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## West Michigan.

The Third Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference was held in Grand Rapids, Mich., January 20-25. Nine business meetings were held. There were present 223 delegates representing 41 churches. The reports presented by the various delegates from their several local fields were indicative of a good spiritual condition throughout the conference. Three new churches were admitted—Rothbury, Bangor Holton, thus making 73 churches and 10 companies in the conference, with a membership of 4766.

The Sabbath-school Secretary's report shows an addition of seven new schools with an increase in membership of 489 and an increase in donations to missions of \$342.11.

The Educational Secretary reports 18 church schools with a total membership of 440.

The medical report, embracing the medical institutions within the conference, show them to be in a prosperous condition.

The Treasurer's report shows the tithe received in 1904 to be \$24,600. The amount paid to laborers, \$17,220. The Tract Society Department showed a net gain of \$160, with a present worth of \$1000. The amount of offerings to foreign fields, \$10,000.

Thirty-seven persons were granted licenses; fourteen, ministerial credentials; one recommended for ordination; six, ministerial license; sixteen, missionary license.

Progress has been made in every department of the work of the conference. Truly the Lord has blessed

the work in West Michigan.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President,

E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

## Sixth Meeting of the West Michigan Conference January 24, 1905,

9:00 a. m.

President, A. G. Haughey, in the chair.

The song "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung with the spirit and an earnest desire on the part of all to come into a closer relation with our divine Head.

After Scripture reading by Elder S. M. Butler as recorded in John 15:1-17, Brother Hofstra offered prayer that the blessing of the Lord might rest upon the work of the conference and upon all assembled.

Elder Butler was called to the chair.

Minutes of the meetings of January 23 were read and approved.

The President on taking the chair asked the Committee on Delegation if they had any further report. They had no report to be rendered, but Brother E. L. Richmond, a delegate from Battle Creek, had arrived and he was asked to take his seat among the delegates.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following partial report:

1. WE RECOMMEND, That \$1,000.00 be raised during the present winter and coming summer to liquidate the present indebtedness of the Cedar Lake Academy, and to provide a small working fund for the future.

2. That a persistent effort be made to educate the people of this conference concerning the necessity of sending their children to the Academy, and that we invite our conference workers to take an active part in this effort.

3. That the principal be authorized to spend as much of his time in the field during the summer va-

cation as may be consistent with other duties, and that such arrangements be made to take care of the farm and other interests as shall make this possible.

WHEREAS, There are many young people in the West Michigan Conference who ought to be receiving training in the Emmanuel Missionary College, therefore,

4. WE RECOMMEND, That President N. W. Kauble be invited to freely visit our churches in this conference and to do all in his power to secure the attendance of such people as ought to be in this institution.

In view of the fact that many of our young people are not able to meet the expense of educating themselves,

5. WE RECOMMEND, That a fund be raised in this conference for the purpose of assisting such persons as the conference, through its officers, may deem worthy of aid in order to receive instruction in Emmanuel Missionary College; that such assistance be rendered by making loans or gifts to students from this fund; that all loans shall be returned to this fund for the aid of still other young people; and that our educational secretary, our conference treasurer, our ministers, our church elders, and the president and other instructors in Emmanuel Missionary College be requested to keep this matter before the people by soliciting voluntary contributions for the creation and maintenance of such a fund.

7. That the work of the treasurer and librarian be done by one person, and that said officer be requested to provide himself with the book recommended by the conference for the treasurer's use.

In view of the desirability of obtaining adequate reports of the donations bestowed by our various

churches, and the conference at large,

8. WE RECOMMEND, That all donations be forwarded through the church and conference treasurers.

9. That the bookkeeping of the conference be performed in the name of the West Michigan Conference, and that it shall include the entire financial interests and transactions of the conference, including the several departments, such as Sabbath-school, Tract Society, Medical Work, and any others; and that the accounts of the several funds be kept separate and reported accordingly in the annual report.

