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Lake Union Conference Notes.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

At 4:00 p. m, Elder A. G. Daniells continued the studies on "Organization."

We left the subject yesterday with the question, Was this man's idea or was it God's idea? Read Deut. 16:18-22. This is a command from God. Jethro made the suggestion but it was from God, and confirmed by the instruction given to Moses. God planted his people all over the land in groups large and small and he distributed the responsibility of leadership accordingly. Read 2 Chron. 19:5. That is good instruction to give to church officers and every one who has any responsibility in the work of the Lord. Let us beware of gifts. They may cause embarrassment at some future time and cause us to render a biased judgment.

Read 1 Chron. 23:1-6. Deut. 17:3-13. God does not provide a

plan for men to abide by and then have the penalty the same whether they follow it or not. Take a moment to apply this. Some question comes up in a church which they cannot settle. What shall they do with it? They take it to the Conference Committee. What shall the church do with their decision? Abide by it.

Numbers 11:16, 17. That is a beautiful piece of instruction. The Lord gave Moses a body of counselors, and took the great weight off his shoulders. He would have worn out and the people also. The responsibility should be so distributed that no one has too great a burden. It is harmful in many ways. God's plan is to have each man do what he is able to do.

The twelve tribes represented the whole people and Jesus chose twelve apostles to represent the whole people in the church. They were higher in authority than the seventy disciples.

Numbers 1:4,44; 2:3; 7:1-11,84. The princes of the tribes stood for every man in his tribe. Read all of the seventh chapter. It teaches absolute unity and that the tribes were regularly organized, yet it was one people that dedicated the temple to God. I might go to Ezra and Nehemiah and bring out more facts but there will not be time to go further in the Old Testament.

There was a prophet to give instruction to his people when they went out of Egypt. In the early Christian church God had a prophet. In the last church God still has his prophet.

Elder I. H. Evans spoke to an attentive audience at 7:30 p. m.,

on the "Coming of Christ." Every where you go in this world God's people are looking for his coming. To-night I wish to confine myself to one sign of his coming—earthquakes. Read the conversation with the disciples in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. The Jews believed that the temple would stand to the end of the world. The real meaning of this expression is the end of all things terrestrial.

"There shall be earthquakes in diverse places," meaning "many" places. In Isa. 29:6 we read of earthquakes and other prophecies concerning the last days. Is it a fact that there are now more earthquakes than there ever was before in the history of man? If we are not in the time of many earthquakes, we are not in the time of the end.

Beginning 1700 B. C. down to A. D. 96 there were 16 earthquakes, or one in 112 years.

From A. D. 96 to 1850 there were 204, or one in 8 years.

From 1850 to 1865 there were 15, or one each year.

From 1865 to 1868 there were 15, or five each year.

For the year 1906 there were recorded more than 5000 earthquakes by the seismograph.

From these figures don't you think we are living in the time of the end?

A very graphic description of the Kingston earthquake, of which the speaker was an eye witness, was related.

In Revelation 16 there is another earthquake prophecy. This time the cities of the nation will fall. In that day there will be nothing

but despair. Is it not time that we took hold with earnestness to give this warning message to the world? The highest privilege we can have is to give the trumpet no uncertain sound. If we could only sense these things how intensely earnest we would be.

(To be continued.)

Financial Report.

Receipts for April, 1908. Tithe.

Albion	\$106.44
Allegan	111.56
Allendale	27.00
Bangor	11.38
Battle Creek	767.46
Bauer	25.85
Bedford	102.99
Benton Harbor	41.73
Berrien Springs	135.71
Bloomington	5.73
Brookfield	21.10
Buchanan	46.81
Burlington	24.46
Byron Center	15.00
Carlton Center	37.90
Carson City	20.87
Cedar Lake	41.26
Charlotte	67.47
Clifford Lake	21.03
Covert	7.88
Decatur	3.05
Denver Center	4.40
Diamondale	54.95
Douglas	14.00
Eaton Rapids	2.65
Edmore	100.80
Freemont	51.12
Frost	.95
Glenwood	8.21
Gowen	7.60
Grand Haven	37.16
Grand Ledge	4.00
Grand Rapids	148.77
Grandville	14.35
Hastings	21.99
Holton	49.26
Homer	29.96
Kinderhook	11.22
Lowell	23.98
Lyons	7.78
Maple Grove	20.28
Mecosta	15.69
Mendon	28.63
Monterey	23.19

Morley	6.40
Muskegon	48.24
Otsego	23.56
Portland	55.42
Pottersville	40.00
Quincy	131.49
Sand Lake	26.22
Shelby	56.14
Trufant	35.75
Vermontville	14.90
Wright	96.33
Individuals	44.10
Money returned	25.00
East Mich. Conference	24.19
Iowa Conference	3.50
Ontario Conference	4.00
Vermont Conference	1.50
	2,960.36

