church was organized in 1880 with a membership of 8, which was afterward in-

creased until there was 25 members. Additions and removals from this company have caused it to fluctuate considerably. Some have apostatized and 15 have been dismissed, so that at present there are but 22 enrolled on the church records. Thirteen in all have been disfellowshipped, but 4 of these have returned to the faith and are now members of the church.

Three who have at some time been members of this church have engaged in Bible work or are still in the work. One of the members is now a nurse of the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

We have no church building.

AGNEW CHURCH.

In May, 1900, a Sunday school was organized by two Adventist sisters at Agnew, Mich. The interest in Bible truth manifested in the Sunday school work caused the sisters to appeal to the conference for help.

The appeal was granted by the sending of Brothers O. F. Butcher and W. E. Videto, who began a series of meetings in the early spring of 1901. As the result of this effort quite a company of firm believers were brought out. A Sabbath school was organized and regular Sabbath services held until the fall of 1903, when the Agnew church was fully organized Sept. 19 by Elder A. G. Haughey and W. E. Videto, with 30 members. The church retains its full membership with the exception of one who was removed by death. Two others await baptism to join our company.

We have no church building, but a hall is being fitted up, which, when seated, will make an acceptable place of worship.

\$45,796.21.

The above amount is still needed to complete the appropriation of \$100,000 made by the General Conference in October, 1903, for the purpose of building a sanitarium, training school and the General Conference offices in Washington,

D. C. You will be glad to notice that nearly eleven-twentieths of the amount needed has been already supplied. We are very anxious that this work shall be finished before the General Conference opens here on the eleventh of May.

We have come to a great opportunity and to a great crisis in our work here in the capital city at the present time. Washington was never so stirred by the Sabbath truth as to-day. Our public meetings in the Pythian Temple, on Ninth street, have been well attended and a great interest is manifested by the people in Washington. For less than one-half the usual rent—in fact at the bare cost of heating and lighting—there has been secured for our meetings beginning with the first Sunday in February one of the most popular places in Washington. This place is Lafayette theatre, which is situated practically only across the street from the White House, the home of the president. The president himself spoke on a question of public interest in this place a few days ago. This place is beautifully fitted up, and although used as a theatre, there is nothing connected with it that unfits it to be a most excellent place for religious services.

The Y. M. C. A. of Washington hold their great meetings for men only here every Sunday afternoon. These are often attended by senators and the leading men of Washington. On Sunday, January 23, the theatre was packed on the occasion of the fifty-third anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. I was present and heard among other noted men, Mr. McFarland, the chief commissioner of the District of Columbia; also William Jennings Bryan, twice candidate for the presidency of the United States, who gave a striking address on the great miracle of conversion, and the infinite value of one soul saved.

To this place we may invite the leading people of the United States, and we ask every one who reads

this article to pray that a mighty work may be accomplished. Truly the Lord is leading his people. There is a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. There is a shout of a King in the camp.

J. S. WASHBURN.

REVIEW AND HERALD.

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

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Report of Sabbath-School Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Year Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.

No. of schools at beginning of year	-	80
No of schools dropped during year	-	5
No of schools added during year	7	
No. of Home Dep't. members reporting to local schools	21	
Present membership	-	2807
Average attendance	-	2059
Total contributions	-	\$2559.80
Donations to Missions	1499.02	
" " Haskell Home	318.41	
Total expense of schools	613.83	

COMPARATIVE REPORT.

	1903	1904	GAIN
Membership	2318	2807	489
Contributions	\$2121.27	\$2559.80	\$438.53
Donations to Missions	1157.81	1499.02	342.11

Obituary.

Prescott—Chas. A. Prescott was born June 23, 1860. Died Jan. 10, 1905, at the age of 44 years, six months and 17 days.

Brother Prescott embraced "The Third Angel's Message" over nine years ago. He came to Bangor, Michigan, in July, 1904. In November he took up the Bible work in in Muskegon under the direction of the West Michigan Conference.

He labored faithfully and earnestly for souls, and during his short stay in Muskegon endeared himself to the people. December 30 he was taken sick with pneumonia and all that human hands could do, was done, but the Lord saw fit to let him go to sleep and rest a little while.

He leaves a wife, one daughter and two brothers to mourn their loss, "yet not without hope." His remains were taken to Bangor for burial. It was impossible to get an Adventist minister, so words of comfort were spoken by Elder Webster, Congregationalist.

Talks on Germs.

BY MIKE ROBE.

A new series of interesting health talks is now appearing in the

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News and Notes.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, Jan. 28, with the Allegan church.

If there is a blue pencil mark here it is to notify you that your subscription expires with this paper.

We hope you will do all you

can to increase the circulation of the "Herald."

We are glad to inform the readers of the "Herald" that Brother W. E. Videto is able to assume his official duties again.

There were 306 persons present at the conference Sabbath-school which was held in the Grand Rapids church, Sabbath, Jan. 21. Donations, \$10.20.

January 18 the Otsego church shipped a box of bedding to the Huntsville, Ala., school. The young people of the church have assisted in this work.

The churches of South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego and Kalamazoo will hold their quarterly meeting at Otsego, Sabbath, Feb. 4, 1905. Sabbath-school at 10:30 a. m., followed by preaching. After a short intermission for lunch, another service will be held, closing in time for those who go south, to go on the 3:13 p. m. train. The brethren and sisters of the Otsego church will do all in their power to make the day a pleasant and profitable one.

One of the interesting features of the conference was the effort that was put forth to increase the interest of Grand Rapids people in the medical work. Doctors John F. Morse and A. J. Read delivered a course of steropeicon lectures in the St. Celia Auditorium on the following subjects:

God in Nature.

The Modern Crusade Against Tuberculosis and What It Means to the Community.

Health and Beauty.

How Our Foods Are Adulterated and How We May Know It.

A good interest was manifested in each of these lectures, and we believe it will be the means of increasing the work that is being carried on by Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau, and has already almost outgrown its quarters.