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Lake Union Conference Notes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

According to the vote previously mentioned, the study of "Organization" was conducted by Elder Daniells at 9 a. m.

We will read other scriptures. Eph. 1:22, 23. This carries the idea of unity, oneness. The church is likened to the human body. Can you imagine an arm here, and a leg there, and various parts of the body scattered about, with no connection between? Then if each separate church is complete in itself, they must all have prophets, teachers, evangelists, etc., in order to fulfill the Scriptures. Eph. 4:3-8, 11-16. What do we call the body? Is it not organization? It is the most wonderful piece of organization we can conceive of. It is God's masterpiece and is taken to illustrate the Church. It is only when every part performs its work in harmony with the other parts that there is growth.

Before we had any organization at all each one stood as supreme in himself. 1 Cor. 12. Read especially verses 27-31. The little finger must be joined to be a part of the body, so a person must be a part of the church to obtain that life and benefit in all its fullness.

The fifteenth chapter of Acts and the first of the sixteenth chapter teaches that there is a higher body than the individual church. I am sorry we will not have time to study that this morning.

At the session which began at 10:15, the discussion of the resolutions was resumed.

Election of officers was called for and motion made to adopt. Official roster has been published, so it will not be repeated here.

Afternoon session at 2:30 was a continuation of the discussion on resolutions. The report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor was also adopted as already published.

At 7:30 p. m. the sermon was by Elder Daniells. Text, John 20:21, 22. The great secret of the life of Christ on earth is revealed in these words. We should receive the Holy Ghost because of the reason why we are sent.

We will take the work of Christ in the world. Let us see what He did in the world and learn from that what we can do and how we can do it. John 7:46. Speech is a very essential part of one's ministry. Everything must be dealt with by words. Luke 4:22. Matt. 7:28, 29. The scribes were simply mechanical, but Christ spoke with authority, and with burning power. Matt. 9:8; 13:54-56.

Where did He get all this power?

John 5:30. While He could do nothing of himself yet He spoke those gracious words of power that led the multitude to enquire where they were from. They show the utter helplessness of the human being. Words are nothing unless they are freighted with divine power. The man who knows that he can do nothing will so crave the power of God that he will be filled. We are all sent; are we faithful? We cannot serve ourselves and God too.

John 8:28; 14:10; 16:7,8; 5:36. There is something for every Christian, something for every minister. John 3:34. It is by the operation of the Spirit that man does the works of God, Luke 4:18, 21, 22. The Spirit of the Lord qualifies for service. Acts 10:38; Luke 24:48, 49; Acts 1:4,5,8. We have to bear this message to the ends of the earth. We need the Spirit of God to go with us. Shall we not seek Him for the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

(To be continued.)

In a Union Conference paper we read: "I notice in April those who canvassed less than 50 hours worked three hours for each order. Those who worked from 50 to 100 hours took an order every two hours, while those who worked over 100 hours, took an order for each one and one-half hours. Curious, isn't it? but facts are stubborn things."

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

"No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him. There is always work, and tools to work withal for those who will."

From the Field.

Upon leaving the good council meeting at Grand Rapids, I spent the next Sabbath at Edmore where we had an interesting meeting by taking a view of the world from a missionary standpoint. The following week I spent a few days in Grand Rapids in company with Elder J. M. Wilbur looking after some matters in connection with conference business, returning to Cedar Lake for Sabbath, May 16, where by previous appointment I had arranged to meet Elder A. G. Haughey. Sabbath morning Elder Haughey gave a stirring discourse setting forth the terrible results of sin and the wonderful gift of eternal life through Christ. In the afternoon we went to beautiful Rock Lake, where I baptised five willing young people into the faith. Surely it was a precious season. I am glad to see the good results from our schools. One of the students was not a Sabbath-keeper when coming to the school last fall. We know that the Lord's blessing rests upon our schools. I am of good courage.

W. R. MATTHEWS.

Cedar Lake Academy.