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	2,960.36
Sabbath School Offerings	313.40
Weekly Offerings	35.96
Orphans and Aged Fund	186.68
Mission Board Offerings	61.10
Religious Liberty Fund	32.54
Missionary Vounteers' Department Offerings	11.31
Bills Payable	1,446.60
Self denial Fund	4.53
African Mission	5.00
Expense Account	5.75
Jewish Work	2.50
Annual Offerings	67.50
Otsego Intermediate School	29.50
General Conference	3.10
Southern Field	51.00
Colored Work	3.02
Missionary Volunteers' Educational Fund	12.85
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	9.50
Free-will Offerings	1.51
General Fund	65.44
On account (return of loans)	157.62
Donations (field not given)	2.00
Total	5,468.77

West Michigan Tract Society.

On account	411.04
Merchandise	37.21
West Michigan Herald	4.27
Total	452.52

"Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past, and is dead to the future."

From the Field.

Two Rivers.

The writer recently visited the vicinity of Two Rivers and found the brethren of good courage in "the blessed hope." Several have recently given themselves to the Master's service and the prospects are that others will unite with them soon. One young man has a desire to enter our schools and prepare himself for the ministry. There is a possibility of his entering the canvassing work as a stepping stone to an education.

There is need of more work being done in this vicinity. Doubtless there will be a call for baptism soon. Whatever we do, Two Rivers and vicinity should not be forgotten. H. C. PITTON.

Battle Creek.

Elder James Irving preached in the Tabernacle Sabbath, May 9. His subject was the message of John the Baptist, and he gave some very apt suggestions as to how a Christian's life should compare with that of this disciple of Jesus. He illustrated the unselfishness of John's life, and declared that where self survived, Christ did not have control. And that it should be the desire of all Christians to show forth to the world the very purpose for which the Lord has called us,—that Jesus of Nazareth does reign in their hearts. When we learn to love the Saviour, we shall recognize him as the Fountain of Living Water and as the Bread of Life.

Elder C. A. Hansen spoke to the young people in the afternoon at a short praise service given by them to which all were invited. This service consisted of songs of praise and instrumental pieces upon piano and mandolin all of which were very acceptably rendered, and well received.

"Praise God in his sanctuary . . . Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him

with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Ps. 150.

Brother G. H. Crandall made our office a call on Sunday. It seemed good to see his face again.

MINNIE C. HARNDEN.

Encouraging reports are coming from all our general field missionary agents of successful institutes being held. Brother Richardson, field agent of the Columbia Union Conference has just closed a series of institutes which have proved highly successful. Among other good things taught at these institutes has been impressed upon the student, or canvasser, the importance of working forty hours a week and trying to take orders to the amount of \$1.00 an hour. This plan is being carried out with good results by many.

A worker wrote to one of our state papers recently, "I broke three records this week,—\$86.95 for four day's work, \$27.95 for one day's work, \$10.10 for an exhibition. The Lord being my helper, I am going to break it again. Just think of the truth put into the homes! My only prayer is that honest hearts may be found, and that I may keep humble at the feet of Jesus, continually drawing from the fount of living water. I am so glad I am in this work."

Brother Bryant writing from South Lancaster says that he has a class of seventy studying canvass for "Great Controversy." He expects one hundred to enter the work this summer from the school. He speaks very encouragingly of the work in the Atlantic Union Conference and says they are selling three cases of "Great Controversy" each week, but after the school closes hope to sell at least one case a day. This will mean over one hundred copies of "Great

Controversy" daily to put into the homes of the people in that union conference.

Christian Help Band, Grand Rapids, Mich.

We are but a small number of Christian workers yet God has wonderfully blessed us in our work. Thinking that perhaps a report from us would help and encourage some other church we submit the following:

Average attendance	-	12
Money donated to help poor	\$	14.50
Garment made and given away	160	
Garments mended	-	50
Comfortables given away	6	
Pairs of woolen blankets given away	-	3
Mattress given away	-	1
Pairs of shoes given away	6	
Cloaks given away	-	3

One box of clothing sent to Utica, Mo.; one package of clothing to children here in the city; three children taken home and cared for; several baskets of fruit and provisions given to those in need; many sick were remembered with flowers and choice fruit. Tracts and papers were left in many homes, and some have come to our Sabbath-school as a result. We find such a great need of workers here. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray for us.

MILDRED CLARK,
President.

"Almighty God has created the mind free; all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the holy Author of our religion, who, being Lord both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercion on either, as was in his almighty power to do."—George Washington.

"If we make the most of opportunity, opportunity will make the most of us."

Obituary.

