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LAKE UNION CONFERENCE MEETING

THIS meeting was held May 8-17 at Berrien Springs, Michigan. It was a most remarkable meeting. I have never, in all my experience, witnessed greater unity and concerted action. The spirit of disloyalty to our General Conference that was so marked at our meeting two years ago, was entirely eliminated. I will not attempt in this article to give a full report of the meeting,—only a few of the plans and recommendations adopted.

The bookman's convention that preceded the Conference was thought to be a great success, and many plans were formulated whereby this department of the work will be greatly benefitted, by building up and fostering the colporter work. There is no good reason why there should not be ten times as many of our bound books sold during the coming two years, as have been in the past two years. It was plainly shown that

those who have engaged in the sale of our literature have averaged from 25 cents to 50 cents profit for each hour of time actually spent in the work. This is a fair wage, and should encourage others to enter the work. More will be said in the future regarding some of the details of this department of the work.

The great earthquake calamity which recently visited California, and the loss sustained by our people, was considered, and a recommendation was unanimously adopted to render our work on the Pacific Coast financial aid by taking up a collection in all our churches. It was also recommended that we give the Special Earthquake Number of the *Signs of the Times* a wide circulation, endeavoring to reach the million mark, which would not only give to the world a knowledge of what these things mean, but it would be a great financial aid to the Pacific Press Publishing Company at this time.

The young people's work received much attention, and I feel sure that our people are beginning to realize, as never before, the importance and value of enlisting the hearty co-operation of all our young people in this great work of reform committed to us, and that in order to have their labors secured to the cause we must give them from childhood an opportunity for a Christian education.

By invitation of the Lake Union Conference Committee Elder Daniels, President of the General Conference, gave a reply to a recent tract sent out from Battle Creek, written by Eld. A. T. Jones. In another column will be found an account of Elder Daniels' talk, and how it was received by the delegation.

But few changes were made in the officers of the Conference. Thus closed another triumphant meeting, which I am sure will mark a new era in the progress of the Third Angel's Message in the Lake Union Conference.

W. J. STONE.

MEETINGS OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION, HELD AT BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.

SEVERAL meetings of the Indiana Conference Committee and delegation were held during the Lake Union Conference session, at Berrien Springs, and the work for the summer was quite fully considered.

Our brethren will remember that it was unanimously decided at our last Conference, at Connersville, to separate our business and the election of officers from the regular camp-meetings, and that at least two camp-meetings be held this year in Indiana. In view of the fact that our camp-meetings for years have been held within a radius of seventy-five miles of Indianapolis, we thought it would be advisable this year to hold one meeting in the extreme northern part of the state; it was decided to hold two meetings, one at Seymour for southern Indiana, and one at South Bend or Mishawaka, perhaps between these two cities, as they are located only two or three miles apart. Good reasons were given for locating the meetings at these places, which will be given later.

It was also planned to hold five tent meetings, beginning as soon as the tents can be shipped and preparations for these services completed. We hope to put forth at least ten tent efforts this summer, including the efforts that will be made in connection with the camp-meetings. Other meetings will be held in buildings that can be secured.

The places where these tents will be pitched first are Goshen, Albion, Huntingburg, Indianapolis, and Otto, in Clark county. Three of these locations chosen are in counties where there is not a church organization in the county. So, all will see that we are entering virgin soil, and pushing our work into new fields.

Arrangements were made for the companies who will carry forward

the work in these different localities, and I was much pleased to find so much union and harmony in pairing off for the summer's work. All seemed perfectly satisfied. I believe that God will greatly bless our tent efforts this present summer.

It was decided that Sister J. Theresa Thompson and Sister Laura Stone should go to Ft. Wayne and labor to build up the work in that city. We hope soon to send a Bible worker to Peru to remain there for a year or more. Other places were also considered.

Elder Curtis tendered his resignation as a member of the Conference Committee, in view of his absence from the state as Lake Union Conference Educational Secretary, which was accepted, and Elder Rees chosen to fill the vacancy. Other matters may be reported later.

Never was the outlook more encouraging for the speedy triumph of the message everywhere, and the future prospects for Indiana are bright. Let us take courage and work as never before, and God will crown our efforts with success.

W. J. STONE.

HOW TO GET GOOD TEACHERS

AFTER years of careful observation Horace Mann declared that the "school teachers of America were a disgrace to the nation." He was asked for a remedy, and replied, "Make good teachers; train them in normal schools," and immediately started one himself.