10. That Article V. of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "Assistant Secretary and Treasurer" after the words "Secretary and Treasurer."

11. RESOLVED, That every church that has been or shall be admitted to membership in this conference is and shall be a constituent part of this conference on a prorata equality with all other churches.

12. RESOLVED, That it is the province of each church according to its ability to carry on missionary and gospel work within its own precincts and to manage and direct its own internal affairs.

Provided, That in order to secure harmony and co-operation in labor, the work in all the churches be subject to the advice and counsel of the conference and its representatives.

13. RESOLVED, That no church shall be entitled to employ any workers to be paid out of the conference funds without the consent of the conference or its representative committee.

14. RESOLVED, That all tithe, first-day offerings, offerings to missions, and any other money intended for the general work, shall be sent by the local treasurer to the conference treasurer, and disbursed only according to established conference regulations.

Moved its adoption as a whole

by considering each recommendation separately. Recommendation 1 was read by the Secretary. This was spoken to by Brother Gros, Brother Crothers, M. B. Miller, and others.

An amendment was offered and supported that the treasurer be responsible for the raising of this fund. After discussion by several who believed this responsibility should rest with the conference committee who would naturally have this work in hand, an amendment to the amendment was offered that the words "conference committee" be substituted for the word "treasurer." A vote was called, and the amendment to the amendment was carried. The amendment which then became the original motion was passed by the conference.

The reading of Recommendation 2 was then ordered. This was earnestly discussed by Brethren S. M. Butler, Alex. Carpenter, Elder Slade, Elder N. W. Kauble, the Chair, J. N. Brant, B. E. Nicola, A. R. Henry, Elder G. C. Tenney, and others.

Reading of Resolution 3 was then ordered.

The question being called, No. 4 was then asked to be read by the Secretary, and was also passed without question.

Reading of Resolution 5 was then called, and upon being read was spoken to by Professor Haughey, M. B. Miller, Brother Crothers, and others. It was moved and supported that the words "Cedar Lake Academy" be inserted in this resolution in connection with Emmanuel Missionary College. This resolution was spoken to by Brother N. W. Kauble, W. D. Lakin, M. B. Miller, Elder G. C. Tenney, and others.

The question being called, the vote showed a bare majority of three in favor of the recommendation. The President stated that in all the meetings of the Executive Committee of the West Michigan Conference so far the votes had

been unanimous, and he did not like to see a vote passed in this way.

Elder Kauble stated that he did not understand the amendment, thinking it referred to the resolution as a whole and not to this particular phrase, and others expressed themselves in a similar way.

Moved and supported that the move be reconsidered. Carried.

After further discussion, the resolution was referred back to the committee.

As Brother Joseph Preston found it necessary to return home this afternoon, he requested to be allowed the time to read the history of the Lyons church and to add a few words in reference to it. He was granted the time necessary, and asked, in view of the condition, that help be sent them. Brother Bourdeau added a few words favoring that this church be looked after.

Conference then adjourned until three o'clock p. m.

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

### Questions And Answers On The Canvassing Work.

Did the idea of spreading the Message by means of the printed page originate with man?

GOD HAS ORDAINED THE CANVASSING WORK as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world AS FAST AS POSSIBLE the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment." Test. Vol. VI, p 313.

Is it a successful mode of work?

"The canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." Test. Vol. VI, p. 313.

Is it not a fact that many of the books sold remain unread?

"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or

place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in these books God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest . . . . . Thus the Lord co-operates with His self-denying workers." *Canvassers' Manuel*, p 6.

Isn't the day of successful canvassing past?

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work. When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress God's people, places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing. . . . . Until in heaven is spoken the word, 'It is finished' there will always be places for labor and hearts to receive the message." *Test. Vol. VI*, p 478.

How is Satan scheming to hinder the canvassing work?

"A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things must be changed. GOD CALLS THE CANVASSERS BACK TO THEIR WORK." *Test. Vol. VI*, p 332.

