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### Ninth Meeting Called 3:00 p. m. Jan. 25, 1905.

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

After singing, Elder D. T. Bourdeau led the conference in prayer.

Minutes of the meetings of Jan. 24 were read and approved.

The Chair stated that at the last meeting previous to adjournment the Committee on Credentials and Licenses had rendered their report, but it had not been acted upon, and that we would take up for consideration this report. The names were read by the secretary, and the report was adopted as a whole.

The time was then given to the relation of reports from churches and workers.

Sister Mildred Wilson gave an interesting and favorable report of the church school work at Maple Grove. She spoke especially of the spiritual growth, and how the Spirit of God came in and as a result good order and quietness prevailed in the school work. She was asked several questions by different delegates, showing that the

church school work lays very near to the heart of this people.

The histories of the following named churches were read: Blendon, Agnew, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge, Ceresco, Paw Paw, Otsego, Shelby, and Hastings.

Elder Parkhurst read a letter from Sister Elizabeth McHugh with reference to her work since going to the southern field.

Elder Miller also gave a report of his work for the past year.

A recess of ten minutes was taken by the conference. On reassembling, prayer was offered by Professor B. E. Nicola.

Reports were given of the Grand Rapids, Bangor, and Quincy churches, and then the four Bible workers outlined their work for the past year.

Sister Jennie DeYoung's report of her work was full of courage and praise to the Lord. She said, "I can say that I feel it a great privilege that the Lord has called me to this work, for I know that He has called me, and I am so glad I have answered that call. I want to sit low at His feet day by day so that He can use me wherever He wants me." Nine of her readers have accepted the truth, one having died. She told her experience in connection with the one reader who died. She said the Lord impressed her to give the prophecies first, and after giving the seventh of Daniel and the change of the Sabbath the lady was deeply impressed. The following week when Sister DeYoung called the reader was not well and wished Sister DeYoung to read to her. Sister DeYoung had "Steps to Christ" with her, and after reading from that her reader said she kept the last Sabbath for her first Sabbath, that she thanked the Lord every day for sending someone to

her, and that from henceforth she would do just what the Lord would have her to do. When Sister DeYoung called the following week the lady had passed away.

Sister Anna Kemstra told similar experiences in connection with her work in Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Sister Bertha Snyder worked in Kalamazoo until the Lake Union Conference, after which she moved to Muskegon and joined Sister Kemstra. On account of ill health she felt it was best for her to go into the country where she would be free from the responsibilities and cares of a Bible worker. While in the country she was called to care for her sick father. She said that one of the most interesting experiences of the year had been in seeing her father healed by the prayers of God's people. After her father had fully recovered she returned to Allegan County and did what she could in keeping up the interest of a little company of Sabbath-keepers. Her health is now restored and she desired to take the work again.

Sister Mabel Jaffray has been laboring in Grand Rapids since June and had interesting incidents to relate showing how the Lord has been leading her.

The Chair called on our young ministers to report of their labor, and Brethren J. W. Hofstra, B. F. Kneeland, and W. H. Heckman responded.

Brother Hofstra told of one of his experiences to the wonderful ways in which the Lord works for his truth. As the time for the filling of an appointment approached, he felt sick and had to leave the house. He had such a headache he could scarcely stand up. Going back of a barn, he most earnestly prayed that the Lord would take



away the headache, and then he took some vigorous exercise. He felt some better and went back into the house and prayed again that the Lord would take away the sickness and give him a clear mind to present the truth to the people. But the headache did not leave until he stood up to speak. He says, "I know that I had the power of God with me that evening, and in every meeting I have held there I have felt God's power was with me."

Brother Kneeland told of his first experience with that of a student from Mount Vernon Academy in holding tent meetings at Spring Lake. Their attendance was small, and some were frank enough to say that they did not want to come to the meetings because they were afraid that by so doing they would be led to accept the Seventh-day Adventists' doctrine. They worked with Family Bible Teacher and have several who are very much interested. As a result of their work at this place, three or four are expecting to enter our schools. After being at Spring Lake for six weeks, they moved to Nunica. Brother Kneeland said that some of his experiences seemed hard at the time, but as he looked at them now they do not seem hard at all. The thing that appears before his mind is the blessing he had in working for God.

Brother Heckman stated that he labored with Brother Hebner and that his report would be given with Brother Hebner's.

The Chair said that he believed all the laborers had reported except the older ministers, and that with their consent we would let them write their reports and that they would be published in the "West Michigan Herald."

By vote the minutes of the eighth and ninth meetings were left to be approved by the Executive Committee.

A short time was given for praise service.

The conference then adjourned sine die.