There is universal recognition of the need of trained workers in the Sabbath-school. To meet this demand the editors of the *Sabbath-school Worker* have secured a carefully prepared series of "Normal Lessons for Sabbath-school Workers," which furnishes a most excellent outline for the study of right principles and methods in Sabbath-school work. This series will begin in the June number of the *Worker*. All schools that have not yet sent in an order for the journal should do so at once that they may have the benefit of the complete series. Single subscriptions 35 cents. In clubs of two or more to one address 25 cents per year.

"DIFFICULTIES in the church are an evidence of a lack of spiritual vitality."

THE SHAKING TIME IS HERE

God's Blessed Truth Must be Vindicated Above Any Man

It is with great sadness that we as a denomination are compelled in vindication of the truth to renounce the writings and course being pursued by our formerly much-esteemed laborer, Elder A. T. Jones; but the truth of God is to be exalted above any man or set of men, no matter how highly they may have been esteemed in the past, who openly denounce and attack the foundation principles of our faith; and when by false statements they peril the faith and hope of thousands of our brethren and sisters, God's watchmen must no longer hold their peace, but should give the warning in no uncertain sound.

Elder Jones has now written and placed in the hands of thousands of our brethren and sisters throughout the world, four tracts or leaflets, the last of which is the greatest blow that has ever been given by any man to this denomination; and if his statements were true, it would mark the disintegration of this denomination. These leaflets of Elder Jones have not been sent to but few of our ministers anywhere, but to our honest-hearted brethren and sisters, to destroy their faith in the Testimonies and the leaders in the denomination.

I will not attempt to present any of his arguments. Many of you have the leaflets. But I wish to state that our brethren at Washington have fully answered the statements in his leaflets in a pamphlet of 96 pages. In this pamphlet the statements that Elder Jones has made are quoted in full, and then copies of the original letters of Sister White are also given, which show that many of the statements are ungrounded and untrue.

At the Lake Union Conference just held at Berrien Springs Elder Daniells read a large portion of this review in Elder Jones's presence, showing clearly, yet in the tenderest manner, the untruthfulness of his positions. He also appealed to him to know how he could, if he loved the truth and this people, place before our brethren and the world that which is calculated to unsettle the faith of many, and give our enemies

such literature; showing we must now meet this attack and these false statements from now on to the coming of the Lord, the same as we have had to meet the false representations of Elder Canright. Elder Daniells' appeal, it seems to me, would almost have melted a heart of stone, but Elder Jones was unmoved.

These pamphlets replying to Elder Jones's attack upon the Testimonies and General Conference men will be sent at once to all the subscribers of the *Review*, and we ask our church officers or any of our people who know of any brother or sister that does not have access to this pamphlet, to write to our office and the pamphlet will be sent without charge, unless you choose to pay for it. If it a complete refutation to the charges, and while it deals with the matter in a thorough manner, it breathes a Christian spirit throughout.

After the substance of the pamphlet was read to the delegates assembled, the following manifesto was presented by the presidents of the Conferences composing the Lake Union Conference, and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of every person in the room:—

In view of the fact that a leaflet entitled "Some History, Some Experience, and Some Facts," prepared by Elder A. T. Jones of Battle Creek, Mich., is being widely circulated throughout this Union Conference, and is, in our judgment, calculated to do great spiritual harm, we deem it proper to make the following statements of our position:

1. We very deeply regret the unwise course Elder Jones has taken in thus making most serious charges against our General Conference Administration, and in attempting to establish the claim that the instruction professedly given through the Spirit of Prophecy is unreliable.

2. Our own experience with the administration of General Conference affairs leads us to disagree wholly with the charges preferred by Elder Jones. During our entire connection with the message we have not seen manifest the spirit of domination here alleged; but we have always had most friendly co-operation and have experienced the fullest freedom in carrying forward our work.

3. We have the fullest confidence that Elder Jones's conclusion concerning the Testimonies rests upon no sufficient basis, and we wish, while most kindly, yet most earnestly protesting against the charges preferred, to also assure our brethren

ren and sisters in the local churches through the Lake Union Conference, that they need be in no way disturbed or unsettled by the groundless assertions being circulated among them by means of this leaflet.

4. That we take great pleasure in declaring our confidence in the administration of affairs of the General Conference, and to extend to it our most earnest and loyal support in carrying forward and fostering the message in all its phases in the various portions of the wide harvest-field.

5. That we regard Elder Jones's assertions concerning the unreliability of the Testimonies as having no weight when considered in the light of the history of this denomination, and we deem it a privilege to again express our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy manifested in our midst, and renewed confidence in its integrity, and to pledge greater faithfulness in the future to the instruction which comes to us through this instrumentality.

