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Answered Prayer.

I asked for bread; God gave a stone instead.

Yet while I pillowed there my weary head

The angels made a ladder of my dreams,

Which upward to celestial mountains led,

And when I woke beneath the morning's beams,

Around my resting place fresh manna lay;

And, praising God, I went upon my way,

For I was fed.

I asked for strength for with the noontide heat

I fainted, while the reapers, singing sweet,

Went forward with the sheaves I could not bear.

Then came the Master with his blood-stained feet,

And lifted me with sympathetic care.

Then on his arms I leaned till all was done;

And I stood with the rest at set of sun,

My task complete.

I asked for light; around me closed the night,

Nor guiding star met my bewildered sight,

For storm clouds gathered in a tempest near.

Yet in the lightning's blazing, roaring flight,

I saw the way before me, straight and clear.

What though his leading pillar was of fire,

And not the sunbeam of my heart's desire?

My path was bright.

God answers prayer; sometimes when hearts are weak,

He gives the very gifts believers seek.

But often Faith must learn a deeper rest,

And trust God's silence when he does not speak;

For he whose name is Love will send the best.

Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure,

But God is true, his promises are sure

To those who seek.

—Selected.

Religious Liberty.

Stenographic Report of the Speech Made by Elder A. G. Haughey, at a Mass Meeting Held in the Powers Theatre, Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 5, 1906, During the Recent Sunday-Closing Theatre Campaign.—

Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Citizens of the Municipality of Grand Rapids: It is very fitting upon an occasion like this that the subject at hand be presented. The cause that has led up to this gathering is no mean cause. It is a proper and legitimate one. It seems that the Common Council of the city of Grand Rapids last May passed an ordinance. The privilege of passing this ordinance had been previously granted by the new charter that was granted to the

city of Grand Rapids by the General Assembly of the State of Michigan. In this ordinance passed by the Common Council of the city of Grand Rapids, there was a proposition submitted to the effect that the Council saw fit to close theatres, public shows, and places of amusement upon Sunday, the first day of the week. The passage of the act by the General Assembly of the State granted to the people of the city of Grand Rapids, in case the Council saw fit to act upon this question, the right of the use of the referendum, that is, the privilege, in case a sufficient number of citizens of the place should ask for the privilege—that is to vote to submit it to the popular vote of the people. This has all been granted.

Tomorrow, the sixth day of November, 1906, is the day when the people, the legal voters of the city of Grand Rapids, shall gather at the polls to cast their votes, yea or nay. Now which shall it be? (Answer, "No." Applause.)

I am here this evening in the capacity of a minister of the gospel. I was cradled near the city where the federation was formed that has given birth to this great question that is before us tonight. From my earliest infancy I have had some knowledge of these questions. I have given it study all through my life. Being a minister of the gospel as I am, I have some decided opinions upon this question, which I shall briefly state to you before calling upon the principal speakers of the evening.

First, I wish to call attention to the points at issue that were presented before the Common Council before they passed the ordinance.

Four points I notice were made by the speakers representing the people who desire that the theatres be closed upon Sunday. One point I notice in reading from the public press. First, it was claimed that the Sunday theatres are contrary to the state law. Second, that the opening of the theatres on Sunday is contrary to God's law. Third, that Sunday theatres are of immoral tendencies, and, fourth, that the results are immoral.

I wish to note some of these points.

(Continued.)

Testimony Reading Concerning Aged Workers.

What does the Lord say to the aged pioneer laborers?

"To the aged pioneers who have been connected with the work of the third angel's message almost from its beginning, whose experience in it dates nearly from the passing of the time in 1844, the Lord says: 'Your help is needed.'"

Does the cause need the help of these men?

"The cause needs the help of the old hands, the aged workers, who have had years of experience in the cause of God; who have watched the development and the progress of the message in its various lines; who have seen many go into fanaticism, cherishing the delusion of false theories, resisting all the efforts made to let the light of truth reveal the superstitions that were coming in to confuse minds and to make of none effect the message in these last days must be given in its purity to God's remnant people."

Should they be appreciated, and their testimony valued?

"Many of the tried servants of God have fallen asleep in Jesus. Let the help of those who are left alive to this day be appreciated. Let their testimony be valued. The good hand of the Lord has been with these faithful workers. . . . Those who were in the message at its beginning, who fought bravely

when the battle went hard, must not lose their hold now."

Are they qualified to hold leading positions in the work?

"The most tender interest should be cherished toward those whose life interest is bound up with the work of God. Notwithstanding their many infirmities, these workers still possess talents that qualify them to stand in their lot and place. God desires them to occupy leading positions in his work. They have stood faithful amidst storm and trial, and are among our most valuable counselors."

When the cause was young and needy, what did these men do?

"Let not the fact be lost sight of that in the past these earnest wrestlers sacrificed everything to advance the work. The fact that they have grown old and gray in the service of God is no reason why they should cease to exert an influence superior to the influence of men who have far less knowledge of the work, and far less experience in divine things. Though worn, and unable to bear the heavier burdens that younger men can and should carry, their value as counselors is of the highest order."

Should they be pushed aside by younger workers?