Has God promised a fitness to the workers?

"Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on." *Test. Vol. VI*, p 333.

Compiled from the Testimonies by  
M. N. CAMPBELL.

**Medical Report for 1904.**

Another year has rolled by with all its duties, privileges, opportunities and responsibilities, and we are led to examine ourselves and see what progress we have made.

Though we are well aware that

the work on our part has been wrought through weakness and marked with imperfections, yet we are thankful that notwithstanding all this, the medical work in Grand Rapids has been steadily growing beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Over one hundred and fifty different persons have received treatments in the office during the past year. Many, if not all, have been benefitted physically, and some, we trust, spiritually. Every week on Tuesday night during this year we have held a Bible study for those of our patients and friends who had become interested in truths dear to us. As the result of this work four have taken their stand for present truth, and three have been baptized.

From time to time we have been able to leave our work here for short periods and present these health truths to many who were hungering for the light that we as a people have received.

It seems to us that the time has fully come when we are warranted in enlarging our treatment rooms, so that with a trained gentleman nurse we can treat both men and women. We also purpose to keep on hand a full supply of health foods to meet the needs of the patients.

It is our most earnest desire that this branch of our work, situated in this large city, may be a verification of what Sister White has said our city treatment rooms should do. To this end we ask the brethren and sisters of this conference to remember us in their prayers.

WORK DONE.

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| Medical Examinations                                    | 213       |
| Prescriptions Written                                   | 681       |
| Medical Calls   | 565       |
| Office Treatments                                       | 971       |
| Consultations   | 908       |
| Bible readings given                                    | 140       |
| Meetings Held   | 93        |
| Professional Letters Written                            | 375       |
| MEDICAL FINANCIAL REPORT, 1904.                         |           |
| Amount invested in furnishing, appliances and supplies, | \$ 298.06 |

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| Tithe sent West Michigan Conference Treasurer  | 70.50   |
| Am't. paid for work done by one nurse  | 139 50  |
| Total expense in operating the department during the year, such as rent, fuel, light, phones, etc. | 543.91  |
| Total outlay   | 1051.97 |
| Cash received for medical services and treatment   | 1444.58 |
| Amount still due on Accts. with patients   | 527.75  |
| Total earnings of Dept.  | 1972.33 |
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905  | 392.61  |
| Free work done to Am't. of   | 345.50  |
| PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.  |         |

**A Correction.**

In the minutes of the fourth meeting of the West Michigan Conference, which appeared in the issue of the "Herald" bearing date of Feb. 8, a statement was made in regard to the Michigan Home for Girls which is not quite correct. It said they "had a house with twenty-one rooms filled with girls and women." While it is a fact the Home has twenty-one rooms, there are but nine of them for girls and of these only a few are finished, but in process of completion. There are living rooms, sewing, school, bath and treatment rooms, some of which are not yet plastered.

While building they have had to live in close quarters and have had all they could possibly care for, eight girls, being the most they have had at one time. When the Home is completed it will permit them to care for eighteen girls at once. We feel that this explanation is due those who are carrying on this grand and noble work, as they do not want people to receive an erroneous idea of the Home and the work they are doing. If you desire to know more about this work address Mrs. W. H. McKee, 14 Worden street, Grand Rapids, Mich. We are VERY sure there are many ways you can help this work if you desire to do some practical missionary work.

EDITOR.

### News and Notes.

Are you doing all you can to increase the circulation of the "West Michigan Herald"?

Elder A. G. Haughey and E. A. Merriam spent Tuesday in Lansing looking after the business interests of the conference.

The canvassers' institute that has been announced for Feb. 23 to March 3rd, has been postponed until March 23 to April 3.

We understand that they have a few more students at the Cedar Lake Academy this term and the school is prospering.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the meeting of the Lake Union Conference committee which was held in Indianapolis last week.

