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## Lake Union Conference Notes.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association convened at 9 a. m. according to the notice published in the REVIEW.

The first conference session for the day was called to order at 2:30 p. m. An invitation to spend a day at Hinsdale, given by Dr. Paulson, was discussed by a number of the delegates. Upon motion of Elder Wm. Covert the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to convey an expression of gratitude for the invitation which must necessarily be declined.

The hour had been set aside for the medical work and Dr. L. J. Otis was the first speaker. The third angel's message is a message of gospel reformation, and in connection with this, and a part of it, are other reformatory truths, but perhaps not all other reformations. We can, however, include all other

reformations that would prevent the violation of natural law.

Such truths without the rest of the gospel are worthless as a means of salvation, but give some temporal or selfish gain to the individual. The benefits to be derived from health reform are: First, this temporal, selfish gain, from the fact that disease is prevented, or cured with little expense. Second, they enable us to appreciate and accept the message. We have an illustration of this in the case of Naaman the leper as recorded in 2 Kings 5:8. You are familiar with the incident. At the suggestion of the little captive maiden of Israel, Naaman sought the king of Israel and there found Elisha who told him how he might be cured of his leprosy. In the 15th verse we have the result of his being healed, "Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." He was, as we would say now, converted and accepted the religious truths of God's people. This all as a result of the medical work done. And another thing it would be well to note: In this case Naaman learned that there was a prophet in Israel, for we read in the 8th verse "Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

This should be the result of such work now as it was then. And this will be the result when this part of the message is presented as it should be. The application of such principles will cause them to enquire of their source and they will learn that there is a prophet in Israel.

The third benefit to be derived

is the preparation for translation. Such a preparation is essential for every one expecting to be translated. There are in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy some passages that seem to support this view. It is my opinion that every one who is translated will have been a health reformer.

It is apparent from this that works have their place even though we are saved by faith. A passage in Ephesians holds out the necessity of this. These are the words "Having done all, to stand. Stand therefore." In order to go through and come out conqueror it will be necessary for us to do all possible that will enable us to stand.

Health reform intensifies ability. It gives a physical condition that accomplishes more, by clearing the mind of toxins and poisons that otherwise accumulate and prevent one doing that for which he is qualified. I have seen at a state medical examination some taking hypodermics occasionally to enable them to tell that which they knew. The health reformer needs no such assistance.

In a certain sense these truths are a means of bringing us to Christ. They may be compared to the law which Paul says, was to bring us to Christ. The law shows us our defects as a mirror would. But health reform increases our ability to see, thus we accept Christ whom before we could hardly comprehend. Dan. 12:3 gives the end to which the health reformer should aspire, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." O! may we all

seek while carrying on this work to turn many to righteousness.

Dr. A. J. Hoenes: In the first place we must have sound principles. Those we advocate have stood the test for forty years. We need some means for teaching and applying those principles. The greatest Medical Missionary had no sanitarium to back up the principles. He had no place even to lay his head. We need consecrated workers. Smaller, well-equipped sanitariums we also need. There should be a difference between those operated by the Conference and the ones owned and operated by individuals. People should go to the institutions, not only to get well, but to learn how to live. The free use of surgery and medicines causes us to lose sight of the methods of rational living.

Dr. W. W. Wooster: Moses said to Joshua, Be ye strong and of good courage. As soon as sin was removed from the camp, the fall of Ai was accomplished. The institutions should be simply the headquarters for the medical work and should extend throughout all the conferences and churches. When our training schools reach the ideal, it will be hard to tell whether a graduate is a nurse or a Bible worker. If the medical work is to be the entering wedge the minister should come in to bind up the work that has been begun by the doctor. I would rather have a nurse go out with some of the principles of hydrotherapy and dietetics and be able to feed the soul than to have them go out thoroughly equipped professionally and be untrained along spiritual lines.

L. G. Wagner: We are meeting conditions in the field that did not exist a few years ago. Everything is on the go. God wants a people that will go everywhere. God intends this people to be the leaders in all reforms.

R. S. Ingersoll: "Medical Work in Foreign Fields." This is the recruiting ground where workers

are prepared to go out to foreign fields. The principles of health reform are just as important, and more so, in the mission field, as they are in the home land.

D. Paulson: This is the hour for a health education. Take hold where you are and begin to lift. Spend some time on your knees before you go to help others.

Elder Daniells read from a late communication from Sister White. Some thoughts expressed are as follows: In all our sanitariums the work done should be such as to win souls to Christ. The best helpers to have in connection with our sanitariums are those who are willing to make the Bible their guide. To preach the gospel means much more than many realize. The Word of God should be effectively brought before the mind. It is the life of His people to obey. The work of the true medical missionary is largely a spiritual work. It includes prayer and the laying on of hands. He should therefore be as sacredly set apart as the minister. The medical missionary work done in connection with the third angel's message should be a wonderful work.

(To be continued.)