The closing exercises of Cedar Lake Academy were held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and 27.

The exercises, as a whole, were very pleasing, and reflect great credit upon both students and faculty.

On Tuesday evening a large and appreciative audience assembled in the chapel, and listened to the rendering of a diversified and very interesting program by the junior class numbering 18, in which each member participated.

Wednesday afternoon, the children of the primary department, grades 1 to 6 inclusive, under the direction of their teacher, Miss VoWyla Aiken, gave a series of recitations, dialogues, songs, and drills in a manner showing careful training. At the close, each pupil

received a souvenir from their teacher.

The commencement exercises occupied the evening of the 27th. The Academy chapel was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate those in attendance.

The graduates, ten in number, with the faculty, composed of Prof. W. C. Mathewson, Fred Green, Edith Shepard, and Mrs. Dora Straight, were seated upon the platform.

The essays and addresses showed the result of careful preparation, and constantly held before the minds of the auditors the best incentives and the highest ideals.

The following is the program as rendered:

Music, "Great is the Lord".... Double Quartet
 Invocation..... Elder W. R. Matthews
 Essay, Motto, "Try, Trust, Triumph"
 Anna Kemstra
 Piano Duet .. Mrs. Straight, Belle Olmstead
 Address, "Enlightening the World"
 Oliver Denslow
 Music, "The Wayside Cross".... Male Quartet
 Essay, Life of William Miller..... Ada Frase
 Essay, What Is Once Begun Must Always be
 Done..... Jennie Nelson
 Music, "Nearer My Home"..... Male Quartet
 Recitation, "Behold He Cometh"
 Beulah McRae
 Essay, Practical Missionary Work
 Florence Crouch
 Piano Solo..... Belle Olmstead
 Essay, Our Opportunities..... Myri Bellows
 Music, "Only Two Ways"..... Male Quartet
 Address, Industrial Education,
 Martin Halverson
 Essay, "Kadesh Barnea"..... Nellie Nelson
 Piano Duet..... Mrs. Straight, Belle Olmstead
 Presentation of Diplomas
 Prof. W. C. Mathewson
 Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
 Congregation
 Benediction.

The first mile stone has been reached, but may this only prove an incentive to greater activity and more earnest endeavor in a broader field of usefulness, until the day of final graduation into the University of Heaven.

Those of our conference laborers present were Elder W. R. Matthews, Elder J. M. Wilbur, A. C. Haughey, E. L. Richmond, H. C. Pitton, and the writer. Several of the parents

of the participants were also present.

May God's prospering hand rest upon this school of His planting, and may there be many others of our dear young people who pass from its portals prepared to take the place God has assigned them in the message.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Battle Creek Notes.

Children's day in Battle Creek was a most enjoyable time. The Tabernacle was very beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, as well as cages of singing birds, which added their melody to the other songs of praise. The following is the program:

Silent Prayer
 Opening Song
 Prayer..... B. G. Spencer
 "Just a Sunbeam"..... Church School
 Exercise—Ten Commandments
 Division A
 Song..... Primary Division
 Recitation, The Fire of Coals by the Sea
 Church School
 Song, The Palms..... The Girls
 Song..... Kindergarten
 Twenty minute talk
 Elder A. C. Bourdeau
 Song, Hear the Saviour Calling
 Church School
 Exercise—The Beatitudes.. Division B
 Song..... The Boys
 Closing Chorus
 Benediction..... Elder S. D. Hartwell

In the afternoon, Brother Walter Mead talked to the young people on the mission fields in South Africa. He said, "If we want to find a mission field, we need not hunt for one, South Africa is waiting for someone to come and teach them."

Our Church School is busy these days preparing for the closing exercises, which are to take place June 11, at which time a class of five will graduate.

The funeral of Sister S. H. Lane took place in the Tabernacle Wednesday, May 20, Elder M. B. Miller, assisted by Elder S. D. Hartwell, presiding.

Grand Ledge Church School.

