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Lake Union Conference Notes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

At 10:15 the program had been arranged for the educational work. Mrs. Lou K. Curtis gave a report of that department which embraced the Sabbath-school, church schools, academies and college. 135 of the pupils enrolled in our primary schools are not of our faith. These primary or church schools, are supported largely by donations. Statistics show that a goodly number of workers have gone from our college at Berrien Springs during the past year, and we sincerely hope that in the future we may continue to send out efficient workers into the harvest field.

Prof. J. G. Lamson spent a few minutes in setting forth the "Principles Underlying True Education." The fundamental principle of true education is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." I believe every plan must be carried out with that principle in mind. A close relationship exists

between true education and salvation. The work of redemption is the work of education. They are so intimately connected that they may be termed synonymous. "In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one." Any subject that cannot be brought into active use in the work of redemption has no business in our schools. The greatest question we have to deal with in our academies and colleges is "what text books shall we use?"

The question as to whether a subject should be eliminated or not should be settled by the individual. Will it make you better able to do that which the Lord has called you to do? If the answer is "yes", take that subject. If the answer is "no", then that means that you must say "no" as to whether you shall take that subject or not. The test must invariably come back to that proposition, will that thing fit me better to do that work in view of the soon coming of Christ? If it is not needed, then let that individual let that thing alone. If we knew Jesus Christ was not coming for a thousand or a hundred years there are subjects that we could spend time studying that we cannot spend time studying now. If you are preparing to teach the gospel of the coming of Christ, then you must take up work in school that will fit you for that work. The science of redemption is the science of all sciences.

We must have our schools willing to take up these lines of manual training because they teach men to work to better advantage in the mission fields. We want missionaries who know how to put up

buildings. We want missionaries who know how to till the ground.

Our only object should be to bring things back to their perfection because we are engaged in the work of salvation. The difficulties with the questions we meet, whether to establish this particular line of manual training or not, will be easily settled. They should be decided with the object to become better equipped to teach the students to "seek first the kingdom of God."

C. A. Russell gave a brief summary of "Our Educational Organization." God has reared a standard of excellence for us and we are to find out what that standard is, and try to reach it. It is the sincere desire of all in this department to try to reach God's ideal for us, that the students going through our schools may be able to go on and graduate into the great university of heaven. At present our schools are endeavoring to follow a course of study outlined at the convention at College View, carrying the same lines of work at the same time, thus making it possible to have systematic examinations. The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state of Michigan expressed himself as being pleased with the work being done in our schools and his willingness to cooperate with us in any way he could for its advancement.

Prof. A. W. Hallock made a few practical suggestions in the consideration of the question, "How May We Improve Our Schools?" In order to improve our schools we must first know our lacks and have an ideal to work to. One effective way of improving our schools is to

put the boys and girls to work in the Lord's work. This should not be done wholly to give them employment, but they should be given something to do that is worthy their effort. We should not only hold up the benefit that would come to themselves, but the help that can be rendered to others. In canvassing, the primary object should not be to earn a scholarship, but to place the literature before the people.

Further suggestions were made by Prof. R. B. Thurber. We should have more paying industries, not only paying in money, that is, to have a gain, or balance, on the right side of the account when we get through, but industries that help the student to get the right kind of an education. We ought to encourage a class of students to attend our schools who work to get there. Those who go to school, who have something beyond the school in mind, are the ones who make good Christian schools. In our schools, bands for doing missionary work should be formed, each band being organized for a definite line of work, holding cottage meetings, giving Bible readings or helping the poor and sick.

A general discussion by the educational workers and others followed. Prof. Kauble believed that a training in manual labor is an important feature in the proper development of human character. The boy who goes out into the field and plows is developing a character by that training that will tell in the third angel's message. The boy who deals with the problems of manual labor can see a half-mile further into the difficult points than the boy who studies only books.

Prof. Haughey: Problems in farming are more difficult than those in calculus.

At 2:30 p. m. the time was given to the consideration of the Missionary Volunteer Societies. M. E. Kern read a paper containing many helpful thoughts. Some of the

isolated young people have sent in better reports than some whole societies. It is what our young people do for the church which makes them love that church. They are a part of this work. Those who have not yielded their hearts to God, cannot help others to find him.

C. L. Stone: What effect will this work have upon our schools? Some work can be done in training our young people right where they are. With a good Union Conference Secretary and energetic local secretaries I believe that much will be done to arouse our young people into missionary activity.

Secretaries of the various conferences gave incidents that had come to their notice.

Elder Daniells: At least one-third of this denomination are young people. They need attention, and it must be something more than warnings and exhortations. We want direction given to their activities. The question of putting suitable literature in the hands of our children is a strenuous one. We must have something for the child's mind.

(To be continued.)

A Temperance Number.

Never before in the history of this country has there been such widespread and intense agitation over prohibition. Temperance workers throughout the length and breadth of the land are arousing to the necessity of immediate and determined action. They are greatly encouraged over the success which has attended their efforts within the past year. The liquor interests realize that unless a desperate fight is made their business will be greatly curtailed.

