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## LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

**T**HE delegates to the Lake Union Conference from Indiana were nearly all in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich., when the first business meeting of the fifth biennial session was called to order Wednesday morning, February 9. With the arrival of Brother T. A. Goodwin, who was delayed on account of sickness in his family, and Prof. Clifton L. Taylor, whose duties at the Academy would not permit his leaving there sooner, Indiana's delegation had only two absentees, Dr. Worster and Brother Burt White, the latter being detained because of illness. The two latest arrivals came Thurs-

day evening of last week.

The first two days, last Wednesday and Thursday, were almost entirely devoted to the discussion of interesting topics in a Bookmen's Convention. All the delegates were edified by the discussions and can more perfectly cooperate now in the important work of circulating literature for the advancement of the third angel's message.

The standing committees for the session were announced last Thursday morning. Indiana was well represented on the committees, Elder Lukens being chairman of the nominating committee, Elder Young being on the committee on credentials and licenses, Elder Miller, Dr. Worster, and Sister McMahan on the committee on plans and resolutions, and Elder Lukens on the committee on distribution of labor.

A partial report of the committee on nomination was made last Friday afternoon and adopted, thus electing the persons mentioned, namely; President, Elder Allen Moon; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Edwards; Auditor for the Lake Union Conference books, J. H. Haughey; and Missionary Field Agent, J. B. Blosser. These were all elected to succeed themselves.

Very interesting, profitable Bible lessons are being given by Prof. W. W. Prescott. These are of great value to all in attendance and serve to establish more firmly in the minds of the delegates the truths that have made us what we are. The blessing of the Lord is being enjoyed in rich measure.



"HOLD on to your hand when you are about to do an unkind act."

"HOLD on to your tongue when you are just ready to speak harshly."

"HOLD on to your heart when evil persons invite you to join their ranks."

## BIENNIAL REPORT FOR INDIANA

(Presented by Elder Lukens at the fifth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference, at Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 8-18, 1910.)

TO THE DELEGATES IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED;

*Greeting:* I take pleasure in rendering the report on this occasion for the Indiana Conference to the Lake Union Conference.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Indiana Conference is composed of sixty-six churches with a membership of about nineteen hundred. There are also six unorganized companies of believers. These, together with the isolated believers, make a total of about two thousand. We have added four churches during the biennial term, yet we report fewer churches than we did two years ago. This is explained by the fact that several churches which existed in name only, were dropped by the Conference at its last annual session just one year ago, the remaining members having joined other churches. We have also dropped from the church records the names of persons whose whereabouts could not be ascertained. Some who had apostatized have been disfellowshipped; we have also lost some by removals and others by death. Notwithstanding all this, it will be seen that we have made some gain.

## LABORERS

We have in the Conference at the present time, forty laborers: twelve ordained ministers, seven licentiates, twenty-one who hold missionary credentials. This number does not include our noble band of canvassers, nor our faithful company of workers at the Sanitarium, nor all of our teachers at Beechwood Academy.

## EVANGELICAL WORK

Believing that now is the time to work our large cities, we have given special attention to this work in the last year. We now have workers



living and doing aggressive work in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, South Bend, Muncie, La Fayette, and other cities.

Twenty tent efforts have been held during the two years. These, together with other efforts put forth, have resulted in gathering into our churches over two hundred people. We have held five camp-meetings, three of which were local. In addition to these camp-meetings, we had eight general meetings last fall. They were of great spiritual benefit to our people and gave a new impetus to our work in the Conference.

We recently closed a very successful elders' meeting. We believe that when the elders put into practice the instruction given, it will help our churches spiritually as well as financially.

#### MEDICAL

Two years ago, the following was read in your hearing:

"The medical work in Indiana has been strengthened by securing an ideal site consisting of twenty-five acres, three miles from the city of La Fayette, on a trolley line, and erecting thereon a good building for a Sanitarium. . . . We expect to establish in connection with the Sanitarium an ideal training school."

The Sanitarium and training school are now realities. Already three classes of bright young people have been graduated from the training school, most of whom are now engaged in advancing the third angel's message.

We had the privilege last August of entertaining Sister White at the Sanitarium. In writing of her impression of the place and surroundings, she says:

"We were interested in this sanitarium and its surroundings, for the Lord has presented before me in vision just such a scene. I could hardly believe that I had not seen the place before with my natural eyes.

