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Ten Cents a Week.

"Ten cents a week," for the Master's work,
From every loyal Christian's hands;
Ten cents a week, to tell his love
And teach his word in foreign lands.

"Ten cents a week" to place ajar
The gates of mercy, high and broad.
Ten cents a week, to spread afar
The knowledge of our risen Lord.

"Ten cents a week"—O precious thought!
May save some soul from death and hell;
Ten cents a week, from my poor purse,
May teach some tongue his love to tell.

"Ten cents a week", may send a blaze
Of gospel light o'er India's plains.
Ten cents a week may free a race
For ages bound by error's chains.

"Ten cents a week", from China's shore
We catch the cry and hear the plea;
Ten cents a week, a few years more,
And many in China the light shall see.

"Ten cents a week" may wake the note
Of Zion's song in fair Japan.
Ten cents a week, O blessed Christ,
May tell to all thy love to man.

—SELECTED.

Eighth Meeting of the West Michigan Conference.

JAN. 25, 8:30 A. M.

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

After singing "The Lord is My Light," prayer was offered by Alex. Carpenter.

Reports from the following churches were read: Glenwood, Sand Lake and Orange.

Brother Iles gave a very encouraging report of the church and church school at Wright. The Wright church school is in its fifth year. The enrollment is fifteen with twelve scholars in regular attendance. The enrollment is necessarily small as the school is in the country and the patrons are scattered far and wide. They have a well equipped school room, the church is in harmony with the school, and the spiritual and financial conditions are good. Every student except one makes a profession. Seven students were baptized last year, three of whom are preparing to, or have engaged in active work in the Master's vineyard. One point worthy of notice is that the pupils from the outside consider the education they receive at the church school superior to that which the public school gives. Brother Iles stated that it was his aim to give a thorough and practical training in the common branches.

Brother Collier, who connected with the West Michigan Conference July 4, 1904, then gave a report of his work during the summer, and also presented the history of the Mendon church.

The Committee on Plans reported further as follows:

18. WE RECOMMEND, That each of our churches annually select a competent person to audit the books of the treasurer previous to the presentation of the treasurer's report to the church, and that the auditor's statement be appended to said report.

19. WE RECOMMEND, That the name of the Blendon church be changed to Bauer.

20. WE RECOMMEND, That the

elders of our churches be requested to ascertain as soon as practicable, and to such extent as feasible, the means whereby the members of respective churches received a knowledge of the truth, whether through preaching, the printed page, medical missionary work, or otherwise, and report the results of such canvass to the editor of the "West Michigan Herald."

21. RESOLVED, That we express our hearty appreciation of the very generous hospitality that has been extended to the delegates of this conference by the Grand Rapids church and other friends of this city.

Brother G. W. Morse was called to the chair.

These resolutions were discussed, especially the one in reference to ascertaining by what means our people received the truth, and as expressed by Brother Hart, who to this resolution which he considered a very important one, that by this means we may be able to learn which method of labor brought the best results, and this would help us in our future work.

There was quite a full expression from different members of the delegates in reference to the last motion in expressing their appreciation of the kind entertainment given by the Grand Rapids church and friends.

Elder Kauble was given the floor as he wished to make some announcements before leaving the city. He wished to speak especially in regard to the Summer Normal which is to be held at Berrien Springs, and make a plea for "Christian Advocate" that it might receive our hearty support in order to be made a paper that would rightly represent the different interests of the work. They have at Berrien Springs a nursery which is

well stocked, and they would be glad to supply our brethren with anything they may need in this line.

A recess of ten minutes was then taken by the conference.

Committee on Nominations reported further as follows:

For additional members of the Executive Committee:

W. D. Parkhurst

M. N. Campbell

W. H. Heckman.

We believe it is for the best interests of the conference work that this Committee consist of but five members. If, however, it is deemed necessary to have two more, your committee has two names to offer for the places.

Medical Superintendent, Patience S. Bourdeau, M. D.

Moved its adoption by considering each name separately.

