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## THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE opening meeting of the European General Conference was held, as appointed, on Thursday evening, May 15th, in Dancombe Hall. Brother A. G. Daniells gave a stirring discourse dwelling on the importance of the present time, and the great issues now before God's people.

Friday morning at nine o'clock Brother E. R. Palmer gave a very helpful talk on missionary work. Following are a few of the leading thoughts brought out:—

"At the different periods of this world's history, different messages are especially due. Truths which are true at all times, are nevertheless given at certain times in a special manner to God's people, in order that the attention of the world may be directed to them. The theme of the present hour is a call to personal service. The problem is how to enlist every man, woman, and child in a personal active service that shall bring them in touch with the needy world, which is stretching out its hands almost hopelessly for help.

"The problem of this Conference is not so much, What shall we do for buildings? but, what shall we do to help our people to do more work? Institutions are only incidents,—the scaffolding, merely, of God's great building, and not the building itself. Jesus Christ came to save souls. To the extent to which the people in the institutions are soul-savers, to that extent only are the institutions of any value.

At 10:30 o'clock the brethren came together for the first business meeting of the Conference, Brother L. R. Conradi being in the chair. Prayer was offered by Brother A. G. Daniells, after which the Conference listened to the reading of the ninety-seventh Psalm. Representatives from the various fields were called for, and the following responded:—

**America.**—H. W. Cottrell; C. W. Flaiz; H. Shultz; N. P. Nelson; E. R. Palmer; A. G. Daniells.

**East Central Africa.**—Joseph Booth.

**South Africa.**—Frederick Webb.

**West Africa.**—J. D. Hayford.

**India.**—Ellery Robinson.

**Holland Field.**—R. G. Klingbeil; John De Heer.

**West German Conference.**—H. F. Schubert; D. A. J. Hoenes; M. Stuckrath; O. Lupke; J. Wolfgarten; Sister Conradi; Sister Dail; Sister Lupke.

**East German Conference.**—J. Pleper; G. Perk; Charlotte Ceper.

**South German Mission.**—E. E. Frauchiger.

**Hungarian and Balkan States.**—J. F. Huenergardt.

**German Switzerland.**—J. T. Boettcher.

**South Russian Conference.**—D. P. Gaede.

**North Russian Field.**—D. P. Gaede; O. Wildgrube; Sister H. Bartels.

**Finland Mission.**—J. Hoffman.

**Sweden.**—E. Aahren; J. M. Erikson; E. Lind.

**Norway.**—O. A. Johnson; Z. Sherrig; H. Hansen.

**Denmark.**—P. A. Hansen; Dr. C. Ottosen; J. P. Hansen.

**Oriental Mission.**—L. R. Conradi; G. Dail.

**French Latin Field.**—B. G. Wilkinson; Dr. P. A. De Forrest; J. Vuilleumier.

**British Conference.**—H. Champness; S. Joyce; E. E. Andross; A. R. Leask; H. W. Armstrong; H. R. Salisbury; A. B. Olsen.

**General.**—L. R. Conradi; O. A. Olsen; Dr. E. J. Waggoner; W. C. Sisley.

It will be seen by this list that the work carried on in various parts of the world was well represented. The chairman gave an interesting talk showing the progress the message had made in the different countries represented by the European General Conference; he also related some interesting experiences. Brother Palmer then introduced the nine brethren, with their families, who have come to connect with the canvassing work in Great Britain.

Brother Daniells outlined quite fully the general plan followed in conducting similar conferences in the States and elsewhere, and his suggestions met with hearty approval.

A Committee of Counsel, consisting of about thirty members representing various fields and interests, was then appointed, the members being nominated from the floor. The design of this committee was that the representative brethren might have opportunity to study carefully the subjects to be taken up at the Conference, and might counsel together concerning the appointing of the necessary committees.

Friday evening, Brother O. A. Johnson gave an address on the Second Coming of Christ, this being the first meeting in Holloway Hall.