"I am instructed to say that it is in the order of God that this property has been secured. It is to become an important center for missionary work in the surrounding cities. Our sanitariums are designed of God to be institutions through which He can work.

"In securing and equipping the La Fayette Sanitarium, our brethren have acted according to their best judgement. They have not moved rashly. Some have tried to discourage this enterprise, but I am instructed to say, 'Help those that are struggling with difficulties. If they look to Him for counsel, the Lord will bless and strengthen the physician and the helpers in the Sanitarium.

"Let not our brethren feel it their duty to restrict the investment of means where it is needed. It is the Lord's order that the Sanitarium has been secured.

"There is an important work to be done in the vicinity of La Fayette."

While the running expenses of the Sanitarium were one thousand dollars more than the income in the year 1908, which was the first year of its existence, last year the receipts show a substantial gain of more than four thousand dollars. Our people are much encouraged over the out-look of the medical work in Indiana and are entering heartily into the plan recommended by the General Conference Committee of selling the book, "Ministry of Healing," to relieve the indebtedness of this institution.

#### EDUCATION

Beechwood Academy, located in almost the central part of our Conference, stands at the head of our educational department. The enrollment last year was sixty-four; this year it has already reached seventy-two, which is said to be the largest that it has ever been.

The net gain of the Academy for the year ending June 1, 1909, was \$543.91. Eight teachers are employed. Thirty-five per cent of the students are working a part of their way through school. The industries are agriculture, horticulture, printing, domestic science, and sewing and dress-making. Several improvements have been made in the water system, fire protection, library, dormitory furnishings, treatment room equipments, bath rooms, etc.

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS

Our educational secretary, Sister McMahan, has worked hard in the interests of the church-school work. This year we have seventeen schools with an enrollment of 170. This is a substantial gain over our last re-

port, both as to the number of schools and the number of students.

While there are many difficulties to meet, the Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth and all the schools are doing nicely.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL

We are much encouraged over the work being done in our Sabbath schools. The interest is steadily growing. The seventy-eight Sabbath-schools in our field have a membership of 1463. The donations for the last four years are as follows: 1906, \$1,063.02, of which \$815.90 went to missions; 1908, \$12,195.97, of which \$1,016.01 went to missions; 1909, \$1,404.71, of which \$1,126.86 went to missions; 1909, \$1,616.03, of which \$1,476.11 went to missions. The missionary spirit prevails in most of our schools, so that, with very few exceptions, our schools are sending all their donations to missions. During the last six months the donations have practically all gone for that purpose. We hope that Indiana will soon be on the honor roll.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The young people's work has not been left out of our consideration. We now have twelve societies with a present membership of 172. Many of our young people are taking the reading course, and two have secured the certificate of attainment. We are also glad to report the conversion of several of our young people during the last year.

#### MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The amount of business done by the Tract Society during the two years since we were last in session is \$21,505.84. During the year 1908, about 20,000 ten-cent magazines were sold by Indiana agents; during 1909, 50,941 ten-cent magazines were sold, making a total of 70,947 for the biennial period, the periodical business for this time amounting to \$9,201.64.

The books sold during this term were valued at \$7,224.94. Several of our churches have organized missionary societies and are doing aggressive work. Eternity alone will reveal the result of their faithful efforts.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

This department of the work is coming rapidly to the front. The general demand for Sunday legislation and Sunday law enforcement



is an omen of the nearness of the impending conflict and of the end of all things earthly.

During the last biennial period, our secretary has, either in person or by proxy, visited all our national Congressmen except two, in reference to the Johnston Sunday bill. We believe much good was done by these visits.

Public meetings have been held in answering National Reform ideas. At our camp-meetings, a number of religious liberty studies were given. Many of the underlying principles of liberty were clearly set forth in these studies. The petition work has received its share of attention and petitions have been sent to Congress protesting against religious legislation. The magazine *Liberty* is being sent to the Governor and all the state legislators.

At the present time, the mayor of Indianapolis is making a vigorous fight against the Sunday saloon, even going so far as to compel the saloon-keeper to go to church if he does not close his saloon on Sunday.

#### THE \$300,000 FUND

Already a beginning has been made in our Conference to raise our share of the \$300,000 Fund. More than one-fourth of our quota has been pledged, and several hundred dollars paid in. We hope to have the entire amount pledged before the year 1910 closes.