The names of W. D. Parkhurst and M. N. Campbell were passed upon and accepted. The last name being called resulted in quite a free discussion of the situation, the members of the nominating committee and others speaking in reference to it.

W. H. Heckman moved that the name of Joseph Smith be substituted for that of W. H. Heckman; seconded by Fred Brink. By vote this name was accepted as a member of the Executive Committee.

As the name of Doctor Patience S. Bourdeau was then called, she was chosen to fill the important position of Medical Superintendent of conference medical work for the coming year.

Brother Reefman made an earnest plea for the Holland work, calling attention to the fact that at the last conference a resolution was passed with reference to furnishing a laborer for Holland. The Chair stated that the Committee had planned to carry out this resolution of the conference, and had chosen Brother Jacob Hofstra to go to this field and that he has been asked for by the Central Conference.

Brother Brackett presented a fa-

vorable report of the organization of Convis church, and also that of Allegan.

The Chair stated that we had with us on the floor Elder S. E. Wight, president of the North Michigan Conference; that this conference had been sending means to help the work in that field, and knew that Elder Wight would be glad to speak as to how these means had been used. Elder Wight expressed the grateful appreciation of the North Michigan Conference for the help they had received, stating how the money had been used, and that there was earnest determination on the part of their churches to become self-sustaining, and that the means used to help them could be given to some other part of the field that ought to be sustained. He also spoke of some of the needs of their field, of the large number of resorts to which thousands are flocking each summer, and of the burden they felt for the work that should be done among them, but could not because the means and laborers at their command were inadequate at the present time, but they were doing what they could to give them the message.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows:

For Ministerial Credentials.

A. G. Haughey	S. N. Butler
I. D. VanHorn	W. D. Parkhurst
Henry Nicola	Fred Brink
R. C. Horton	C. A. Hanson
W. C. Hebner	

For Honory Ministerial Credentials

E. H. Root	E. VanDeusen
M. S. Burnham	B. E. Nicola
G. C. Tenney	

For Ordination and Credentials.

W. E. Videto

For Ministerial License.

M. N. Campbell	B. F. Kneeland
W. H. Heckman	Edward Collier
Jacob Hofstra	G. W. Morse

For Missionary License.

E. A. Merriam	Mabel Jaffray
Arthur Bayley	Jennie Nelson
Dr. P. S. Bourdeau	Anna Kemstra
Margaret Haughey	Bertha Snyder
Jennie DeYoung	

Other names that had been presented to the committee were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration. Action was deferred until the afternoon meeting.

Conference adjourned until three o'clock p. m.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,

E. A. MERRIAM, Sec'y.

Educational.

Cedar Lake Industrial Academy.

Upon resigning his official connection with the Academy some months ago, Prof. J. G. Lamson made the following statements:

"In thus severing my connection with the Cedar Lake Industrial Academy it is with sincere regret, for, as you all know, I have been connected with the institution from its very inception. At the camp-meeting in Owosso in 1896 it was my hand that penned the resolution which the conference adopted and set in motion the wheels which finally evolved an industrial school, the first of its kind in the Adventist denomination. On the 28th day of December of that year I first arrived at Cedar Lake and found in the location where the academy now stands the main academy building in poor state of repair, and across the road a field of pine stumps. From the very first, however, forbidding as were the appearances, I loved Cedar Lake and set myself to devote my entire energies to the upbuilding of a good school. The contracts for land were completed after I arrived. A basement had been excavated, but a high pile of dirt was on the south side of the building. A portion of the wall having been improperly laid had tumbled down, and no less than three times did it fall that following spring. A floor was placed in the basement and large shocks of cornstocks were thrown into the opening in the southeast angle to keep out the cold. The south room now used as the Commercial Department had been lathed and plastered, but the wainscoting was not yet on. The old

