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Notes From General Conference.

MONDAY morning, April 8, a good meeting was held by the delegates, at 5:30.

At nine o'clock, W. A. Spicer gave a study on the simplicity of foreign missionary work. He has been working for some time in India. Much good common sense was presented. National barriers are not to be built up. Each one is to be sent of God. None are to go carrying the idea that American ideas are any better than the customs of others. The secret of the *call*, is to see the *need*. Not that some wonderful feeling of enthusiasm, or that because an impulse has overtaken us, we want to go into regions beyond. No, not that. But because we can be *used* to good advantage, and in this *desire* to be *used* of God lies the *call*. The timber needed is seasoned timber. Those who have settled down to good solid work at home. These persons can be used in other countries. One hindrance to the work in distant lands is the position parents and friends take, and let their affections so entwine about their children and friends that those who ought to go, are by all these manifestations restrained and remain at home.

Then another danger lies in the fact that many have become educated to the idea that unless they are working in the *sight* of someone else; are being praised by those about them; that much of their in-

spiration is gone. Every one must learn to work *alone*. Stand alone with God, as "workers together with him." This will take all the desire out of us to work in any branch simply for the purpose of *making* a report. At the same time, we should tell what God hath wrought by us. These were *some* of the many good points presented by Brother Spicer.

In the afternoon, Dr. J. H. Kellogg occupied the time in presenting the work of the Sanitarium for the year. It was shown that the Sanitarium had gained several thousand dollars, while the report showed that much more charity work was done by the institution than at any time in the past, during this time.

Tuesday morning, Sister White spoke over an hour at the early morning meeting. The Tabernacle was filled to its utmost capacity. Many precious thoughts were presented. The spirit of self-sacrifice was held forth as that which all should cultivate. Instead of grasping for good places and other things, we should seek to impart of our means and the light God has given us, instead of withholding these precious heaven-sent gifts. A deep solemnity rested upon the congregation.

On account of the word from the Lord that our work should be reorganized, much has fallen to this Conference to decide. Much praying, earnest study, and careful planning has become necessary. Those who have given the Spirit of Prophecy among us careful study, know that the Lord *does* not always tell *how* things should be done. While certain reforms may be pointed out, the working-out of those plans is left for the human agents to do. Broader plans need to be instituted. Plans of work whereby the responsibility attending its progress may be shared by different organizations scattered throughout the world are to be laid. The field is the *world*. This has grown to be a mighty work. One is impressed more and more with this fact as the different interests of the work, world-wide in their nature, are being considered.

At this time, different Districts are being organized into Union Conferences. These Union Conferences are to have centers of their own, where the educational interests, the publishing interests, health reform interests, etc., shall be carried forward for that part of the world. These Union Conferences will elect their own officers, have a central office where the funds of the District shall be sent, etc. These presidents are to be members of the General Conference Committee, which will likely consist of twenty-five or more men. This is God's plan, and we feel sure all will see in it perfect *organization*, and at the same time a simplicity which at once suggests—"that this is just like our God."

The forming of new constitutions for the separate Union Conferences, which is being done by the representatives themselves from these districts, necessarily consumes time. This accounts for the seeming slowness in the work of the Conference, up to the last of this second week, which may have been noticed by the readers of the *Bulletin*.

It is very evident the Lord is leading his people. This is so plainly evident that it inspires great confidence in the work of God.

Continue to pray, brethren and sisters, for God's hand to be over his work here. The enemy has been defeated so far in his efforts to bring in unrest or division in any way. God is greatly to be praised for his great love and care over his people.

Friday morning, the work of "Object Lessons" was considered. Brother P. T. Magan presented the report of the work accomplished by the brethren and sisters as reported to the Relief Committee. Many thousand dollars have already been raised—something over fifty thousand dollars.

Following this report, Sister White spoke very encouragingly with regard to this work. She expressed gratitude that as much has been accomplished as has already been done. It was more than she dared hope at the start. She related how God presented this plan to her. Letters had come to her from America concerning the debt on our schools while she was yet in Australia. The situation distressed her. She sought the Lord about it. One night the angel of God appeared to her in a dream, saying, "Present this new book 'Object Lessons' to the educational work." The news awoke her, and she was so thankful for the light she arose at midnight and began to write concerning this matter.