The second term of the Grand Ledge school commenced Jan. 6, 1908, with an enrollment same as that of the previous term, nine, but before the close our number had increased to fourteen.

The interest never diminished as the end drew near, but rather grew. Their desire was to come near the pattern their Maker set before them, and to do such efficient work that they might be promoted to the higher grade the next term. After looking over their papers, I found that the wish of all who had attended the entire year had been gratified.

One notable particular concerning this school is that the public recognized it in ways which both pupils and teacher appreciated—i. e., by visiting it and thus encouraging the pupils to do more efficient work.

Scarcely a parent was exempt in trying to work on the plan instituted by God to make any work a success—the co-operative plan.

A quilt was finished by the school which will be sent to the school at Nashville, conducted by Professors Staines and Brallier.

The work done by our "Sunshine Missionary Band," that holds its meetings every Friday afternoon was an incentive for the children to continue this work next term. Over two hundred and fifty papers were mailed within the last three months to various addresses. Missionary letters often accompanied these.

Besides sending away our papers, literature was sold by the school in the city of Grand Ledge. Of the WATCHMAN, twenty-five copies were sold; of SIGNS OF THE TIMES, thirty copies; of LIBERTY, twenty-three, and one hundred tracts on Sunday legislation were given away.

The program regarding memory work was as follows: Monday morning, current topics were discussed; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the pupils repeated

verses they had learned from Psalms 34 until the whole chapter was learned.

As the basis of our work this year we chose James 1:5-7. With this as the fundamental principle, or foundation of our work, we could truly claim victory as ours.

The last six weeks of our school was well occupied in drilling and practicing for the closing exercises, and studying so as to pass their final examinations satisfactorily.

The exercises were held the evening of May 14, and although the day had been rainy, a goodly number were present, and listened attentively to the program.

At the close of the prepared program the School Board spoke of their appreciation of the work accomplished this school year. The song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was then sung

and we were dismissed by Brother Simeon Smith.

After a moment's rest we were called to order again by one of the School Board who announced that our exercises had only begun. In a few seconds, much to the surprise of the teacher, ice cream and cake were brought forth from their place of concealment. As customary this part of the program also was engaged in with interest after which a duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Fishell, and the teacher was presented with a beautiful fountain pen.

Many pleasant memories of this year will remain with both pupils and teacher.

"I am thinking to-day of that beautiful land,
I shall reach when the sun goeth down,
When by wonderful grace by my Saviour I stand.
Will there be any stars in my crown?"

FLOSSIE M. HALL.

School Report. First Three Months of 1908.

School	Teacher	Enrollment		
		January	February	March
Bangor	Helen Cowles	10	10	15
Battle Creek	Mrs. Flora Williams	45	42	44
" "	May Williams, Asst.			
" "	Mrs. Harriot Hefley	23	23	22
" "	Minnie Hart	20	18	18
" "	Lois Randall	26	25	27
Bauer	Mildred Wilson	11	11	11
Bedford	Katherine Bell	14	16	17
Berrien Springs	Edna Decker	20	19	11
Carlton Center	Ethel Cooper	15	16	12
Cedar Lake	W. C. Mathewson	59	56	45
" "	Fred Green			
" "	Edith Shepard			
" "	VoWyla Aiken	25	23	23
Charlotte	Augusta Blosser	20	19	19
Covert	Mrs. Julia Countryman	11	11	11
Denver Center	Grace Davis	13	13	10
Glénwood	Claude Countryman	7	7	2
Grand Ledge	Flossie Hall	9	9	14
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	15	16	14
Lake Odessa	Edna Cooper	4	4	4
Mich. Home	Jennie Judson	3	3	3
Monterey	Nellie Smith	16	17	18
Otsego	Edna Ayars	13	13	12
Paw Paw	Anna Garton	9	9	12
Portland	Mina Hastings	8	8	8
Wright	Lucile Gregg	8	8	8

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Burlington and Union City.