Died at her home in Morley, Mich., Apr. 28, 1908, Sister Mabel Pangburn Buchanan, aged 26 years, 7 months, and 13 days. Sister Buchanan was brought up a Seventh-day Adventist, and early in life gave her heart to the Saviour and ever tried to be a consistent follower of her Saviour. We laid her away to rest a little while till He who is our Life shall come to wake his sleeping children. She leaves a husband, two children, father and mother, one brother, and a large circle of relatives and friends, who deeply feel their loss. They mourn, but not without hope. Comforting words were spoken from 1 Cor. 15:57.

L. A. KELLOGG.

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be: but put foundations under them."

News and Notes.

Clifford Russell was in Mendon Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder A. G. Haughey went to Cedar Lake last Friday.

Elder E. F. Collier has accepted a call to locate in Chicago.

Elder J. W. Hofstra was in Muskegon for a few days last week.

The Misses Edith and Edna Wilbur visited in Perrinton last week.

The Year Book for 1908 is highly educational to anyone who will study it. Have you one?

Mrs. Cleora Green has rented a flat in Grand Rapids and will move there this week.

As soon as Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," he was given something to do.

Brother Roy Wilson and wife of Bauer have moved to Otsego. He will drive one of the teams on the school farm this summer.

Dr. L. J. Otis spent a few days at Cedar Lake recently and gave a stereopticon lecture while there.

The world is dependent on Seventh-day Adventists for pure literature which is not found in the world.

Any who have not obtained Special Testimonies B 6, B 7, B 8, B 9 can still procure them at this office for five cents each.

Miss Laura Catharine Campbell is the new assistant to the president of the Iowa Conference. She arrived April 25.

The first printing was done on the Bible by the Waldenses. The printing press is the greatest invention to increase knowledge.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Robert Putney formerly of Charlotte, Mich., will confer a favor by sending his address to this office.

Some of our workers are forgetting to send in a report for the HERALD. We don't need to tell you who they are. Watch the paper.

H. C. Pitton was called to Sullivan Friday, May 8, to conduct a funeral in a Baptist family. A large company of people attended the funeral.

Levant Clark, of Hesperia, sent in a good order for "Heralds of the Morning" last week. He expects to make his delivery in time to attend the institute at Cedar Lake.

There is still time to write to Senators Burrows and Smith asking them to use their influence against the passing of the latest Johnston District Sunday bill. Do it to-day.

We are headquarters for Bibles of all kinds. We carry a good line of the Oxford Bibles and a few of the Holman Bibles. Write us about anything you want. We can save you money.

"Education is to know for the sake of living, not to live for the sake of knowing."

Those of our teachers whose pupils have been piecing a quilt for the new colored school in the South may bring it with them to the Summer School, and shipment will be made from there.

Rice Hoffmaster and wife have returned from California where they spent the winter. The U. S. fleet was at San Francisco when they came through. It was an impressive sight and one not soon to be forgotten.

The orders are coming in for the Naval number of the SIGNS and the Temperance number of the WATCHMAN. If you have not sent for yours, you should do so at once. Use them while they are new and fresh.

Karl Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robinson, of Grand Rapids, has returned home, having received his discharge from the navy. He left the fleet at San Francisco, and is very glad that he does not have to go back.

The old team from Cedar Lake Academy will be used on the school farm in Otsego this summer. Martin Halverson drove through last week, making the trip in a little less than three days. He will return by way of Grand Haven.

Brother G. H. Clark, state agent of the Chesapeake Conference writes very encouragingly of the work in his field. The remarkable success of some there has inspired others to give up secular business to engage in the Lord's vineyard.

A canvasser writes, "My courage is good and I intend to put in forty hours a week hereafter. Thursday I walked four and one-half miles out into the country before I began, then put in eight hours, so I surely can do it when I get an early start."

The graduating class at Cedar Lake Academy this year will be as follows: Oliver Denslow, Jennie Nelson, Nellie Nelson, Florence Crouch, Martin Halverson, Beulah McRae, Myrla Bellows, Anna Kemstra, Ada Frase and Belle Olmstead.

In one of our conference papers I read, "Tuesday, April 21, was field day for our institute. The sales for about four hours work totaled \$170.00."

Moral: Be sure to have at least one field day in connection with your institute.

We have procured a few of the colored Missionary Maps of the World, such as is used by Elders I. H. Evans, A. G. Daniells, G. A. Irwin, and others. By special arrangement we can sell them while they last for \$3.50 each, postage extra. They are just the thing for use in the Young People's Meetings.

Souvenir post cards have come to be a fad and collections are to be found in almost every household. Taking advantage of existing conditions, the bureau in Washington are issuing a series of ten cards on religious liberty subjects. Each card contains a cartoon illustrating some principle, accompanied by a statement or quotation from history. Full announcement will be made later.

The workers in the school on the island of Singapore are very much in need of an organ. There is an opportunity of obtaining a good one at a reasonable figure but they still lack a little of the purchase price. Those who feel it a privilege to assist in the work that Elder and Mrs. Gates are doing in this distant field can forward their donation to this office, specifying the fund for which it is intended, and we will see that it reaches its destination.