As the greatest debt rested upon the Battle Creek College, some suggestions were made concerning this institution. The message came to us that this College should be moved from Battle Creek out into the

country. We hope this shall be done. An experience meeting followed concerning the work of selling "Object Lessons," in which several participated. It was a very interesting and instructive meeting. Some had sold as many as three hundred books, others a less number, but the experience of all was that God richly blessed them in this work.

A vote was called at the close of the meeting by Eld. A. T. Jones, president of the Battle Creek College, to instruct the board to sell the property and move out into the country, to establish it upon the industrial plan. The vote was unanimous to do so.

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Committees.

At the Thursday morning meeting of the General Conference delegates held at 5:30, Eld. J. N. Loughborough was present, and gave us the origin of the appointment of Committees on Nominations, etc., by our people, for the transaction of necessary business. He related how some argued in our early history that one should pop up here, and another there, and nominate a person for some responsibility without any consideration as to whether they were fitted for the responsibility or not. He said that this led to confusion, and the Lord revealed through Sister White that committees should be appointed, but only after careful consideration as to their fitness, and that they should be carefully appointed by some person, or persons, who have given the matter much previous thought as to their fitness. Eld. Loughborough gave us some of his experience, how everywhere he had found persons with an itching to have committees appointed from the floor by those who have given the matter no thought. He related one instance where there were a few who insisted that the committees be nominated from the floor. It being finally decided to do so, these men popped up and made the nominations themselves, one nominated two committees, and the other one. It was all right they thought to have *one man* make the nomination, provided they were the *one*. This is usually the case. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all, and much light came in.

Let none get the idea that organization is being set aside here in this Conference. They are reorganizing on a better and more perfect system than ever before, and revising the General Conference Constitution in harmony with the more perfect system. If ever this denomination needed organization, it is in the last days of our pilgrimage here below, where anarchy and confusion reigns everywhere in the world.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Read This.

A SISTER who lives in the Southern part of the State, writes as follows:—

“Find enclosed Post Office Order for \$13.00, to pay for ten ‘Object Lessons,’ and a copy of ‘Bible Readings.’ . . I never did any canvassing until a short time ago. I went out two afternoons, and took ten orders for ‘Object Lessons,’ and one for ‘Bible Readings.’ I did not know that I could sell any books. I did not have a copy of ‘Object Lessons,’ neither had I read it, but I knew from our periodicals the dear Lord said they must be sold, so I would make an effort to do his bidding. I thank our God that he is willing to use such an unworthy servant to do his glorious work. I hope to do more in this line of work as the season advances.”

Surely the Lord will work for those who will humbly go forth, and co-operate with him in his good work.

SOME people suffer what they are pleased to call persecution, when in reality it is only the fruit of their own misdeeds. Those who really *suffer* persecution for the *truth's* sake, are the last ones to mention it.

Notice!

THE managers of the Star-of-Hope Mission, Buffalo, have decided to furnish accommodations to a limited number of visitors at the Pan-American Exposition. The price for lodging will be 25c and 50c per person, a night; breakfast, 15c. We will also furnish lodging in private families, at the regular rate (\$1.00 per person for lodging, and 25c for breakfast) to those who desire it. Write us as soon as possible, stating about when you expect to come, and accommodation for how many you desire. The Mission is located a short distance from the depots. Address, Star-of-Hope Mission, 67 Washington St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Happiness.

HAPPINESS is a habit. No person is truly happy who works and hoards up money, building for the future only. You must get happiness out of every day. For if you are irritable, restless, nervous, cranky, and impatient, waiting for the time when you will be on Easy street, you are forming habits that will soon be fixed, and when you have affluence, you will find you can't be happy. Here is a rule worth saving: “Unless I get happiness every day

now, I shall never be able to find it on any tomorrow.”

