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Remarks Made at the Closing Session of the West Michigan Conference Worker's Meeting, Held at Cedar Lake, Oct. 29-31, 1906.

Elder Hebner:—This is not my first visit by any means. As I have been listening to the remarks made here to night, I wished that William Nelson might be here, for years ago we talked of this building being occupied as a denominational school. Over and over we have wondered how it could be brought about and we had an ideal in our minds of its being worked out as it has been. I have labored as I have gone out in this conference and the old Michigan conference,—I have labored for this school,—labored to get our students to attend this school and expect to do so. The Academy here has turned out some capable workers, and I expect to see many more who will become efficient workers for the Master. I pray God will direct the parents and those at the head of this school to push it forward and hope that teachers and students will work together for the success of the school.

Elder Nicola:—I am glad of the privilege of speaking a few words: I hardly know what to say, but will say that I am interested in the school work. I was privileged to

be a student in the first Adventist College established among us. I have watched the progress of this Cedar Lake school and have been interested in it. I have heard very much talk about this school and always heard of the pine stumps; I have heard that pine stumps made a very hot fire, and now I can testify that pine stumps make an awful hot fire.

Another thing of which I might speak is the proper diet served here. I also had the privilege of visiting the school a part of the afternoon and I am surprised to see the good class of young people attending this school; I had no idea of seeing such a class of people at this time, and the quiet and orderly way in which the school is carried on. It does my heart good to see it. I feel so glad of it.

Elder A. C. Bordeau:—I hardly know where to commence I have so much on my mind to say, and I do not want to take up much time. We certainly have been highly entertained this evening while hearing so many speak regarding the prosperity of the school in this place. I well remember the starting of the college in Battle Creek. I was then president of the Vermont conference, and when a call came for help for that institution we raised \$4,025.26 for the institution in the small state of Vermont; we were deeply interested in it because we needed a school of that kind in our denomination and the Lord had spoken in regard to it, and not only one school but many schools to educate our young people throughout the denomination that they might be prepared to go out and proclaim this glorious

message, the best message that can be proclaimed at the present time. I tell you that in such a school as this it is a blessing for those who are preparing to work in the service of God, to be here. Sister White has said that our schools should be established where there are trees, flowers and birds, and when I awoke in the morning after arriving at this place I said, "Thank God for this situation;" may God bless this institution. I am glad I came here. I see that the prospering hand of God is attending this school. You will have my prayers, and I shall remember the warm reception we have had here.

Elder VanDusen:—Well, I will not try to say much, although many things come to my mind; but I will say that I am glad that so many here are preparing for the second advent. I have never had anything against this school and have heard many things in favor of it, and I hope God will bless it. I am so glad to be with you here at this time. In a few days I shall be in Alabama. They have lost their school there. I could stand here an hour and talk to you. Oh, had I had the chance of coming in here as you have and sat down to study like these girls and boys, I would have been the happiest of boys. I have seen the principal of this school going day after day through his duties.—Well, may the Lord bless him still.

As I sat here I wrote a few verses and shall I read them to you? (voices "yes, read them") Had I had more time I would have done better.

THE CEDAR LAKE SCHOOL.

You have asked of me my thoughts to state,
Concerning the school at Cedar Lake.
Its purpose was, I am free to say,
To help our youth in God's own way.

Now, of this school, there is a hate
Because it is at Cedar Lake;
Some try by this, and do dispute,
To bring the school to disrepute.

Now, of this school here let me state
About this school at Cedar Lake,
To see and know, I am quite sure
Will help to heal as well as cure.

Our boys and girls, again I state,
Who have gone to school at Cedar Lake,
With noble aim and purpose high,
Are proof against all hue and cry.

There are many things we could relate
About this school at Cedar Lake.
Now, if this school is on God's plan,—
Keep your hands off. Oh, puny man.

I here will say, not to mistake
About this school at Cedar Lake;
Let all who live in Michigan,
Uplift and help just all you can.