store building standing on the southeast corner of Pine and Main streets in the village was purchased for \$125.00, moved up the hill, and now forms the upright of the dormitory building. During the summer this was placed on a wall, cellar excavated, and late that fall of 1899 school opened with a large attendance. While the main building was being prepared many make-shifts were used in order to get along. The boys occupied the north half of the first floor of the academy building. The girls for a long time occupied the house then owned by Wm. C. Hebner, now occupied by Mr. Jobes. For weeks the meals were served in this house with Mr. Frank Mosebar as superintendent of the farm and his wife as matron. A little later the additions to the attendance among the girls made it impossible to house them all and eat in the same building, so Brother Wm. Nelson offered us the use of his store building, and the small store was used for kitchen and serving room and the tables were set in the store room. Thus the dining room was half way between the girls' dormitory and the boys' dormitory. A little later it was possible to move the girls into the south half of the academy building and the boys in the north half, and then the basement was used for a dining room and kitchen. This continued until it was possible to place the boys on the second floor of the new dormitory across the road. A few weeks later it was possible to use the dining room and kitchen in the new dormitory, and still later the girls occupied the first floor. There were no partitions except curtains in either the boys' or girls' dormitory. The girls partitioned off small places for their rooms, but the boys on the second floor slept in one large room, one large oak heater keeping them from freezing most of the time and alternately smoking them out and roasting them out.

During this year the enrollment reached 63, the highest in the his-

tory of the school. The actual average attendance, however, was not so great that year as later. In spite of all the inconveniences and the disagreeable features, this year is looked back upon by many students, as the banner year of the school. Spiritually, morally, and intellectually great progress was made by the students. From that year's work more students entered directly into various lines of denominational work than from any other year in the history of the school. The Lord wonderfully blessed those who were willing to undergo hardship that they might receive an education.

With the exception of a short time when Elder H. D. Day was principal of the school, I held the principalship from the beginning of the school until the incumbency of Elder S. M. Butler one year ago this fall. The business management of the school was vested in the conference committee at first; later was placed in the hands of a committee of the faculty, Brother A. J. Olsen being the business agent; a little later Elder C. N. Sanders took charge, finding the school very heavily in debt. The conference furnished the money to liquidate the indebtedness, and Elder H. D. Day was made principal and business manager. - During this administration the school was at its lowest ebb in attendance. In February of 1901 I was again asked to take charge and there were present 17 pupils; in thirty days the number had increased to 34, and the school closed that spring with 36 enrolled. Elder Day, having failed in health, was compelled to relinquish the business management and it was placed in the hands of Elder S. E. Wight, who acted as business agent until the sixth day of November, at which time by vote of the conference the business management was placed in the hands of the principal. There was an indebtedness on the running expenses on that day of something like \$200.00, but so successful was the

school during the balance of the calendar year and the balance of the winter term that school closed in January with a net gain of about \$25.00.

During the year 1902-3 the principal was again made the business manager and the school showed a net gain of between four and five hundred dollars outside of all the donations made to the school.

Being desirous of assisting in the establishment of a first-class school at Battle Creek, I felt called upon a year ago to resign as principal of Cedar Lake and accept the work under the conference committee in Battle Creek. My interest in Cedar Lake has not wained until the present, nor would it now if I remained in this conference.

Your balance sheets, as furnished by the secretary, for the past year will show you that the school has been a financial success so far as its operating expenses are concerned during the past year. I see no reason why, from the beginning already made, the school may not continue to operate itself."

At the last session of the West Michigan Conference which was held at Grand Rapids the following recommendation was passed:

"RESOLVED, That \$1000.00 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, and that the conference committee be responsible for the raising of this fund."

From this report it is easy for all to understand why it is necessary to raise this money. While the earnings of the school have been sufficient to operate it, it has not been sufficient to both operate the school and equip it. Those who were present at the Wright conference will remember that an effort was then begun for the purpose of raising funds to fully equip this school. Pledges were made most of which have been paid, but the full amount has not been raised. we trust all of our people will rally to the support of this school.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Bauer Sabbath-School Convention.

Sabbath, February 25, we held a Sabbath-school convention. This is the third convention we have held here and we have found them a source of great blessing and help to all who attended.

Miss Haughey, our Conference Sabbath-school Secretary, was present and we very much appreciated the help she was able to give us.