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S. E. WIGHT,
W. D. PARKHURST.

Let our brethren be slow in deciding or forming any opinion in reading Elder Jones's tract; but read the reply and you will see that the whole thing is groundless. May God keep his people in this time of peril, when every soul will be tried and his faith shaken if not grounded in the truth, for the devil will deceive if possible the very elect.

W. J. STONE.

"LIBERTY"

HAVE you subscribed for *Liberty*, our new religious liberty magazine? If you have, and read the first issue, you will no doubt recognize the importance of giving it your hearty support, and doing all you can in extending its circulation. If you have not read a copy of the magazine, write the publishers,—the Review and Herald Publishing Association, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C., for a sample copy; or order 25 or more copies to use in missionary work. The rates are as follows; Annual subscription price, 25 cents; five or more copies per year to *different addresses* one order, 15 cents per

copy; ten or more copies per year to *one address*, one order, 15 cents per copy; 25 or more copies of one issue, one order, to one address, 2½ cents per copy.

OUR REPLY

DURING the last few months a number of leaflets dealing with various questions have been sent from the Battle Creek Sanitarium to many of our people. The last of these is a seventy-six page leaflet entitled, "Some History, Some Experience, and Some Facts." This leaflet has been prepared by Elder A. T. Jones. It consists of three sections. The first contains serious charges preferred against the ministers who labored in Battle Creek during the winter, and also nurses and helpers in the sanitarium who responded to the Testimonies sent out to be read in Battle Creek. The second deals with the General Conference organization. The third deals with the Testimonies.

After examining this last leaflet, the officers of the General Conference felt that it ought to be carefully reviewed. This has been done, and in a few days a ninety-six page pamphlet will be sent to our people replying to many of the statements Elder Jones has made in his last leaflet. The following from the table of contents will give some idea of the questions dealt with in this review: Some Grave Charges Answered; Some History Regarding Our Organization; The Change of Bureaucracy; Should the General Conference have a President? Reorganization; Five Thousand Dollars for Nashville; Location of the General Conference of 1903; Alleged Overdraft of Three Hundred Dollars; "Suppression" of matter for Vol. VII; "I Am not a Prophet;" A Plain Contradiction; Elder Jones's "Retirement."

We have deeply deplored the necessity of making this reply, but the statements and representations made in the leaflet which we have reviewed are of such a character that we feel it duty to place plainly before our people the facts as we know them. In replying to Elder Jones's statements regarding the Testimonies, we have secured the original documents, and have placed these before our people. From this unimpeachable testimony, it is clearly shown that the Testimonies do not contain the inaccuracies and mis-

takes which Elder Jones claims are found in them.

We desire to place a copy of this reply in the hands of all our people. Any who read this notice and do not receive copies soon should send to their tract society office, or to the *Review and Herald*, Washington, D. C., for copies. It is scarcely necessary to state that we regret the necessity of sending out a document of this kind. We do so for the purpose of removing the confusion and perplexity into which many of our people may be thrown by reading the leaflet. Already inquiries are coming from different parts of the field asking what will be done to answer the statements and charges made in it. We ask all to give this pamphlet a careful reading. We believe it will be seen that it is a candid and complete reply to the strongest arguments made in the leaflet sent out from Battle Creek. If there are any who are still troubled after reading this reply, we would be glad to have them correspond with the General Conference officers at Washington, D. C. A. G. DANIELLS.

THE FAYETTE SANITARIUM

KNOWING that some of our brethren are anxious to know whether we are to purchase the new sanitarium site at Connersville, I thought it best to make a few statements in this issue of the REPORTER.

The property was sold last Sabbath at public auction. The man owning the city electric plant purchased the property. We do not know what disposition will be made of it. The man who purchased it told Dr. Worster a few weeks ago that he was thinking of bidding on the property and wished to know if the Fayette Sanitarium would rent it from him if he would buy it. He gave him no special encouragement. We cannot say what will be done, but we wish our people throughout the Conference to understand that we are conducting a sanitarium at Connersville where those who are needing treatments can receive good care at a reasonable price, and we hope that all of our brethren who may need sanitarium treatment will avail themselves of the privilege of our present institution. Many have received treatment here and have been greatly benefitted. Any who wish to secure rates should address Dr. W. W. Worster, Connersville, Indiana. W. J. STONE.

NEWS and NOTES

SISTER McMAHAN will spend more time than heretofore in visiting and laboring in behalf of the young people and the intermediate school.

WE have a nice line of assortments in Oxford Bibles on the way coming from New York. Write to us for a catalogue if you desire a new Bible.