"They have borne test and trial, and, though they have lost some of their vigor, they are not to be pushed aside by less experienced workers, who know very little about the labor and self-sacrifice of these pioneers. The Lord does not thus lay them aside. He gives them special grace and knowledge."

Near the close of their life work what burden does God lay upon them?

"As those who have spent their lives in the service of God, draw near the close of their earthly history, they will be impressed by the Holy Spirit to recount the experiences they have had in connection with his work. The record of His wonderful dealings with His people, of His great goodness in delivering them from trial, should be

repeated to those newly come to the faith. The trials also that have been brought on the servants of God by the apostasy of some once united with them in labor, and the working of the Holy Spirit to make of none effect the falsehoods told against those who were holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end, should be related."

Should they be put in hard places?

"The old standard bearers who are still living should not be put in hard places. Those who have served their Master when the work went hard, who endured poverty, and remained faithful to the truth when our numbers were small, are ever to be honored and respected. I am instructed to say, Let every believer respect the aged pioneers who have borne trials and hardships and many privations. They are God's workmen, and have acted a prominent part in the building up of his work."

How should younger men act toward these aged servants of God?

"Let the younger men realize that, in having such laborers among them, they are highly favored. Let them show great respect for the men of gray hairs, who have had long experience in the development of the work. Let them give them an honored place in their councils. God desires those who have come into the truth in later years to take heed to these words."

W. B. WHITE,
Pacific Union Gleaner.

Eating of the Sacrifice.

In Lev. 7:16-18 permission was given to eat of the flesh of a voluntary offering on the first and second day, but was absolutely forbidden on the third day. That oblation was a type of the death of Christ. By eating of it the first and second day the partaker recognized the death and burial of Christ for his sin; but to eat of it on the third day would be a denial, in figure, of the resurrection of Christ.

A. SMITH.

OCTOBER RECEIPTS.**West Michigan Conference.**

Tithe,	\$4,122 41
S. S. Offerings,	370 05
Weekly Offerings,	71 57
Mission Board Offerings,	48 32
Southern Field,	212 17
Mid-Summer Offerings,	1 60
Self-Denial Fund,	7 05
West Michigan Sanitarium,	89 18
Church School Fund,	30
Emmanuel Miss. College Fund,	1 00
India Orphan Fund,	4 66
Colored Work,	122 96
African Native Workers Fd.	9 00
One Hundred Fifty T. D. F.	36 00
Jewish Work,	1 00
Pacific Press Pub. Co. Offering	7 00
Work for the Blind,	81 86
W. H. Anderson, Mission Work,	5 00
Edgefield Mission,	1 75
Free-will Offerings,	1 25
Haskell Home,	20
West India Training School,	73 81
Conf. Improvement Fund,	36 95
Total,	5,304 59

West Michigan Tract Society.

West Michigan Herald,	2 80
Merchandise,	27 65
On Account,	206 03
Total,	236 48

TITHE.

Allegan,	129 08
Allendale,	47 01
Berrien Springs,	136 49
Brookfield,	51 85
Benton Harbor,	142 13
Battle Creek,	1293 65
Bangor,	28 00
Bedford,	136 86
Belding,	11 20
Bloomingtondale,	19 09
Bauer,	50 69
Cedar Lake,	64 54
Covert,	19 91
Carson City,	101 35
Clifford Lake,	19 87
Charlotte,	49 14
Carlton Center,	69 84
Dimondale,	35 59
Decatur,	59 46

Edmore,	130 51
Eaton Rapids,	24 75
Fremont,	25 13
Grand Rapids,	135 30
Grand Ledge,	25 10
Grandville,	45 52
Hastings,	29 42
Holton,	44 45
Howard City,	8 50
Homer,	21 74
Individuals,	34 76
Iowa Conference,	75
Kent City,	17 88
Kalamazoo,	130 01
Kinderhook,	27 51
Lyons,	4 58
Lowell,	22 56
Mt. Pleasant,	58 82
Mendon,	117 55
Maple Grove,	22 40
Muskegon,	39 45
Mecosta,	6 70
Monterey,	29 08
Otsego,	56 13
Ontario Conference,	41 56
Pottersville,	7 11
Pullman S. S.	4 14
Portland,	40 02
Palo S. S.	9 40
Quincy,	97 48
Shelby,	72 00
Sturgis,	23 31
Sand Lake,	32 40
Trufant,	6 36
Urbandale,	101 15
Vermontville,	1 50
West LeRoy,	42 62
West Penn. Conference,	1 50
Waverly,	8 39
Wright,	109 12
Total,	4,122 41

From the Field.**BENTON HARBOR.**

Elder R. C. Horton and the writer labored a little season in Benton Harbor for the benefit of the church at that place. Our outside friends were invited altho but few attended because of the inclemency of the weather. We had preaching service every evening save one. Before preaching service we had a prayer meeting and Bible study. These seasons proved a blessing to all present and a

real help to the service following.

The Lord came very near to us. Ministers and congregation were richly blessed. Elder Videto of E. M. College at Berrien Springs spoke the last evening during our stay, and gave us a most excellent discourse.