Many fine ideas were presented, by those taking part, in regard to the Sabbath-school work and we hope to make this convention of practical benefit to our school by carrying out the plans and suggestions presented to us.

Our attendance was large, several being present from the Methodist Sunday-school, quite a number from the outside who do not attend either Sabbath-school or Sunday-school, and also representatives from the Grandville and Agnew Sabbath-schools.

Some of the subjects considered were, "Why the need and what the purpose of a Sabbath-school convention," "The chief aim of the Sabbath-school; its relation to other branches of the message," "Importance of the Sabbath-school," "What means might be employed to secure a more thorough preparation of the lesson?" "The relation of the Sabbath-school to the church school," "How may the Sabbath-school be made more effectual for the conversion of our children and youth?" "Have the officers and teachers done their whole duty when they have faithfully rendered their services on the Sabbath day?"

Each subject was presented, first by a paper on the subject, and then followed by a discussion in which all were invited to take part.

Special music was prepared for the day and we also had two missionary exercises by the children. Surely God met with and blessed us abundantly in answer to our prayers. When Miss Haughey asked all who had felt blessed in preparing their papers to raise their hands, all who had prepared papers

responded by raising their hands. and those who listened expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed the exercises of the day.

Miss Haughey also spoke in the church to a good attendance both on Saturday and Sunday evening following. MILDRED WILSON.

Medical.

Nurses' Report to the West Michigan Conference.

It is with a heart full of love and praise to our Heavenly Father who has called me into his service and has graciously given me a part in his great and glorious work of helping the people both physically and spiritually, that I submit this report of the work done by the nurses in the West Michigan Conference treatment rooms at Grand Rapids, during the year 1904.

It has been declared by the spirit of God that the medical work is to be an entering wedge to reach the people. This I realize more and more each day as I come in contact with those who come for treatment, for truly each day is fraught with golden opportunities of helping precious souls to learn this truth that we as a people hold so dear.

We find that people who live in mansions with abundant means to supply their every fancy know but very little about healthful living and still less about spiritual things. So while the rational treatments are being administered there is abundant opportunity to teach them the way God would have them live. This I consider a precious privilege, which I pray I may ever, by God's grace, be able to grasp.

The first part of this year, the work of giving treatment was performed by Miss Caroline Lemons and Mrs. Waggoner. Later when Miss Lemon was called home, by Miss Mary Wilbur and Mrs. Waggoner until the 7th of October, when I came and took up the work previously done by Miss Wilbur. The work has gradually increased.

The patients are of a good class, and it is very gratifying to see how eagerly they have grasped the truth that we have been able to give them.

The interest is spreading throughout the city, and the work for the year 1905 upon which we are entering bids fair to be still more prosperous than the one just past.

During the year 1904 there were 872 treatments given by the nurses.

Number of free treatments, 155.

Besides the regular work of giving treatments we have been able to make missionary calls.

We have demonstrated treatments several times, and distributed a large number of periodicals.

We pray that the year 1905 may be one of greater work and victories for the master's service.

EDITH BRUCE.

A Temperance Revival.

DAVID PAULSON.

There is a great temperance wave arising all over the land. In the South the prohibition movement is going like wild fire; the same is true of the North. On a recent Sunday temperance sermons were preached from two thousand Illinois pulpits. Unfortunately in the end all this will amount to but little as the real root is not reached, but is not this a call for us who are far in advance of other people in practical temperance to step in while the waters are troubled and teach genuine gospel temperance, thereby creating openings to present the entire truth.

Therefore we have decided to issue the April Life Boat as a special temperance number. We will consider the patent medicine delusion, the morphine and cocaine evil, the liquor traffic, tobacco curse, tea and coffee, and the causes underlying all, and also present gospel deliverance from these curses.

This will be a good number to place in the hands of ministers and Christian workers. Names and addresses can be sent to us or Life Boats will be furnished in quantities at two cents each.

SUPPLEMENT.

Addressed to the Friends of the Mercedes Club, at a "Shower" Occurring at Battle Creek Feb. 21, 1905.