Nowhere is the temperance fight being waged more persistently than in the Southern States. The publishers of the WATCHMAN are preparing a special Temperance number of that paper. It will be dated June 2, but will probably be ready for distribution by the middle of May. This issue will be

wholly devoted to temperance. The President of the National W. C. T. U., the President of the Tennessee W. C. T. U., the Medical Superintendent of Washington, D. C., Sanitarium, and other prominent and influential writers are contributing for this special. It is printed in two colors, with appropriate cover page illustration.

We as a people have failed to exert our efforts in behalf of temperance as fully as we should. Now is our opportunity to strike a telling blow for true temperance reform, and at the same time show the noble bands of temperance workers throughout the country that we are heartily in sympathy with the temperance movement. The good results of our association with other temperance workers in this special campaign will become more and more apparent as the perils of the last days increase. This issue of the WATCHMAN will sell readily. Agents who make it their business will have no difficulty in selling it by the thousand at ten cents a copy. It will be supplied to workers at the following prices:

1 to 4 copies, all to one address, each 5c.

5 to 24 copies, all to one address, each 3½c.

25 to 99 copies, all to one address, each 3c.

100 to 500 copies, all to one address, each 2½c.

10 or more copies mailed singly, each, 4c.

A neat WATCHMAN badge will be sent free, if requested, to each person who orders fifty or more copies. Order at once. Address this office.

The Life Boat.

We have received an advance copy of the Special Prisoners' number of THE LIFE BOAT. It is filled with articles designed to be helpful to the class of persons it reaches.

The following extract is from a prisoner in the Colorado State prison who was converted through reading an article in THE LIFE

BOAT. He has read other literature concerning present truth and is now preparing himself for missionary work upon his release.

"I have still a little more than four years to serve on my present sentence. I mean to spend the time in the study of God's word in connection with the great truths bearing upon the time of the end which are held by Adventists, with a view of going into the missionary work upon my release. Dear friend, having been brought up a Catholic, I feel that God would have me prepare to labor as a missionary among Catholic people, especially do I feel drawn toward those poor deluded ones of Central and South America, from whom the truth that makes free, as it is revealed in God's word, is withheld.

"I wish to prepare while here so that I will be able to pass an examination at an Adventist Missionary Training School, and enter immediately upon my chosen work."

The publishers desire to place a copy of this special number in the hands of every prisoner in the United States, and will be pleased to receive donations to that end. Money sent to this office, specifying the purpose to which it is intended, will be forwarded to the proper parties.

From the Field.

The Johnston District Sunday Bill.

We are glad to report that quite a number responded to the notice we sent out about two weeks ago with reference to the above bill, but not nearly as many as we had hoped would do so.

Advices have reached us from Washington that the Senate Committee reported the bill out favorably. This brings it to a place where every senator must act upon it. This bill has gone farther than any Sunday bill which has yet been before Congress, and is another signal for quick action on our part.

The names of the senators for

the state of Michigan are Julius C. Burrows and William Alden Smith, and it is now the duty of all our people to write to these senators, earnestly protesting against the passage of this latest bill introduced by Senator Johnston, and asking these senators to use their influence against its passage.

The bill may come up for action very soon, so there should be no delay. Let everyone WRITE AT ONCE to the above named senators, at Washington, D. C.

Wright Church School.

Our school opened in September with an enrollment of six, which increased in a few weeks to nine.

We have enjoyed much of God's blessing and we desire to live in such a way that He may continue to bless us and make us a blessing to those with whom we come in contact.

All seemed to be much interested in their work and studied industriously.

We have a nicely equipped school-house, and a large play ground for which we are thankful when we think of the many schools deprived of it.

It is sweet to work for and with Jesus. Sometimes disappointments come, but it only tends to make us enjoy the blessing the more; as the absence of birds and flowers in the winter makes us enjoy their presence so much more in the spring.

We were sorry to lose two of our number; one, because of farm duties and the other, just a week before school closed, because of sickness at home.

Our school is among the first to close this year but having so few grades we have been enabled to complete nearly all of the work outlined for nine months.

I want my example to be an incentive that will "provoke others unto love and to good works."

LUCILE B. GREGG.

"In the bright lexicon of youth, there is no such word as fail."

Canvassers' Institute.

There will be an institute of canvassers at Emmanuel Missionary College, May 22-29, and one at Cedar Lake, May 27-30. Brethren Blosser, Toft and Morris will be at the former throughout, and the writer will be there until the 26th when he will have to leave for Cedar Lake. We hope to have a large class at each place. Any who desire to enter this branch of the work and who will come to either place prepared to go from there to their field of labor will have their fare refunded both to and from the institute.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

Summer School.