PROF. B. F. MACHLAN has been appointed to take the place formerly occupied by Elder Curtis, as Superintendent of the Educational Work in Indiana.

ELDER YOUNG and Brother Steele will return from the Conference by the way of Wolf Lake to hold a few meetings and baptize several who have been awaiting this for some time.

NEARLY all the workers of the Indiana Conference were in attendance at the Lake Union Conference meeting. We were glad that they could have the privilege of the instruction given at this meeting.

OUR dear Sister Roberts, the wife of Elder F. M. Roberts, was buried Sabbath, May 12. Elder Young conducted the services. We greatly sympathize with Brother Roberts in this bereavement. A full report will be given later of her sickness and death.

WE desire to see every church in the Conference thoroughly organized to push the sale of the Earthquake Number of the *Signs*. A million copies of this issue of the paper should be circulated. Who will help? Let all take hold now and work earnestly to place the truth before the people.

WE are nearing the last of the month, and we wish to remind our isolated brethren and sisters and treasurers of our churches that they should send in their tithe a day or two before the close of the month, in order to have it appear in the report the first of the following month. We hope to see a large tithe for the month of May.

AS this issue of the *REPORTER* contains much important matter, we are sending out sample copies to our different churches and brethren and sisters, and we hope that this will encourage them to subscribe for the paper. We urge once more that our librarians make a special effort to

secure the subscriptions of all who are not subscribers to the paper. Every Seventh-day Adventist in the Conference ought to have the visit of the *REPORTER* every two weeks.

OBITUARY

ROBERTS—Mary E. Roberts was born Dec. 29, 1844; died May 10, 1906, aged 61 years, 4 months, and 13 days. She was married in her early life to R. B. Gordon. He died in 1868. She with her two children struggled on, and Dec. 31, 1871 she was united in marriage with Elder F. M. Roberts. To this union were born two daughters and one son; these are living. Her eldest child deceased seven years ago. Sister Roberts united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at West Liberty Indiana, several years ago, where she has remained a member till this time. She could not be induced to transfer her membership from that place.

She was always at her post when able, and one of the discouraging things of the last two years was that she could not often attend Sabbath-school and church. The last service she attended was by Elder Rees in Marion. She was a dutiful wife, a kind mother, and a good neighbor; always ready to do more than her strength would warrant; quick to see or understand and firm in her conclusion. She leaves a husband, who has done the best he could to make her comfortable and happy for more than thirty-four years. She also leaves four children, one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, and many other relatives, her brethren and sisters in the faith, and a host of the kindest neighbors to mourn her loss; but though heart-broken, they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Funeral discourse from Rev. 14: 13.
W. A. YOUNG.

THE EARTHQUAKE ISSUE OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

MUCH has been said in regard to this special issue of the *Signs of the Times*, and the importance of its circulation. It would hardly seem necessary to say more regarding the importance of our people everywhere taking hold and circulating this paper, and placing it in the hands of the

people throughout the land, that they may learn the meaning of these things. The matter was taken up and discussed at some length at our recent Conference meeting, and it was recommended that an earnest effort be made by all of our people to sell and distribute this paper and reach, if possible, a million circulation of this number.

There are hundreds of our brethren and sisters in Indiana who might sell a large number of these papers and thus do a great amount of good, besides making a profit on the papers sold. Boys, and small children not more than six years old have sold as high as 100 copies or more. The paper has sold very rapidly. Some have gone out in Indianapolis and in a few hours sold 30 to 50 copies.

In one place two small boys went out through the country on their wheels and sold 150 copies. In another place a brother went out and sold 170 copies in one day. In one town a little boy six years old sold 113 copies in the streets on Sunday.

We appeal to the officers of every church in Indiana that have not already done so, to call your church together and organize a systematic work, and endeavor to place hundreds of these papers in the homes of the people. We ought to awake at a time like this, and use the instrumentalities placed in our hands for the spread of the message. Will not God hold us responsible if we neglect this great opportunity to warn the people of the things that are coming upon the earth? And is there not danger of the blood of souls being upon our skirts? We very earnestly urge our people to make the very most of this opportunity.

A union meeting of the three churches of Indianapolis is to be held and plans laid to sell and distribute a large number of this issue of the *Signs* in the homes of the people in Indianapolis, and this same work should be carried on wherever we have organized churches, and our isolated brethren and sisters should also order a supply of this paper, and sell and distribute them among their neighbors and acquaintances.

May the Lord arouse us to a sense of the importance of the time, and may we do our duty in warning the world of the meaning of these things.

W. J. STONE.