These two churches held a union meeting at Burlington Sabbath, May 23, 43 being present. The Sabbath School met in the morning, and after lunch, re-convened at 1 p. m. The preaching service was followed by a social service. The Lord manifested His presence to a marked degree, and there were but few present who did not confess their shortcomings and renew their covenant relations with God. Many wept. At the close of the meeting two souls were converted amid tears and much joy. Later in the day, at the sundown service, a young man gave his heart to God, and a mother's prayers were answered. The result of this meeting as far as known will be the addition to the Burlington church of two by letter, two by profession of faith, and three by baptism. Two of the latter are father and son. The father was a Methodist, and accepted the Sabbath in Battle Creek, but had not been baptised or joined the church. This means three husbands, three wives and one son. The Union City brethren and sisters returned home rejoicing. The Lord used Sister Green in sowing much of this seed, but He gave the increase. Let us give Him the glory. If nearby churches would unite in holding union meetings, say once a month, we feel sure that they would be more than repaid for the effort. Try it.

JOHN E. HANSON.

Obituary.

WELLS.—Died in Bloomington, Ill., April 24, 1908, Mrs. Susan Edson Wells, at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 14 days.

Sister Wells was the daughter of the late Brother and Sister Hiram Edson, of New York, so well known to the pioneers of this cause.

In 1856 Miss Edson was married to Chester R. Wells, and resided for some time at Grand Ledge, where she embraced the present truth, later uniting with the church in Battle Creek, transferring her

membership about one year ago to the church at Bloomington.

The husband and two sons remain. Funeral at Battle Creek, April 26, conducted by the writer.

S. D. HARTWELL.

News and Notes.

Camp-meeting, August 13-23.

S. S. Gray is spending a few days with friends at Eaton Rapids.

Miss Edith Shepard is in Otsego to spend the summer with her parents.

Myron Butterfield has been holding meetings in Mesick and is now nicely located in Traverse City.

Elder P. G. Stanley is now located in Kalamazoo. His address is 829 Clarence street.

The Sabbath School Quarterly is ready for mailing. Place your order early and not miss the first Sabbath.

Fred Green was here a few days and went to Berrien Springs Monday to attend the closing exercises at the College.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Berrien Springs a few days ago to attend a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee.

The friends in Union City tendered a farewell reception to Mrs. Cleora Green last Thursday evening. She is now located at 136 Adams street, Grand Rapids.

The new calendar for Cedar Lake Academy has been issued. It is filled with information for those who think of attending school next year. Write to Mr. Fred Green, Cedar Lake, Mich., and ask for a copy.

We have heard this week from a neighboring state of a family of

six that is keeping the Sabbath as the result of the faithful labors of one of our canvassers. Another canvasser writes that a mother and her son have accepted the truth just recently.

Brother Walter E. Straw has been selected for Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Miss Myrta Kellogg who was elected to this position at the Conference in Chicago, could not be released from her work at the Mt. Vernon College.

Orders were taken for 80 per cent more books by our loyal canvassers during the month of April, 1908, than for the corresponding month in 1907 in the territory supplied by the Review and Herald Publishing Association in the United States, viz, the Atlantic, Columbia, and Lake Union Conferences.

"Our camp-meetings are arranged and held at great expense. God's ministers who advocate unpopular truth, labor excessively at these large gatherings to bear the message of mercy from a crucified Redeemer to poor fallen sinners. To neglect or treat these messages with indifference, is to slight the mercy of God and his voice of warning and entreaty. Your absence from these meetings has been very detrimental to your spiritual welfare. You have missed the strength that you might have gained there by listening to the preached word of God, and mingling with the believers of truth. Your mind has been lulled into a fatal apathy in regard to the well-being of your soul. You have exalted your secular education above the knowledge to be gained in the school of Christ. Experience in a true religious life is necessary in order to form a character acceptable to God, and to secure the pure virtues that will bear the light of Heaven."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, page 115.