By action of the Lake Union Conference a permanent summer school has been established in connection with Emmanuel Missionary College. The managing board consists of the President of the Lake Union Conference, the President of the College, and the Lake Union Educational Secretary. The objects of this school are to train teachers, to assist students in preparing for college, and to give opportunities for reviews.

The school will continue six weeks, from June 10 to July 22. Announcements will soon be out giving complete particulars. All those interested should address Elder Allen Moon, 209 S. Main St., South Bend, Ind., or Elder N. W. Kauble, Berrien Springs, Mich. We hope to enroll a large number from the West Michigan Conference.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Obituaries.

Charles Oliver died at his home in Union City, April 6, 1908, of astheria, pleurisy and a weak heart, accompanied by overwork and exhaustion. He was born in Chatham township, Ontario, December, 22, 1858, being 49 years old at the time of his death.

At the age of 24 Brother Oliver was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Beamish, and two child-

ren, a son and a daughter, were born to them. The son is in the United States Navy and is making a trip around the world with the fleet. He longs to be at home again where he can live the truth. Two letters received from him by his father during his sickness filled his heart with joy.

Brother Oliver accepted the third angel's message fifteen years ago and rejoiced in the hope of a soon coming Saviour. He leaves three brothers and one sister besides his companion and two children. A large circle of friends unite with them in their sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Cor. 15: 25, 26. Brother J. E. Hanson and Elder A. C. Bourdeau assisted in the services.

The pastor of the Congregational church kindly opened his church for the funeral services and assisted in every way he could. He paid a tribute to the deceased as follows: "I love Brother Oliver because of his determination to stand by the convictions of conscience; though he differed from us in belief. I love him because of his godly life and Christian example while among us. It will be a strong incentive to live a better and nobler life. I enjoyed visiting him at his place of business and conversing with him upon his favorite theme, the Bible. May we all live so that we may meet him again is my prayer."

The remains were taken to Ontario, accompanied by his wife and daughter, with Mr. Sidney Beamish, a brother-in-law.

W. C. HEBNER.

COLLARD—Died at his home in Lakeview, Elijah A. Collard, aged 84 years, 9 months and 1 day. He was born in Welland county, Ont., near Niagara Falls, in 1823, and came to Greenville in 1860, where he lived about four years and then moved to Lakeview, taking up a farm of government land, chopping the first trees himself. He was

married in 1846 to Miss Eliza Martin, Seven children were born to them, three boys and four girls, who are all living. He, with his wife, embraced the truth through the efforts of Brother Gravelle, of Greenville, in 1875, and has loved it ever since. He was a kind father and good neighbor. He fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of April 24, 1908. Funeral services conducted by the writer.

J. M. WILBUR.

Dow—Died in San Diego, Cal., April 6, 1908, Mariam M. Dow, wife of H. A. Dow, aged 50 years, 3 months and 20 days, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Mich., April 14. The funeral services were held at the home of the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Lucy Kelsey, conducted by the writer assisted by M. B. Miller.

S. D. HARTWELL.

News and Notes.

Clifford Russell visited Battle Creek and Charlotte recently.

Miss Winifred Trunk plans to go to India at the close of the school year.

Our camp meeting this year will be held August 13-23 inclusive; place not yet decided.

The next General Conference will be held in Washington, D. C., from May 13 to June 6, 1909.

It has been decided to have a reading on Religious Liberty, and the midsummer collection for that fund on Sabbath, July 4.

Plans are under way to put out a subscription edition of "Ministry of Healing" in two styles of binding. Cloth, \$2.50; full morocco, \$4.50.

The Pacific Press Publishing Co. will soon begin the publication of a monthly magazine entitled, THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, in addition to the weekly paper of the same name.

We hope all Missionary Volun-

teer Secretaries will be prompt in making out and forwarding their quarterly reports to us so we can make out the report for the Conference and forward it on time.

At the General Conference Committee Council recently held it was voted to ask all the local conferences to support two students in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington. Who will they be from West Michigan?

The Lake Union Conference Committee and the College Board held a meeting at Berrien Springs, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. They decided on a faculty for the College, and it will be announced as soon as acceptances are received from all the appointees.

The evening after the Sabbath, May 2, a very pleasant farewell reception was tendered Brother E. A. Merriam and family by his former office associates, at the home of Clifford Russell. A copy of the Analytical Bible was presented to them, and the evening was spent in social converse and music.

A few of the Naval number of the SIGNS have been received at this office, and if those who wish to purchase five copies or more will send in their orders at once we will mail the papers from here while they last at five cents each. Twenty-five or more copies, mailed from the publishers, at three cents each. Address all orders to this office.

The publishers of WATCHMAN have printed the beautiful three-color law page which appeared in their special issue, on heavy paper suitable size for framing. This page gives the ten commandments beneath a cut of Mt. Sinai and the camp of Israel, with appropriate texts and a quotation from the Rev. George Elliott in the margins. Single copies are furnished at ten cents each. Orders may be sent to this office.

"To know God, and to make Him known is our business here."