Sabbath was a good day. In the morning certain of the delegates visited the different companies in London, and held meetings with them. Brother Conradi spoke to the North London church in Holloway Hall. In the afternoon, at 3:30, a union meeting was held in Holloway Hall. A short address was given by Brother Daniells, followed by testimonies. The general thought of the meeting was the need of a special fitting up for the Lord's work. Many bright testimonies were given, full of praise and thanksgiving. The meeting continued for over two hours, and then there was opportunity for only a portion of those who desired to praise God to do so.

#### The Work in Russia.

Sunday forenoon was devoted to reports. Brother D. P. Gaede told of the work in the South Russian Conference, which has been organised during the past year. This Conference has now twenty-six churches with a membership of 778. It is especially interesting to note the progress of the third angel's message in Russia, where it has met with opposition on every hand. Our brethren in Russia are putting forth earnest, faithful efforts to spread the light of truth, and are also faithful in supporting the work by their tithes and contributions. It is fitting that we in Great Britain, enjoying perfect liberty, should pray for the brethren situated under less favourable circumstances.

Brother J. F. Huenergardt presented the needs of the work in Hungary and the Balkan States, with a population of seventy millions. In this great field we have only two ordained ministers, and one licentiate. There are nine churches with a membership of 203.

Sunday afternoon, Brother J. Booth gave a most instructive and deeply interesting talk on the work in East Central Africa. Brother and Sister Booth have spent a number of years working in this part of the Dark Continent, and are now returning to carry the whole truth to the natives. In the evening Brother A. G. Daniells gave a timely discourse. The hall contained a large audience, who

listened attentively to the presentation of the truth.

Monday morning, at nine o'clock, Brother E. R. Palmer gave an excellent Bible study on missionary work, followed by the session of the Conference at 10:30.

#### The Scandinavian Countries.

Brother P. A. Hansen presented the work in Denmark. This Conference has seventeen churches, and a membership of between six and seven hundred, the workers including six ministers and three licentiates.

Norway was represented by Brother O. A. Johnson. Some experiences he related will be given next week.

Brother E. J. Aahren gave an interesting account of the advancement of the work in Sweden. Oscar II, King of Norway and Sweden, is somewhat acquainted with our work. A Swede in the navy commenced to keep the Sabbath, and as the military laws are stringent, he was cast into prison because of refusing to work on that day. This young man's mother went and spoke to the King about it; she told him that her boy was cast into prison for keeping the Sabbath according to the Scriptures. The King said that he would see if he could not help her son. As a result, the young man was soon released, although he was sentenced to two months in jail. Some time afterwards, when "Bible Readings" was published in Swedish, the Queen ordered three copies of it, and gave them as presents to some of her servants.

#### Help in Season.

The work in Finland was set forth by Brother Hoffman. He said that ever since he went to Finland, he had been praying for some help on the little Finnish paper, and recently help had come. An officer on a certain vessel heard of the truth in India, and accepted it. He came back to Finland, and was there talked out of it. Going to sea again, he could not rest satisfied. So he returned to Finland, was baptised, and has united with us. He seems to be just the man we wanted to help us on the Finnish paper, as he is a good translator. Last year only 600 copies of our paper were published monthly, and but half of those were sold; now we are printing 2,000 copies, and are selling all of them.

On Monday afternoon a session of the Conference was held, and a resolution unanimously adopted expressing gratitude to God for the blessings of the past year. A vote was also taken expressive of the loss which the work had sustained in the death of Brother Charles Grin, of Belgium, and sympathising with his bereaved family. That this vote was something more than mere words appeared

in the fact that a collection was taken up amongst the delegates, amounting to over £15, for the benefit of Sr. Grin. Several brethren who had associated with Brother Grin in the work, witnessed to his faithfulness and consecration, and the Spirit of the Lord came very near as the audience endeavoured to put themselves in the place of the widow and children. Brethren Daniells, Shultz, and others spoke with earnestness of the importance of caring for the widows and orphans of faithful labourers who have fallen at their posts.