This little preachment is addressed to people who are discontented with their work and their environment. To those who have the “hard luck face,” to those who give up easily. Brace up and cash in happiness now. Don't say, “I have nothing to make me happy;” it is not so. Happiness does not require money. Happiness comes only through making those around you happy, and you can do that by sharing your brother's burden, by cultivating a cheerfulness, even tho it is feigned. Resolve not to get angry. Do not speak a cross word. Do not roast anyone. Do what is right. The world looks and is better if you are kind and sympathetic. Get the happiness habit. It is easy to form, and the editor knows it from experience.

The thought that these lines may build up hope, and cause some brother to get the happiness habit makes us happy. We have tried all kinds of plans, but happiness is the greatest treasure we ever possessed, and we would not trade the happiness we have had, and are having every day for all the money in the world without happiness. Every day is worth a thousand dollars to us from our standpoint.—*Sel.*

Appointments.

BEGINNING Friday night, Apr. 26, there will be a series of meetings held in the church at South Russell, N. Y., conducted by Eld. F. M. Wilcox, and N. Z. Town. The friends from Buck's Bridge, and Pierrepont, and others who can come, are invited to attend.

A GENERAL meeting will be held at Vienna, N. Y., May 15-19. It is hoped that several of the Conference laborers will attend this meeting. The State Agent will be present, and we hope all in this part of the State, who wish instruction in this important branch of the Lord's work, will plan to come. The instruction will continue after the meeting if there are enough to form a class. It might be well to come prepared in part to care for yourself, by bringing bedding, etc.

The Conference Committee have also planned to hold a local camp-meeting in the Northern part of the State, some time in June. The time and place will be determined later. We hope our brethren and sisters in the Northern part of the State will begin now to plan to come. It has been suggested that some point on the Ogdensburg Railroad will be most accessible to all. Instruction in canvassing will also be a prominent feature of this meeting. More particulars will be given later. G. B. THOMPSON.

CANVASSING REPORT

Week Ending, March 29, 1901.

AGENT.	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	H'pls	Del.	Val.
COMING KING.						
Walter A. Erb, Warsaw,	27	16	16 00			
GREAT CONTROVERSY.						
J. Deeley, Binghamton,			27 25	16 00		2 50
DESIRE OF AGES.						
E. A. Bowe, Batavia,		2	9 50	1 50		
Miscellaneous Orders,			17 50			
Totals, (agents, 3)	27	18	\$ 70 25	17 50		2 50

Let the glorious conceptions of God possess your mind. Let your life be knit by hidden links of the life of Jesus. He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness is willing to shine in your heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE righteousness of Christ will not cover one cherished sin. A man may be a law-breaker in heart; yet if he commits no outward act of transgression, he may be regarded by the world as possessing great integrity. But God's Law looks into the secrets of the heart. Every act is judged by the motives that prompt it. Only that which is in accord with the principles of God's Law will stand in the Judgment.

THE professed churches of Christ in this generation are exalted to the highest privileges. The Lord has been revealed to us in ever-increasing light. Our privileges are far greater than were the privileges of God's ancient people. We have not only the great light committed to Israel, but we have the increased evidence of the great salvation brought to us through Christ. That which was type and symbol to the Jews is reality to us.—“Christ's Object Lessons.”

In the midst of the jostling crowds, Jesus never lost his identity. He stood as it were alone with God even there.

Items.

Benj. Green, of Allegany Co., attended the Conference the first two weeks.

Sister White was expected to speak Wednesday afternoon, but was not able to do so.

W. A. Wilcox reached Battle Creek Thursday morning last, to attend the Conference.

We hope all who have any expectation of entering the canvassing work the coming summer, in Central New York at least, will begin now to plan to attend the institute at Vienna. We expect to see a great revival in this branch of the work in New York in the near future.

That the readers of the INDICATOR may be on their guard, we mention that a man by the name of Nelson, who by some unlawful means, seems to have come into possession of the

Review list, is causing some trouble in Battle Creek, by persisting that he has light to present to this people. He endeavored to force himself into the presence of Sister White, claiming he has a message from God for her, as well as our people. He is simply misguided. It is altogether likely he will publish that he is being terribly persecuted by our people, but this is not the case. Fair treatment has been offered him, but he will not be counseled with. Don't be troubled by what he may send you later.

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