The teachers here, who help to make
The school's success at Cedar Lake.
They should have our praise and not our frown
To help lift up and not press down.

Now, let us all fresh courage take
About the school at Cedar Lake;
And parents too, and children all,
Prepare by this to meet God's call.

May noble sons and daughters take
A THOROUGH COURSE at Cedar Lake:
And thus prepare for higher spheres,
For onward work in coming years.

Now let me say, do not mistake
And FAIL to go to Cedar Lake;
Make of yourself just all you can;
Submit to Him and "Be God's plan."

Elder Horton:— This is my second visit to Cedar Lake. Six years ago I was here. I did not notice the pine stumps then for I had something to take up my attention otherwise. The first thing I noticed was the devotion of the pupils. I said to Brother Ostrander "children who attend school where they cannot keep comfortable surely must be devoted." You see I had this feature of the school in my mind so that I did not notice the stumps. I have been interested in this school ever since.

*When I came in last night I could hardly believe this was the same place, there was such a

change. I believe the Lord's blessing is here. Some of those who were at this place have gone out in the work of the Lord, and others are still in preparation. I am glad to see the devotion here among our young people. I can say that I can leave this place with a spirit of earnestness to labor for the interests of this school. I wish I had children of my own to send to this school. May the blessing of the Lord be with you and the school.

Elder Burnham:—I am glad that Elder Haughey has commenced with the young people first, as that makes it unnecessary for me to eulogize the Cedar Lake school. I feel thankful for what I see now at Cedar Lake. I remember when this school first sprung into existence and I have watched it ever since. I think the view we have here is a very beautiful one. I am not afraid of pine stumps. These are the least of my fears; but I wish I might have the privilege of coming to school here myself; nothing would please me better; I believe I could study and learn something. I feel thankful, too, that we have these schools where we are preparing young people for the work of the Third Angel's message. As my mind recurs to these schools, I think of others too.

I wish there were hundreds of other schools preparing people to go to the dark corners of the earth. I long for the time to come when the work shall be finished up in righteousness and the Lord shall appear. There is a great work to be done, but the Lord is able to do it, and if these young people will just spring into the work and proclaim this message, the spirit of God will impress it upon hearts. I hope the Lord will bless these teachers. I am glad you have such good teachers who can help and guide you in your work. And as I look into the faces of these pupils I hope you are all following the teachings of the spirit of God.

Elder Haughey:—I can hardly refrain from saying a word or two

at this time. We have 1000 schools and 16,000 pupils,—Christian schools and Christian boys and girls, preparing for the work of the Lord. I ask where is such an army to be found in any schools in the world, as is found in the schools carried forward by this people? Certainly the citizens of Cedar Lake have great reason to rejoice that the Lord has planted this school here; that He put it into the hearts of some to donate this building for this school. I felt very confident that if we held this council at this place, good would come of it, and students would be led to come here and prepare themselves to go out and carry the message.

I am quite certain that if those who are sending children here could come here and see this school, it would be of great value to them and for the upbuilding of this school. And so in our council we have thought it would be a good plan to invite you to invite us to invite our people to come up here about the 24th of December and stay with you until the 28th of December as a conference assembled. And as we thought this would be a good thing, we have invited you to attend this meeting that we might have the opportunity to invite you to invite us to come here for this meeting. Now we would like to hear from the citizens of this place. At this meeting we sometimes have as many as 150 delegates or even more than that. When this time comes it will be vacation and most of the students will be away, and it will be at such a season that we can take advantage of the holiday rates. Now would the friends of this place and the friends and citizens of the surrounding country like to have this annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists assemble at this place? If our delegates should all come there would be over 200 but we can count on 150.

Well, now we have done everything we can to state to you what

we would like to have you do for us, and so we would like to hear from you.

(Many hearty responses from the Cedar Lake citizens inviting the delegation to meet with them at the time of its next annual conference.)

Thanksgiving Services.