We had seasons of prayer for two sick persons. God manifested His wonder working power there, in a marvelous way. We thank God for the experience at Benton Harbor.

J. W. HOFSTRA.

Denver Center Church School.

Our school opened with an enrollment of nine pupils, with ages from six to sixteen years.

This is the first church school to be established in this place, and we feel that if it were dependent upon our human wisdom, it must certainly fail, but we know that a higher hand than ours is over this work, and we are thankful to see it moving steadily forward.

None of our members have been dropped, and three more will soon be added.

The Saviour has said, "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me," and the hearts of the children are quick to respond.

The public school near us has been having a vacation of three weeks, and one dear little girl attended our school nearly every day during that time, walking two miles, and thus showing that she loved to be where we read and talk about Jesus.

May this same power which is able to over rule even our mistakes, and which is able to subdue all things unto itself, so work upon the hearts and minds of these dear young people, that they may be constrained to give their lives in helping to spread this last message to a dying world. Where is the teacher who feels strong and able in himself, to accomplish this most sacred work?

Then let us say with the Psalmist David, "O taste and see that

the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." So let us trust.

A Quick Work.

The response to the appeal for the \$100,000 fund was most gratifying, especially the rapidity with which the latter half of the amount was given, and the overflow of more than \$15,000 above the amount called for. Now a greater call is made, this time for \$150,000. This is for the sanitarium and Review and Herald in Washington, which are in great need of immediate help; for the South, for which the appeal has been sent out to our people through the Spirit of Prophecy, for many years; for the Pacific Press, whose recent disaster has brought sorrow to the hearts of all our people; for the school in England; for our work in the West Indies; for our academy in Canada, for our sanitarium in Skodsborg, Denmark; and for the work that has been wrecked by the earthquake on the west coast of South America.

The General Conference Committee has sent out an appeal that, beginning with Thanksgiving day, an offering be made daily by each individual until the beginning of the year 1907, or until the whole amount is made up. What a thrill of triumph and of hope would pass through all our ranks, if the amount could be made up before the first day of the new year! We hope that all the readers of this article have begun to make their offerings; if not, that they will begin to-day.

When we consider the number and resources of our people, it is not an unreasonable thing to hope that every cent of the money so urgently needed will be sent in within the short time suggested. It could be done so easily. May a new and holy zeal fire the souls of every one of our people to do this thing now. It can be done; it will be done if all will realize the privilege, and rise to the occasion. A

late Testimony says: "Ministers and people, wake up. Be quick to seize every advantage and opportunity offered in the turning wheel of providence."

Send all donations through your church, conference, or Union Conference treasurer. If impossible to do this, then send to I. H. Evans, General Conference Treasurer, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

J. S. WASHBURN.

News and Notes.

The editor spent last Sabbath at Berrien Springs attending a Sabbath-school convention.

We hope to receive some good reports from those churches that held Thanksgiving services.

A Sabbath-school of twelve members has been organized at Niles, and more are to be added.

We hope the brethren and sisters of the Dimondale, Brookfield, Potterville, Vermontville and Grand Ledge churches will remember the educational convention at Charlotte next Sabbath and Sunday, December 8 and 9.

The church at Sand Lake was damaged by the wind storm November 21. It will cost about \$20.00 to repair it. The members of this church do not have an overabundance of this world's goods and if any one feels like sending them a little donation it will be received with gratitude. Send your donation to the church treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Wiley, Sand Lake, Mich.

Obituary.

Pearce—Died at Cedar Lake, Mich., October 30, 1906, Mrs. Anna M. Pearce, nee Sherman, aged 82 years. She was born at Allegany, N. Y., October 30, 1824. When she was sixteen years of age she joined the Methodist church. In 1872, Sister Pearce accepted the present truth, and died in the hope of the soon appearing of her Lord.

She had lived at Cedar Lake nineteen years, and leaves one brother, two sisters, and several friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder Van Deusen, from Job 5: 26.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Mr. Avery has a large class in Physics which is beginning the study of light.

The New Testament History class are using M. E. Kern's "Studies in Gospel History."

A vote was taken to decide whether we should have school Thanksgiving day or not. The majority preferred a vacation.

Wednesday evening a program was carried out at the dormitory by the students, consisting of music and recitations. Oliver Denslow gave a short history of Thanksgiving Day. The exercises closed with a dialogue illustrating the inconsistent manner in which some people excuse themselves from religious duties.

Friday evening, Nov. 23, the hour of the students' meeting was occupied by three members of the Young Men's Self-Improvement Society: namely, Martin Halverson, Arthur Gurney, and Oliver Denslow. Their subjects were "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Sanctuary," and "Religious Liberty." The boys did well, and we look forward to the time when their names will appear on the list of ministerial licentiates.

Wednesday morning at the chapel hour Mr. Butler gave a talk on self-government, comparing one's will power to the governor on an engine. He showed the folly of allowing ourselves to be carried away with any fancy that may strike us. He said a student may sit down and figure out how much money he could be making and think it is useless to spend so much time in school, all the time failing to see the opportunities which lie in his pathway.