In the evening, Brother A. F. Ballenger spoke to a large audience at Holloway Hall.

Monday morning, Brother Ellery Robinson gave an interesting account of the work being done to spread the message in India. This will be presented to our readers at some future time. Mrs Booth also gave an address, before the women, telling of the work in East Central Africa. An afternoon session of the Conference was held, at which it was decided to ask the British Conference to send one of their labourers to assist in the work in India.

In the evening Brother Conradi spoke on his visit to the Orient.

#### A Medical Missionary Day.

Wednesday was devoted almost entirely to the Medical Missionary work. In the forenoon a meeting was held at Duncombe Hall, at which reports of our Sanitariums in Denmark, Germany and Switzerland were given, and other short addresses presented showing the progress of these principles in various parts of the old world. Dr. Ottosen related some very touching experiences relating to the work in Skodsborg. The patronage of that institution has steadily increased from the start, and the last year there was a net gain of several hundred pounds. The patients include a number of very influential people. At first there was some prejudice on account of its being a Seventh-day Adventist institution; but presently, one clergyman of the Lutheran church came to the institution as a last resort; he received such marked benefit from the treatments, and was so deeply affected by the spiritual atmosphere of the place, that he heartily recommended it to his friends. A number of other clergymen have come, and at present a bishop is undergoing treatment. Some of the titled nobility have been among the guests. Not long ago the institution was honoured with a visit from the King of Denmark, and the Queen of England, and other royal personages, who seemed greatly pleased with its equipment and methods of treatment.

Drs. Høenes and De Forrest also had encouraging experiences to relate concerning the sanitariums at Friedensau (Germany) and Basle.

The reports from other fields showing the demand for nurses, doctors, and health institutions,

were deeply interesting. It is very evident that the Lord has gone before us in a marked manner, and prepared the way for a great work to be done in medical missionary lines. The meeting was marked by the manifest presence of the Spirit of God; and although it continued beyond the usual hour for closing, the interest did not lag. In the afternoon and evening meetings were held in Exeter Hall, Strand, which are reported in another column.

Brother and Sister Cornell, of Birmingham, left for America last Wednesday. We wish these friends a pleasant voyage, and the blessing of the Lord in their new field of labour.

Brother and Sister Hutchinson arrived from Ireland last week. We now have all our ministers with us, and all Bible-workers with the exception of Brother McAvoy. Quite a number of the canvassers are also here.

We have received an encouraging letter from Sister Meadows, of Cardiff. The friends there are taking hold with fresh courage of the work of circulating *Good Health*, and are considerably increasing their order for the June number.

SISTER Carlile and Sister Rowntree, of Hull, report favourably concerning the work in that city. One of the sisters there, Miss Brain, is putting out over 700 copies of *Good Health* every month. The little company at Hull, all told, use nearly two thousand copies monthly.

We are glad to have with us at the Conference Sister Kennington, of Leeds, with her eldest son and daughter. The friends at Leeds are making an earnest call for help, in order that the message may be given to that large and important city.

SWANSEA is well represented at the Conference. Brother Buchman and wife, Brother Hussey, Brother Hancock, and Sister Goodland being with us. The work is going on favourably there. One family has recently accepted the truth as a result of reading *Present Truth*, and receiving some instruction from the brethren. We believe that Brother Hancock is carrying a list of about 400 *Present Truths*. Brother and Sister Buchman are personally responsible for by far the larger part of the club of 1,500 *Good Healths* going to Swansea, and the Lord has greatly blessed them in this work.

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### EXETER HALL GOOD HEALTH CONFERENCE.

ALTHOUGH we were all greatly disappointed in not having Dr. Kellogg with us in time for this meeting, the Conference was, nevertheless, a real success. Lower Exeter Hall was filled at the afternoon meeting, and in the evening a number were obliged to stand; this meant an audience of about eight hundred, fully half of whom were strangers.