#### FINANCES

The tithes paid into the Conference for the year 1909 was \$19,135.08, a gain of \$656.92 over the year 1908, total for the two years being \$37,613.24

The total donations sent outside the State for missionary purposes during the year 1909 were \$7,434.60, and for the year 1908, they were \$5,569.72, making a total for the biennial period of \$13,004.32.

All departments of the Indiana Conference are free from debt with the exception of the medical department. The Medical Missionary & Benevolent Association has a present worth, in round numbers, of \$17,000, the assets being \$51,000 and the liabilities, \$34,000. We hope the latter will be materially decreased during the present year.

#### CONCLUSION

There is harmony, union and love among all our workers. We are

united as workers and people in the policy of pressing the work into the neglected fields of our own conference in obedience to the Spirit of Prophecy, and building a strong and conservative work at home, and making a determined effort to have part in, and doing all in our power to speed the message in the regions beyond to a glorious conclusion in this generation.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS LUKENS, *Pres.*

#### WANTED

WANTED—A good S. D. A. girl or middle-aged woman to do house work on farm. Church privileges; two miles from Beechwood Academy. For further information address.

Mrs. Eva Cushing,

R. F. No. 1, Fairland Ind.



#### "SIGNS MONTHLY" FOR MARCH

DEC. 16, 1848, Mrs. E. G. White made the following statement: "The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will come down thru that open space." Astronomers have laughed at this statement of an open space in Orion.

To them all space is open. They have thrown discredit on the writer who penned the words. Now comes a marvelous astronomical discovery thru the work of improved methods of photography. There is an open space in Orion. It is big enough for the holy city, or several of them. The *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March will tell you all about it. It is the first of a series on the Bible and Astronomy to continue at least twelve months. You must read this article on Orion and all the rest.

For years Seventh-day Adventists have believed that Revelation eighteen would soon be fulfilled. Babylon itself is now proclaiming its own fall. An array of facts and a budget of confessions is given in the March *Signs of the Times*. Every minister in the denomination especially will want these statements for public use. Every person who desires to be in touch with the current development of the Message should read without fail this

number of the *Monthly Signs*.

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#### OBITUARIES

RADER—Armintha B. Rader was born near Fairmount Indiana, April 30, 1888, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cemer, January 20, 1910, having lived twenty-one years, eight months, and twenty days. During her life she was a constant sufferer, being afflicted from childhood; but she was patient contented with her lot and seldom complained. Her childhood afflictions prevented her attending public school but she improved the time in home study and reading the Bible.

In June 1899 she was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Michaels, Indiana. Not having the privilege of enjoying much of this world's pleasures she was a great lover of the church and looked forward with pleasure to the weekly gatherings and was always faithful in bearing testimonies when opportunity was granted. One of her last testimonies was, "I know the way my health is failing I will not be permitted to meet with you here many more times, but I am thankful I have the assurance that I will come forth in the first resurrection, and will be accompanied by an angel to meet my Saviour."

During the last few weeks of her life she often made the statements: "It would be so nice to be asleep in Jesus and lie by the side of father;" he having preceded her in death about five years. Of the family there remains the mother, two brothers, and a sister to mourn their loss, but with the blessed hope, if faithful, of meeting again.

"Fly lingering moment, fly, O fly.

Dear Savior quickly come.

We long to see thee as thou art

And reach that blissful home."

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Thess. 4:13.

A. L. MILLER.

"COMPLIMENTS should be thoroughly Fletcherized before they are swallowed."



## NEWS AND NOTES

ALL churches should observe Sabbath, February 26, as Missionary Volunteer Day.

THE first Sabbath of this month, Elder W. A. Young was with the church at Noblesville.

DURING 1909, Indiana workers sold more than 25,000 copies of *Life and Health*. Who will help to reach this figure in our sales this year?

CONTRIBUTIONS to the \$300,000 Fund are being made frequently. A \$100.00 donation to this fund was received by our treasurer the first day of February.

OUR readers are reminded that the Indiana Conference, 521 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis, is always glad to receive either new subscriptions or renewals for any of our papers.

BROTHER THOMAS HUBBARD reports an excellent interest in the meetings, which he concluded at Flat Rock, near Waldron, on the 3rd inst. He expects to return there after the Lake Union Conference.