### Financial Report.

#### Receipts of the West Michigan Conference for the Month of March.

Tithe	\$1,791.44
S. S. Offerings	40.15
Weekly Offerings	19.99
On Account	30.00
Annual Offerings	1.00
Jewish Work	4.00
Orphans and Aged Fund	4.00
Self-denial Fund	.91
Charloe, Ohio, Church Fund	2.50
Clifford Howell's School	3.00
Otsego Intermediate School	63.50
General Fund	23.53
African Mission	4.00
Colored Work	2.50
Missionary Volunteers' Educational Fund	16.17

Loan to Cedar Lake Academy	275.00
Missionary Volunteer Department Offerings	5.52
Bills Payable	500.00
Offerings (field not given)	10.00
Tamil Mission	2.25
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	17.00
Religious Liberty Offerings	26.47
Mission Board Offerings	10.52
Dr. Charles Cave Fund	1.00
Total	\$2,854.45

#### West Michigan Tract Society.

Merchandise	37.20
On Account	225.98
West Michigan Herald	4.25
Total	\$267.43
Grand Total	\$3,121.88

#### March Tithe Report.

Battle Creek	\$708.45
Belding	51.90
Benton Harbor	51.54
Bloomington	7.28
Buchanan	36.10
Byron Center	11.09
Carlton Center	49.35
Carson City	31.84
Cedar Lake	23.75
Ceresco	6.00
Charlotte	56.40
Convis	6.00
Eaton Rapids	2.74
Frost	.80
Glenwood	29.12
Grand Ledge	46.41
Grand Rapids	176.35
Hastings	30.00
Homer	8.49
Kalamazoo	39.50
Kent City	19.37
Mecosta	3.00
Monterey	14.62
Otsego	110.35
Portland	25.00
Potterville	77.43
Rothbury	16.80
Shelby	35.32
Sturgis	3.65
Union City	46.35
Individuals	61.36
Ontario Conference	4.00
Kansas Conference	1.08
Total	\$1,791.44

**From the Field.**

**Mt. Pleasant.**

Sabbath, April 3, the brethren of the Mt. Pleasant church met together for the first time since last January, owing to the stormy winter weather which made it impossible to reach the church, it being located three miles in the country.

Mt. Pleasant, a city of about 5,000 inhabitants, is the county seat of Isabella county, and is located in one of the finest sections of Michigan. There is a nice company of people here. The great need is for a minister to locate here and make it his home for a year or more and build up the work. A nice church can be rented for Sabbath services in town and there is some talk of moving our own church into the city, which probably would be an advisable thing to do.

Here is located the Central State Normal School and the Government School for Indians. We ought to have a representative in a city like this. The brethren of the church hope and pray that the Lord in his providence will open the way for one of our ministers to be located in Mt. Pleasant soon.

H. C. PITTON.

**Old Peoples' Home, Battle Creek.**

When in Battle Creek last, following the meeting of the Lake Union Conference, I visited the James White Memorial Home, as is my custom, and held several meetings with these dear old people, besides visiting a number in their rooms. It is an inspiration to visit this home, and to hear their testimonies. They are loyal to the third angel's message. It gave me great pleasure to report to them the many good things we heard at the Lake Union Conference, regarding the progress of the work in all parts of the earth, the inspiring words we heard there, and of the hastening of the soon

coming of our Lord. It would have rejoiced and made glad the hearts of our brethren to have seen the eager faces of these old saints of the Lord, and to have heard their earnest prayers and thanksgivings for the good news from all over the wide harvest field. I know it greatly encouraged them to hold on.

For nearly five years I have been visiting this home once or twice a week until I went out into the field myself, and I never fail to make them a call when in Battle Creek. I am always amply repaid and go away feeling that the Lord has blessed the message spoken. Brethren, sisters, remember those loyal faithful souls in your prayers.

JOHN E. HANSON.

**Glenwood.**

September 3 marked the commencement of our school. God has said this should be a very important factor in that grand work of saving our children.

We then may be "workers together with God." It seems as if this is, or should be, the desire of each teacher and parent. "In union there is strength." May we, as teachers, by the grace of God, be instruments through which Jesus may shine out more fully; as we read, "our teachers have the precious privilege of representing Christ before their children."

Though the clouds have hung low at times and our way been not the most bright, we have the assurance—"let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

I am thankful for the precious rays of light that have been so lovingly bestowed upon our little band here.

May our ways be more conformable to the gentle leading of our dear loving Master, so we may be able to do more for the little lambs of our flock, which God loves so dearly.

C. H. COUNTRYMAN.

**Union City.**

Since our Conference at Charlotte, I have had some good experiences here. I was thankful that I was permitted to remain here for a time longer, for I believe there are honest souls still to be reached.

I know the Lord sent me here; but when He wants me in another place, there is where I want to be. I have learned that the happiest place on earth for anyone, is just where the Lord wants them to be.