Prayer was offered by Brother H. W. Cottrell, and Sister Rækie, of Leytonstone rendered a solo. Brother A. G. Daniells presided in the afternoon, and Dr. J. C. Ottosen, of Copenhagen, gave an address on "The Good Health Movement." Then followed addresses by Professor H. R. Salisbury, Dr. E. J. Waggoner, Brother L. R. Conradi, and Dr. A. B. Olsen, dealing respectively with the following topics: "The Good Health League," "Health our Natural Birthright," "Our Health Magazines," and "Health Schools." Mrs. Chant, a well-known temperance speaker, was on the platform, and spoke eloquently of the principles represented by the Conference, which she had learned through a brief stay at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The audience showed deep interest in the principles presented.

The refreshments were served in the hall, under the charge of Mrs. J. G. Watkinson, ably assisted by Mrs. H. B. Salisbury, Mrs. A. F. Miller, Mrs. Harrower, and many others. Plain bread and butter, a variety of sandwiches prepared by the use of nut foods, fruit biscuit, bromose, and nut cake, together with a cup of hot cereal coffee were furnished to the guests, who seemed much pleased with the wholesome fare provided. The refreshments were served from two long tables arranged on opposite sides of the hall, and beautifully decorated with flowering plants. The efficient handling of this part of the day's programme greatly helped in making the meeting a success. The International Health Association furnished free of charge all the health foods used, and many were the expressions of appreciation of the fine quality of these products.

Dr. Ottosen presided at the evening meeting. Prayer was offered by Brother C. W. Flaiz, and Brother Champness sang a solo, after which Dr. Olsen spoke on the subject "How to Live a Century." Following the lecture, several questions were asked and answered by Drs. Ottosen, Olsen, and Waggoner.

A lively interest was evinced by the audience, who, with a few exceptions, remained to listen to

the questions asked and answered, also to talk with the doctors at the close of the meeting, and learn more of the principles. While there was some disappointment, owing to Dr. Kellogg's absence, an excellent spirit prevailed, and as the real principles underlying the work were brought out by the help of the Lord's Spirit, the people seemed much impressed. Sample copies of *Good Health* were handed out at the close of the meeting, and a collection taken up amounting to £4 6s.

The audience was a very representative one, this being largely due to the fact that the meetings had been advertised by means of circulars in different parts of London, and also because the conference was held in such a widely known place as Exeter Hall, where May meetings are now going on, attended by representatives from mission-fields, and the promoters of various lines of work all over the world. Several strangers came in from the provinces in order to be present at the meeting. One gentleman said that he had heard of religious conferences, political conventions, temperance meetings, etc., but he had never before heard of a Good Health Conference; so he determined to be present, although at a sacrifice of business interests, and involving quite a journey.

Several representatives of the daily press were in attendance during the whole or part of the Conference, and favourable reports appeared the following morning in such well-known and widely circulated papers as the *Chronicle*, *Daily News*, and the *London Express*. The reporters took pains to inquire into the principles of the movement, thus giving those in attendance an opportunity of imparting suitable information concerning the objects and purposes of the Conference. We trust that the result of the meeting will be a new impetus to the health work in the United Kingdom.

WE give in this WORKER only a little taste of the good things that have been said in the meetings during the past week. Brother Daniells and Brother Conradi have given a number of very instructive talks bringing out different phases of the work, and also showing the progress that it is making in different parts of the world. Much of this and other very interesting matter will be printed in full in the Conference *Bulletin*, which will give a full setting forth of the doings of the Conference. This *Bulletin*, of which Brother E. J. Waggoner has been appointed editor, will be got out as soon as consistent, and arrangements will be made to supply it to readers of the WORKER. Hence it has not been thought necessary to print a double number of the WORKER this week, as the *Bulletin*, when it comes out, will give full information with reference to all these matters.