SINCE the first of December, Elder A. L. Miller has conducted a series of Sunday night services in the 23rd St. church of this city. A good interest has been aroused among those not of our faith.

IN view of the recent prosecutions of saloon-keepers who do business on Sunday, Elder Lukens spoke in the 23rd St. church Sunday night, the 6th inst., on "The Relation of the Church to Law Enforcement and the Saloon." A large congregation appreciated the sermon.

AGENTS for our ten-cent magazines, *Life and Health*, *Signs Monthly*, *The Protestant*, *Liberty*, etc., are desired in all parts of the State. Write to the missionary secretary, R. C. Spohr, at this office, for further information if you are interested in this good work.

SOME hundreds of years before the days of Luther and his mighty work, the seed that was to bear such abundant harvest was sown throughout Europe by a consecrated, persecuted people. Mrs. E. G. White writes of this people, their methods of work, their spirit and industry, in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March.

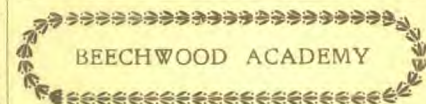
ORDERS may now be sent in for the "Testimony Outline Studies," which will soon be ready for mailing. Price, twenty cents, net.

AMONG the prominent ministers at the Lake Union Conference are Elder A. G. Daniels, president of the General Conference, Prof. W. W. Prescott, Elder G. B. Thompson.

JANUARY 29 and 30, Elder Young was with the brethren at Dana. He presented the matter of contributing to the \$300,000 Fund and secured a material cash donation.

SEVERAL churches and companies in northern Indiana are to be visited by Brother Spohr, the missionary secretary, on his return trip to Indianapolis from the Lake Union Conference, among them being Wolf Lake, Ligonier, Elkhart, Warsaw, and Goshen.

THE Conference treasurer, Brother A. N. Anderson, has planned to be back at the office by Friday of this week. Let remittances of tithes and offerings from all churches be made before the close of the month so as to be credited on the books for February.



PROFESSOR CASTLE spent two days of last week in Indianapolis.

MISS PEARL MILLER is now spending a few days at her home in Indianapolis.

MISS ORRA BUSH spent Sabbath and Sunday of last week at her home near Zionsville.

MR. JOHN HICKEY, of Elmore, made a short business call at the Academy, Monday, February seven.

INA and Joseph Hickey spent last Sabbath and Sunday with their grandparents in Indianapolis.

PROF. C. L. Taylor left Beechwood last Thursday morning for Battle Creek, to attend the Lake Union Conference.

Miss Maude Castle of Walla Walla, Washington, has come to make her home with her uncle and aunt, Professor and Mrs. Castle.

MR. FRED THOMPSON, who has until recently been a student of Emmanuel Missionary College, visited his brother, Frank, last Thursday and Friday.

PROFESSOR Lee and wife will leave the States soon for Korea, their future field of labor.

Mrs. T. J. West and daughter, Gladys, left the Academy Thursday, February 3 for a few days visit at their home in Greenfield.

THE school has recently purchased a twenty-dollar spraying machine which is expected to be of great value in spraying the fruit trees.

MR. and Mrs. E. A. Woodard, of Lebanon, visited their daughter, Olive, last week. Miss Olive returned home with them for a few days' visit.

THE following wedding announcement of Beechwood's former preceptor, Prof. H. M. Lee, is copied from *The Student Idea*: "On February 2, occurred the marriage of Professor H. M. Lee to Miss Carrie Scott, both of the class of '04. The school, and especially the *Idea* board of which Professor Lee was president, wish to extend heartiest congratulations, and to wish them God-speed on their trip to their chosen field."



### NOTICE!

SABBATH, February 26, has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as Missionary Volunteer Day. All our churches throughout the United States and Canada are invited to give this day to the consideration of the Missionary Volunteer work. Suggestive programs, with helps have been sent to all church elders. Plan for this meeting at once, and let all who take part in the program make thorough preparation.

THE salvation of our youth will depend largely upon their own efforts for others. What are we doing to cooperate with God in helping our young people to prepare to do the work for which God has chosen them? Upon every church a divine hand lays the responsibility of doing her uttermost to enlist and train her young men and women in Christian service.

UPON the appointed day let us look back to see what God has done for and through our youth. Let us unitedly pray that greater success may attend the young people's work and let us renew our determination to care for the lambs of the flock.