We quote the following from a letter dated Nov. 6, at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and signed by Elders A. G. Daniels and I. H. Evans:—

"It has been suggested by some of our brethren that we make Thanksgiving Day a general day for the starting of the \$150,000 fund. It was thought that on this day it would be appropriate for all our churches everywhere to hold a religious meeting. It is a day set apart by the President of the United States, and most of our State Governors, asking the people everywhere to render thanks to God for the temporal and national blessings that have been received as individuals and as a nation.

Would it not be appropriate to ask our people everywhere to hold a gathering on that day, and as far as possible, see that a minister is sent to each church, and a general exercise prepared for the occasion. Let there be a setting forth of prosperity of the cause of God; its growth, advancement, and its demands upon us at this time, as a people. Let songs of praise and gratitude be offered to the Lord for the many blessings that he has given us as a denomination, and also as a nation. Then let all the people come prepared to give a liberal offering on this occasion to the \$150,000 fund.

It has been further suggested by some of our brethren that we follow this by getting our people everywhere to give to this fund for the following thirty days as much as possible. Perhaps by this effort we can raise the principal amount of this money. Some of our people would be able to give liberally,

while others could give but a small amount. The fact is, if our people should give on the average of ten cents per capita each day for thirty days, the sum would be raised. There would probably be some who could not even give this small amount a day. Some have large families, and this small amount for each member would tax them, but on the other hand, others would be able to give much more than this.

Of course we do not want to make a definite demand for a specific donation, but raise as much as we can, and see if the whole amount of the \$150,000 cannot be raised between Thanksgiving and the first day of January, 1907. It is true that this plan would largely hurt the offering for the week of prayer, but it has been voted to raise this fund at this time; so then why not take hold of it with all the energy that we can muster and bring this thing to a close."

We feel to favor this plan, and have decided to attempt to carry it into effect. In the last week's issue of the Herald you noticed the list of assignments made to the different workers. We hope that arrangements will be made with every church so that these special services will be held. One laborer will be able to reach three or more churches provided one will hold the service in the forenoon, and another in the afternoon, and still another in the evening. Every conference laborer will make his own arrangements with the several churches over which he is located as pastor. We believe that we will have the full co-operation of all our laborers and members in different places.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

God's Seal Upon Religious Liberty.

The Lord created man and put him in the garden of Eden. In the garden he planted the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God warned man not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The Lord doubt-

less knew that man would disobey and thus become a sinner; and that the only way he could be redeemed was by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. And yet, knowing all this, he would not bar the way to, or fence in the forbidden tree, making it impossible for man to gain access thereto if he should choose to do so, but left him perfectly free to decide the question for himself. God could sacrifice His Son rather than interfere with man's liberty. In that action Jehovah set the grandest, highest seal of Heaven upon religious liberty for ever more.

The modern popular church has exalted itself above the wisdom of God, as the Papacy also did; and had they control of Eden they would have "shut the lid down tight" upon Paradise so that it would have been impossible for Adam to have approached the forbidden tree at all.

A. SMITH.

From the Field.

BANGOR.

Sabbath November 10 I met with the Bangor church and spoke to them on the subject of missionary work. A goodly number of brethren and sisters from Hartford and Covert were in attendance, and we had a heavenly sitting together in Christ. In the testimony meeting there was freedom and the spirit of God bore witness to the heartfelt testimonies that were given. After the forenoon service we repaired to the water near by where two young candidates were buried with Christ in baptism and united with the church. It was indeed a precious season.

At three o'clock in the afternoon we had another service in which all took part and spoke of their desire to prove true and faithful till the last foe is conquered and the victory won. The church school in Bangor is in a flourishing condition and the number in attendance is in-

creasing and the teacher is doing faithful work.

R. C. HORTON.

MAPLE GROVE.

Our school opened September 10, with six pupils enrolled. This is now the tenth week of school, and though our membership has fallen off by some moving away, the good work must go onward.