Because of the existence of the Michigan Home for girls dear friends, are we here to-night. We have already been entertained very highly in listening to Mrs. McKee's description of this Home, and now, perhaps you will be interested to know something of the Mercedes Club itself, upon whose invitation we are here to-night.

This Club, consisting of eight young ladies, has been organized since last October. From a letter written by their Secretary we quote, "On the 17th of October a few of us met together and after talking it all over, formed ourselves into a club which should have for its object the assisting of this Home for girls. Our name, MERCEDES was given us by Dr. Geisel, and we think it a most appropriate and suggestive one. From the first our efforts have succeeded far better than we dared to hope, and to a number of our friends our grateful thanks are due for the timely assistance rendered us."

Having learned of a room in the Girls Home which needed furnishing, these MERCEDES girls decided to devote their efforts entirely to the complete furnishing of this room. To this end they have faithfully worked since that time, morning, noon and night (for these dear girls are wage earners, most of them, and so must do this work out of office hours) doing whatever their hands found to do to supply their treasury and so give them the necessary means for accomplishing their object. Such efforts could not fail of success, and so we shall not be greatly surprised to-night to learn that an iron bedstead, dresser, commode, chairs, and bedding, also a large rug, in all amounting to something like forty dollars, have been procured and are now waiting for the present "Show-

er" to subside, when all will be sent to the Home together.

One of the industries followed by these persevering young ladies, is that of caning chairs. Some friend donated some chairs which needed caning, and then it was discovered that among their number were those who understood this mysterious art, and the others being willing learners, their evenings were industriously spent "cutting up cane." Other chairs were then sent in to be caned, and thus their occupation grew.

A Woman's Social Club here in the West end, learning of the work of these girls, invited their president, Miss Fern West, to attend one their meetings and explain their plan of work. This she willingly did and the result has been some help from this sister club in the way of bedding, etc.

And thus has grown this beautiful little society with its loving, self-sacrificing spirit, so anxious to "assist in helping those whose cries are going up to God for relief and deliverance." Surely, my dear friends, we have here an example which we shall all do well to emulate.

We can only add to this the hope that this pleasant little shower, may mean the "Sound of abundance of rain."

MRS. MINNIE C. HARNDEN.

From The Field.

BERRIEN SPRINGS.

I am at this place assisting Elder R. C. Horton in a series of meetings which began Sunday evening Feb. 26. Such subjects as the "Signs of Christ's Second Coming," The Seven Seals and the Image of Dan. 2 have been presented. The Eastern Question has been announced and the people seem eager to hear about it. The attendance thus far has been good and the students have rendered valuable assistance in the music.

The church school at Berrien Springs has an enrollment of twenty-seven. Miss Ada Somerset is

teacher with Miss Starkey as assistant. The children have been doing some interesting work in drawing and clay-modeling.

W. E. Videto.

DECATUR.

I began services in our church building in Decatur on the 13th of Feb. At first but few came, but there has been an increase.

I expect soon to present the prophecies in more of a series. The pastor of the Disciple church and his wife were in one evening.

We are having an after meeting every night, and a children's meeting four days in the week. At the last children's meeting there was an increase in number before the meeting closed, there being twenty-two or more present.

I know the Spirit of the Lord is working both upon my heart and on the hearts of the people, and I know that it is not by might or by power but by His Spirit that the work is to be done. I long to see souls turn to the Master.

MABEL JAFFRAY.

Obituary.

Hiram J. Rich was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., June 14, 1831, died at his home near Wyman, Montcalm county, Mich., Feb. 8, 1905, aged 73 years, 7 months and 24 days.

Brother Rich when a young man about twenty-two years of age left his native state and went to Wis., where he first heard the truths of the third angel's message proclaimed by Elders Waggoner and Sperry, later he went to Otsego, Mich., where he attended a course of lectures delivered by Eld. M. E. Cornell, and at that time gave his heart to God and has since lived a consistent christian life. He was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia C. Morton Nov. 11, 1858. To them were born two children, a son dying in infancy, and the daughter, Mrs. Arthur Dexter together with his wife and only sister mourn their loss. Remarks by the writer from Num. 23:10. FRED BRINK.