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

#### Medical Report for February.

Examinations	13
Prescriptions	121
Medical calls	47
Consultations	103
Medical letters written	56
Bible readings	16
Treatments	225

PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

#### Financial.

##### February Receipts.

Annual Offerings	\$ 29 30
Christ's Object Lessons	2 50
Expense Account	30
Mission Board offerings	42 86
Merchandise	14 79
Otsego Church School	18 00
On Account	108 12
Religious Liberty offerings	2 25
Sabbath-school offerings	37 23
Southern Field	16 30
Southern Watchman	7 00
Tithe	1205 65
Washington Fund	32 00
Weekly Offerings	14 08
West Michigan Herald	5 26
	\$1,535 64

##### February Tithe Report.

Agnew	\$ 2 50
Allegan	52 15
Battle Creek	435 39
Bauer	4 75
Bedford	20 49
Benton Harbor	62 35
Berrien Springs	72 40
Carson City	11 28
Cedar Lake	23 41
Decatur	29 40
Denver Center	12 08
Douglas	61 00
Eaton Rapids	12 27
Frost	10 00
Grand Rapids	170 50
Individuals	61 50
Medical Department	15 00
Mendon	9 28
Monterey	29 07
Orange	10 00
Otsego	21 60

Quincy	44 00
Shelby	9 87
Urbandale	33 00
Waverly	31 75

\$1,205 65

#### Educational.

##### Engaging Teachers.

Under our educational system, as in the public school system, the selection of the teacher is left with the local board. This is as it should be as the entire burden rests upon the local church, still we think the school-boards will find it to their advantage to consult the educational superintendent. He is in a position to know something of the work of all the teachers, and if consulted can locate the best teachers in the schools that need them most.

It is certainly wrong to place young, inexperienced teachers in schools that are among the largest and most difficult to govern of any in the conference. It invites a failure that is discouraging to the teacher and disastrous to the school. The greatest need of the schools is thoroughly competent, and thoroughly trained teachers. The standard must be greatly raised, but care must be exercised to have teachers enough to fill the schools.

Some of our schools are accomplishing all we could reasonably expect; the children are giving their hearts to the Lord, and are pursuing their studies with enthusiasm; others need firm, careful management if they are to fulfill the purpose for which they were started.

W. E. VIDETO.

##### Berrien Springs.

A convention of the two Sabbath-schools at Berrien Springs was held at the college Sabbath, March 4th. The day was fine and the convention was well attended. Interesting papers were read upon the following subjects: Need and Purpose of a Sabbath-school Convention, Duties of Sabbath-school Officers, Need of Consecrated Teachers and Primary



Work. The discussions upon the various subjects added interest to the occasion. The college orchestra and male quartette furnished appropriate music.

The keynote of the convention was the desire for more wisdom and power in the Sabbath-school work in order that the Sabbath-school may be more effectual in its work for the salvation of souls. Methods and plans are necessary but what is most needed is a daily communion with God and a willingness to be taught by the Holy Spirit. It was shown that much important work may be done by the superintendent outside of the hour he spends in the Sabbath-school on the Sabbath. He should not only plan for the work of the Sabbath-school in the teacher's meeting but should have personal visits with each teacher, thus becoming better acquainted with the needs of the teachers and students.

The importance of the primary work was also considered. The thought was presented that faithful work must be done during the week by parents and teachers, if the work of the primary teacher is a success.

At the close of the meeting an expression was taken of those present to ascertain the advisability of another Sabbath-school convention. It was unanimously decided that another convention should be held. We believe that better work will be done in our Sabbath-schools as a result of the instruction given at the convention.

EUGENE C. WALLER.

Not long ago we received a letter from a "well-wisher of the Sabbath-school work" from which we quote the following extract: "I would like to see a corner of the Herald devoted to the Sabbath-school work and hear from experienced workers from different parts of the conference. We have been told that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church. The Sabbath school does not belong to the

superintendent. Are our church officers doing their duty toward the Sabbath-school? Fathers and mothers are you doing all you can to interest your children in the study of the lessons? Children are to help carry the last message to the world and we need to give them much instruction."

Ever since conference we have had so much matter for the Herald that the Sabbath-school work has been crowded out, and some may think that the Sabbath-school workers are off on a vacation. But we are glad to inform our readers that we believe the work is onward. There seems to be a good interest in the work and a desire on the part of our Sabbath-school workers to go forward and aim for the standard of perfection. Conventions have been held at the following named places:

Battle Creek, Jan. 14.

Cedar Lake, Jan. 28.

Bauer, Feb. 25.

Berrien Springs, Mar. 4.

We have not had the privilege of attending all of these conventions but have heard good reports from them, and we believe that in every case the school has received a great blessing. Every superintendent that has written to us or that we have met has said, "I want our school to be a model school."

We have some good things for the Herald and they will appear just as soon as we have the space. We wish our readers to understand that the Herald belongs to them and its columns are open to them. We shall be glad to receive SHORT, POINTED articles on the Sabbath-school work or any other line of work that will help to advance the message in the West Michigan Conference.

None of us have reached that standard in our work or characters that we desire but let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," and say with David, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness."

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

### The Outlook.

A general spiritual awakening is being experienced in various parts of the world. The message of Sabbath reform and the soon return of our Saviour is now stirring the nations. The necessity of Sabbath reform is seen everywhere. The law-making bodies of the leading nation of the earth are trying to enforce "Sabbath Reform" by law. This of itself is one of the surest omens that could possibly be given of the speedy return of the Master.