W. E. Videto spent a few days the first of last week at South Monthery in the interest of the educational work. Friday, Feb. 17, he went to the Orange church.

A small printing press is wanted at the Intermediate School at Hazel, Ky. Parties owning such a press and desiring to dispose of it please correspond with Prof. C. L. Stone, Hazel, Ky.

The International Pub. Ass'n at College View, Neb., have issued special editions of the German, Danish and Swedish papers containing the "Open Letter". Price, five papers ten cents or \$1.50 for one hundred.

Some of our subscribers have asked us for a copy of the "Herald" bearing date of Jan. 25. They say they failed to receive that issue. All of our office workers were at the conference at that time, consequently there was no "Herald" issued bearing that date and as a matter of course you failed to receive it.

The editor started to Bauer last Friday to attend a Sabbath-school convention but on account of the heavy snow-fall blockading the roads we could not get there, so we spent the Sabbath in Grand Rapids. Nothing preventing the

Bauer school will hold their convention Feb. 25. The Grand Rapids school voted to hold a convention in the near future. The young people have an interesting society. They are studying the different phases of the truth at their meetings.

#### BATTLE CREEK.

Brother Booth of South African fame, spoke to the young people in the church on Sabbath afternoon.

Eld. H. Nicola has been suffering from an attack of grip during the past week. Is better at this writing.

The Woman's League held a reception at the Sanitarium on Thursday and received their W. Y. C. A. sisters.

The Y. M. C. A.'s held a three days' convention at the Sanitarium Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and banqueted their delegates Tuesday evening.

At the present time the Sanitarium is entertaining about three hundred guests, a considerably larger number than those registered as guests at this time last year.

Some of Battle Creek's musical talent gave an evening's entertainment to the guests at the Sanitarium, which was of a very high class and much appreciated by all who listened.

Brother W. H. Heckman, who has been convalescing from a grip attack, has spent some time under the hospitable roof of Brother Bayley's home. The kindly, genial atmosphere of that place is having much to do with his speedy recovery.

Dr. Carolyn Geisel accompanied by Mrs. M. J. Hawver, started for the California Coast last Thursday. They expect to remain there some time, hoping to gain an extra supply of health and strength before returning. A flying note on "the wing" speaks of a prosperous beginning to the journey.

A number of deaths have occurred among us since last week.

Among these are Elder M. B. Miller's granddaughter, Baby Crawford; Sister Fisher's little son; Brother Gibson's brother, and two deaths at the Old People's Home. A funeral procession is becoming a common thing with us lately.

On Saturday evening, the Sanitarium gymnasium was the scene of a purely gymnastic effort consisting of tumbling, racing, club swinging, swedish movements, and other of the health giving processes by which our nurses and helpers as well as our patients gain their healthy waists and blooming cheeks.

One day last week, the guests and friends of the Sanitarium were highly entertained by a swimming exhibition, conducted under the direction of Mr. Tuttle of Chicago, the world's champion swimmer, who is a guest at the Sanitarium. About five or six hundred people gathered in the swimming pool parlor, and witnessed with intense interest the fancy swimming, racing and high diving which composed the entertainment.

As per arrangements made by the executive committee of our Tract Society, Sabbath, Feb. 25, will be "Gospel of Health" day for the Battle Creek church. The morning discourse will be given by Dr. J. F. Morse, of which the following is an outline:

1. The gospel of Health as a preparatory work for the second coming of Christ to this earth.
2. What the Sanitarium and its allied interests, at this place, stand for as pertaining to the proclamation of the Gospel of Health to the world.
3. The responsibility that rests upon resident Seventh-Day Adventists of the Sanitarium and its work, and how that responsibility may be discharged.

In the afternoon a general testimony meeting will be held in the auditorium, and the subject of the morning discourse will constitute the theme of testimony and exhortation. It is expected that a large number of doctors, medical students and others from the Sanitarium and the college will be present in the afternoon to participate in the services.