News and Notes.

The "Year Book" for 1905 will soon be ready. Price 25 cents.

Brother M. N. Campbell spent Sabbath, March 4, with the church at Eaton Rapids.

The Grand Rapids Sabbath-school will hold a convention, Sabbath, March 25th.

This blue pencil mark is to notify you that your subscription expires with this number.

The address of the General Conference officers is Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

The Sabbath-school at Berrien Springs held a convention last Sabbath. We hope to have a report later.

The Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies for the second quarter of 1905 are on hand. We hope our schools will send in their orders early.

Battle Creek.

Elder A. G. Haughey made us a flying visit one day last week. We are always thankful even for "small favors."

Brother A. L. Bayley has been having his turn with the grip the past week, and has been away from his office work. At the present time he is again at his post of duty.

Elder G. W. Morse, president of the Tract Society, is working up quite an interest among the people in regard to the selling of our periodicals. We hope much good will be accomplished.

Elder Tenny is now conducting a series of Bible studies with the young people on Sabbath afternoons on the life of Joseph. Our services are now so planned that the young people have their regular four services each month.

Elder Jones occupied the hour for service at the Tabernacle on Sabbath, and spoke on Religious Liberty. It was a most interesting

and practical sermon, and if its principles were lived out in the lives of the hearers, we should have more of that "charity which suffereth long" in our midst.

FROM THE SANITARIUM.

R. B. Craig of Peora, Ill., arrived last Thursday.

The closing session of the Farmers' Institute was held in the gymnasium Thursday night.

T. H. Robinson of London, Ont., spent Thursday at the sanitarium. He is closing up his business in Ontario preparatory to settling in Paradise Valley, Cal.

Dr. Kellogg left for the East on Wednesday. He will visit several points before his return, one of which will be Melrose in the interests of the sanitarium work there.

SURPRISE PARTY TO THE HASKELL HOME.

The good teachers of the B. C. church school suggested it to the pupils, who heartily entered into the plan and with the kind parents' co-operation, made it a most enjoyable occasion.

Fruit and food, and two boxes of fine oranges, were given the dear orphans, together with clothes and other useful gifts.

Pieces were recited and songs of praise heard while precious lessons were taught in the line of our dear Savior's work and Jesus and angels were glad.

Missionary.

As a result of Brother Robert Caldwell's first week in the canvassing work in Singapore, he sold books to the value of over eighty dollars.

An unpublished Testimony, dated January 10, 1904, says: "Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message.

"Over sixty years ago Protestantism was planted in the island of Hayti. Another year has closed and the claim of Seventh-day Adventists is still open. Will the new year bring us a stronger will to enter this territory?" This is the word from Brother Henry Williams, who has held up the light of truth in Hayti for so many years. How are we responding? Our gifts to missions is our reply to this question.

Brother W. E. Floding, who is laboring in Samoa, is giving most of his time to circulating the new Samoan book, "Christ Our Savior." The natives are highly pleased with the book, and as many as have money purchase it. The native pastors use it in preaching. In consideration of the receipt of a free copy, some of the pastors recommend the book to their congregations, and also secure orders for it.

Canvassers Institute.

We again call attention to the Canvasser's Institute to be held at Allegan March 23 to April 8. We trust that all interested will make a note of this and lay their plans to attend, as we believe this gathering will prove to be one of great importance to the canvassing interests in this conference.

Let church officers send the names of persons who should attend this institute to the field secretary and he will correspond with them. All who plan to attend should write to M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw, and learn of the arrangements for board and railway fare.

Cedar Lake Academy was closed Monday and Tuesday, one-half of the students being sick with the la grippe. The attendance at present is between forty and fifty.

"Send me, Lord, for I am ready."

Here and there we hear the cry;

"Let me bear the gospel tidings

To the millions ere they die."

Shall we stay them? Shall we hinder?

Are there Christians here who dare

To hold back a child most precious

Who has heard their dying prayer!