The great agitation that is now being made over the great corporations and trust monopolies has served to awaken a desire for truth. Never since the 1844 movement was there a more opportune time to proclaim the Third Angel's Message than now. In about eight weeks time 300,000 of the "Open Letter" have been printed and distributed. Brethren in West Michigan, what part are you taking in this work? Can you not do more? Do you not want to give more time to the heralding of the glad news of the return of our King? Now is your time to work. From March 23 to April 3 there is to be held in the Allegan church at Allegan, Michigan, an institute for the purpose of giving instruction to those who desire to enter this open field. A number of men and women who have formerly given their time to the colporter work expect to attend this institute, and will re-enter the field. Any one desiring further information will please correspond with M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw, Mich.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

### News and Notes.

Elder Fred Brink just closed a ten days meeting at Sand Lake.

Anyone knowing the address of Norval Corkham please notify this office.

Elder Horton and W. E. Videto report that the interest is increasing in the meetings at Berrien Springs.



The executive committee held a meeting in Grand Rapids, March 14 to consider some plans for the summer's work.

We have been informed that the meetings at Decatur, conducted by Miss Mable Jaffray, are well attended and are increasing in interest.

Brother Ezra Brackett spent Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26, at Kalamazoo and Sabbath, March 4, at Augusta. He reports good meetings at both places.

Miss Jennie Nelson, our assistant secretary and treasurer, is spending a little time in Grand Rapids taking treatment at the West Michigan Conference treatment rooms.

In a recent communication from Brother and Sister Hutchinson of Laurium, in the North Michigan Conference, they state that they expect to reach Grand Rapids before the close of this month. West Michigan Conference will give these laborers a hearty welcome.

Mrs. R. M. Field, widow of Samuel Field, has an invalids' ball bearing, rubber tire, wheel chair for sale. She desires to sell this chair to help pay her husband's funeral expenses, which is the only debt she owes. Address Mrs. R. M. Field, Sand Lake, Mich., Box 112.

The Grand Rapids Sabbath-school will hold a convention Sabbath, March 25. They have a very interesting program prepared, but we did not have space for it in this week's issue. They extend a cordial invitation to the Wright, Grandville, Bauer and all other schools that are near.

#### Battle Creek.

Elder W. H. Heckman has been spending his time at home during the past week on account of a relapse of the grip. We are missing his efforts in Battle Creek.

On Sabbath March 4, the ordi-

nance of baptism was performed seven being baptized. Elder Nicola performed the service, which was a most solemn and impressive one.

Miss Myrtle O'Donnell has been given a place as stenographer in Washington, D. C. She reports herself as well pleased with her work there, and with the city of Washington.

The hour for opening the Battle Creek Sabbath School has been changed from 9 to 9:30 a. m. and a officers' and teachers' prayer meeting has been established to meet every Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock. We hope much good will come from this change.

A recent letter from Dr. Geisel in Southern California says—"It is really hot, not warm, and we live out of doors night and day. Sunshine, birds singing (such beautiful bird songs) and every thing in blossom; we can hardly believe it is cold anywhere on earth."

The sermon on Religious Liberty by Elder A. T. Jones, mentioned in last week's HERALD was reported, and as there has been considerable call for it, a limited number of typewritten copies have been made by the stenographers, which can be had at 25c each by addressing the Battle Creek Tract Society.

Elder Joseph Smith had charge of the tabernacle services on Sabbath morning. Prof. B. E. Nicola delivered the sermon speaking along the line of our church school work. He said, "Our schools are the most important missionary fields among us. We have the word that it is right to send our children to church school, and though we need not expect results in a day or a week, yet we should continue in faith believing that the Lord will fulfill His word. We should seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. These are days when we need to be guarded against the wiles of Satan as never before. We must learn to live above the agnos-

tic tendencies around us, and be prepared to meet Him in love because we do love Him.

#### Sanitarium.

Eld. A. T. Jones left for Washington, D. C., early Sunday morning. He expects to remain there some weeks, assisting in the work.

We are soon to have a lecture by Mr. Jacob Reiss, the great philanthropist, telling us something of "How the other half lives."

The cooking-school is to move into its new headquarters this week. A room is now prepared where the class can work uninterrupted, and it is expected that much better results will be obtained.

A good audience listened to the lecture on "The Wonders of Common Water," illustrated by the stereoptican, by Dr. Read on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church of this city. He made some tests from the water of some of the city well, and advised that all drinking water should first be boiled. The next lecture will be given by Dr. White on Dress Healthful and Beautiful. This will also be illustrated by entirely new views.

The monthly meeting of the Sanitarium family was held Sunday evening in the gymnasium. In harmony with the general tendency to "return to nature" a large number of those present formed themselves into "The Simple Life" Club, and a constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: President, Dr. John F. Morse; Vice President, Dr. E. L. Eggleston; Secretary, Bertha Gibson.

Briefly stated, the purpose of the society is to encourage an enthusiastic interest in the work of disseminating the light of Health Reform by correspondence, personal work, and in fact, by every possible means.

Having committed to our care the light, for the lack of which the world is perishing, the work before such a society is unlimited in scope, and may we not look for great results.