I know there is a great responsibility connected with this work, but the Lord has promised to be our helper, and "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

This school is located in an ideal spot with the handiwork of our Maker all around us. And we have endeavored to improve our opportunities of studying this great lesson-book. Though this was the lesson-book our first parents studied, it has not grown too old for us. We are only preparing for a grade in the higher school above.

JENNIE JUDSON.

Carlton Center Church School Missionary Report.

Sixteen letters written. Twenty-five papers sent away. Ten papers given away.

The missionary meeting for this month was enjoyed by all the children. The missionary spirit was certainly manifested. The work was all done trusting the one who said, "Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning." Luke 12:35.

There is one thing each can do, that is to do his own part in warning the world of the terrible things soon to take place in this earth. As each act and thought leaves its print on our character, the more we act and think like Jesus did the better missionaries we will make. A wonderful influence will be felt wherever we go, for Christ says all power is mine in heaven and in earth.

Oh! the good we all may do

Helping on the heavenly way;
Just to stoop and help the fallen,
Teach the little ones to pray.

How we ought to praise the Saviour
For the blessings of each day,
For the precious gift he has given,
To restore this bit of clay.

When we look away to heaven,
Trials and troubles all grow dim;
But when we turn from Jesus
We are in the dark again.

So let us work for others,
Let us keep our faces bright,
We may cheer some poor way-farer,
To the land of love and light.

EDNA L. COOPER.

Fourth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference.

At the recent council held at Cedar Lake it was unanimously voted by the workers to hold the next annual session of the West Michigan Conference at Cedar Lake, Dec. 24 to 28, 1906. The reasons for holding the meeting at this time is to avail ourselves of the advantage of the holiday railroad rates. Other matter relative to the conference will appear in later issues of the Herald.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

An educational convention will be held at Charlotte December 7-9. The Eaton Rapids, Dimondale, Brookfield, Potterville, Vermontville and Grand Ledge churches are invited to attend. We hope to have the Lake Union Conference Educational Secretary present, also the Educational Secretary and the Sabbath-school Secretary of the West Michigan Conference, and some other workers. We hope that all who attend will be willing to help make this meeting a successful and profitable one.

The book entitled "Studies in Gospel History," by M. E. Kern is ready. It contains a series of forty-five lessons on the Life of Christ, and is arranged for use in church schools, academies and colleges. This book was adopted by the Educational convention last summer for use in our schools. The book contains 364 pages, attractively

bound in cloth and will be sent anywhere, postpaid, on receipt of price, 75 cents. Discount to schools. Order of The Union College Press, College View, Nebraska.

A few days ago the children of the Holton Sabbath-school sent us twenty-five dollars for the India Orphan Fund. This is one of our small schools and if the other schools and churches would do as well in proportion to their numbers, the West Michigan Conference would head the list in missionary donations. We hope the children will do as well in our next effort.

Program in the Tabernacle, Sun- day Evening, Nov. 11, 1906.

Piano Solo—"Nearer My God to Thee," Mrs. Winnie Stratmeyer
Invocation - Elder G. C. Tenney
Male Quartette,
Introductory Remarks, J. B. Sperry
Receiving the new Pastor
in behalf of Church, G. W. Amadon
Response, - Eld. M. N. Campbell
Vocal Solo—The Great White
Throne - Eld. L. C. Sheafe
Presentation Speech,

Eld. M. B. Miller
Response - Eld. W. H. Heckman
Instrumental Duet—

Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Wentworth
After the program was rendered Elders Campbell and Heckman and their wives retired to the south vestry and the people were introduced to them by the reception committee. While this was being done Elder L. C. Sheafe, Mrs. Rhoda Dunlap and others sang some solos. After the brethren and sisters met the pastors and their wives, and had given them a good hearty hand shake, they took advantage of the opportunity to become acquainted with each other. After singing, "God be with you till we meet again," Elder Heckman pronounced the benediction and we hope the brethren returned to their homes feeling that it pays to be sociable.