I have readers who believe this truth, but something hinders them from taking their stand. I believe they are honest in heart, so I feel sure they will be among that company who will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord. If we sow the seed, the Lord will see that there is a harvest.

There has been much sickness here of late, and I have called upon many, and tried to point them to the great Physician who never lost a case. Have had the privilege of giving simple treatments to some of these dear souls, for whom Christ gave His life, and in every instance, the Lord has greatly blessed.

As I attended the conference the following is a report of only three weeks in February:

Readings held	-	33
Meetings held	-	7
Families visited	-	67
Treatments given	-	5
Subscriptions	-	9

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

**Obituary.**

Died in Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28, 1908, of acute inflammation, Carman J. Johnson, aged just two years, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl (Degrott) Johnson. Carman was a very bright little girl and dearly beloved by all who knew her. Brother and Sister Johnson have the deepest sympathy of all in their sad hour.

We laid her away to rest until the great Life Giver shall come. Words of comfort were spoken from

1 Thess. 4:13, 14, to a large circle of mourning friends.

Sweet be thy slumber  
In quiet repose,  
Beneath the green turf  
And the blossoming rose.  
Oh, soft is thy pillow  
And lowly thy bed,  
But the resurrection morning  
Shall bring forth the dead.  
J. F. GRAVELLE.

#### Dollar China Children.

Our list of "Dollar China Children" is rapidly growing, and still there is room for many more names. Surely there are others of our dear children who want a share in this good work, and in the blessing that comes through cheerful giving. If you have not already sent in your name, I shall be glad to receive it to enter upon the list, and by and by our good editor will publish them in the HERALD.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

#### Life and Health For May.

Dr. Kress presents a cure for national intemperance through diet—one of the most reasonable and convincing arguments on the cause and cure of intemperance we have ever read.

Mrs. E. G. White writes in her usual strength on "Diet and Health" showing that disease and suffering, that everywhere prevail, are due largely to the popular errors in diet, and presenting the claims of God's original plan for man's diet.

Dr. Leadworth presents an illustrated article on "Digestive Disturbances and Their Remedy."

Mrs. Fitch shows the evil results of the "slip-go-down" mushes when poorly cooked and imperfectly eaten.

Nearly every phase of the important question of diet and the preparation of foods is taken up in this number. It is therefore, very important, and much needed everywhere. Those who are circulating it will be doing the best possible service to humanity, and paving the way for the reception of greater truths, after the mind is clear and

the conscience quickened through the preparatory results of health reform.

Selling LIFE AND HEALTH is a dignified and lucrative business. Over 1000 agents are now working for it, and are making good wages. Send for sample copy, suggestive canvass, and special rates to agents. Order all supplies through the Statie Tract Society.

#### For Sale.

I would like to dispose of my house and three 4x8 lots in the village of Mendon for part or all cash. Pleasant location, six rooms, good cellar, good well and cistern. Much fruit. Just the place for a small or retiring family. Address Elder E. F. Collier, 921 E. Vine St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

#### News and Notes.

Have you seen the new Year Book?

We set out 6,000 strawberry plants on the farm last week.

Clifford Russell is visiting some of the schools in the northern part of the Conference this week.

Brother E. A. Merriam was home for a few days last week. He has returned to Muskegon where he is now laboring.

Orders are coming for the Naval Number of the SIGNS. If you have not ordered you should do so at once.

Elder W. R. Matthews met with the Mt. Pleasant church, Sabbath, April 11, for the quarterly meeting. An excellent time is reported.

Are you using the Religious Liberty Leaflets in your correspondence and to hand to your neighbors? Now is the time to work.

Elder S. D. Hartwell was called away from Battle Creek to attend

a funeral last Sabbath, and the pulpit was occupied by Elder E. F. Collier.

The prospects are good for a nice corps of canvassers from Cedar Lake Academy when school closes. A. C. Haughey is holding an institute there this week.

We find on our shelves a supply of the first edition of "Last Day Tokens" by Elder J. N. Loughborough. This pamphlet is out of print but we will mail them while they last for 8 cents per copy, post-paid.

In a letter received from Elder Haughey in Washington he states that the Council is progressing nicely. They attended a hearing on a Sunday Bill before the Senate Committee, Thursday the sixteenth.

Is your Sabbath-School among those which have reported promptly for the first quarter in 1908? There are still several that are delinquent in this matter. Remember we cannot fabricate reports to the Sabbath-School Department of the General Conference.

A young student at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, has just reported 135 copies of LIFE AND HEALTH sold in ten hours during his first day's work, and 85 copies in three hours during his second day's work. Why not try it yourself?

We are going to ask a favor of you. When you write to us about Tract Society matters and Sabbath-School work in the same letter please write on separate sheets. When sending money it will assist us if the letter about it is on a different sheet from anything else. The various departments are all here together, and it is all right to put any number of sheets in the same envelope, but it helps us in keeping our files straight to have a separate letter for each department addressed.