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#### Lake Union Conference Proceedings.

The FIRST meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened Tuesday, May 17, at 4:30 p. m. at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs. Eld. Wm. Covert opened the session with prayer.

It was thought the business of the Conference would be hastened by the formation of a large committee of twenty who could name the usual committees and do whatever other business might be committed to it. The following named persons constituted this committee which was chosen from the floor:—

A. T. Jones, Wm. Covert, Will D. Curtiss, J. M. Rees, H. H. Burkholder, S. E. Wight, M. L. Andrea-

son, N. P. Nielson, E. K. Slade, Allen Moon, M. W. Lewis, J. W. Stone, A. G. Haughey, E. I. Beebe, S. P. S. Edwards, J. D. Gowell, Chas. E. Welch, J. B. Blosser, C. J. Herrmann, E. A. Sutherland.

The report of the Treasurer together with the auditors report was given and adopted without discussion by a unanimous vote.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman,  
W. H. EDWARDS, Secretary.

The SECOND meeting of the Biennial session of the Lake Union Conference convened at 10 o'clock a. m. May 18. After prayer and the reading of the minutes of the first meeting, J. B. Blosser, secretary of the large committee, submitted the following report:—

Committee on Nominations,—  
Allen Moon, H. H. Burkholder, J. D. Gowell, A. G. Haughey, C. J. Herrmann.

Committee on Licenses,—  
Wm. Covett, J. M. Rees, W. R. Matthews.

Committee on Plans and Recommendations,—

W. J. Stone, J. G. Lamson, J. B. Blosser, S. P. S. Edwards, W. C. White, Wm. Covert, C. J. Herrmann, E. K. Slade, H. R. Johnson.  
Committee on Distribution of Labor,—

A. G. Daniells, S. E. Wight, J. D. Gowell, H. H. Burkholder, Allen Moon.

Pastoral Committee,—  
G. B. Thompson, S. Mortenson, M. W. Lewis, J. M. Rees.

This report was accepted without discussion.

Reports were then called for by the chairman from presidents of Conferences, and the time given before Sister White was to speak at 11 o'clock admitted of three encouraging reports,—Eld. Wm. Covert speaking for Wisconsin, Eld. Allen Moon for Northern Illinois, and Eld. W. J. Stone for Indiana.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman,  
W. H. EDWARDS, Secretary.

The THIRD meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened at 10:30 a. m., May 19. Elder J. D. Gowell led the Conference in prayer. On suggestion of the chairman, it was voted to leave the afternoon open until 4 o'clock. Eld. Covert was called to the chair and reports from Conferences was continued. H. H. Burkholder reported for Ohio, Eld. Daniells supplementing his remarks by stating the good impressions he received of the school work from his visit to the Mt. Vernon Academy at the time of commencement the previous week. Eld. J. D. Gowell reported for East Michigan, leaving E. K. Slade to report on the Sabbath-school and Church school departments. Eld. A. G. Haughey reported for West Michigan. Dr. P. S. Bourdeau read a report from the American Medical Missionary College, also the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Eld. S. E. Wight reported for the Northern Michigan Conference and Eld. J. M. Rees for Southern Illinois.

Adjournment was then taken to the call of the Chair.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman,  
W. H. EDWARDS, Secretary.

The FOURTH meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened at 11 o'clock, May 20. Eld. Wm. Covert in the chair. S. E. Wight offered prayer. Eld. A. T. Jones then read the following resolutions and moved their adoption, being seconded by S. H. Lane.

RESOLVED, (1) That the earnest sympathy of this Conference be extended to Prof. P. T. Magan in his present deep bereavement, and that our prayers be offered in his behalf that God will prove a comfort and stay in this trying hour.

(2) That our president and secretary be authorized to transmit to Prof. Magan this resolution.

The congregation in full witnessed by a rising vote after which Eld. Jones led the meeting in a prayer of sympathy, after which all

united in singing, "Nearer My God to Thee."

The meeting then resumed work on business of reporting. The Chair called on Eld. E. R. Williams to render a report for the Superior Mission Field. Reports were next called for on the Chicago work, which we have considered a part of our Lake Union Conference interests by rendering financial assistance for the last two years. Dr. Paulson spoke first in his customary forceful manner, briefly mentioning in a general way the avenues the work has been able to enter, and called on E. B. VanDorn to report on the Life Boat Mission work, Sister Fannie Emmel on the work of the Life Boat Rest for women and the Suburban Home for Girls, and Sister I. W. O'Dell on the Hospital work. These reports all showed gratifying results and quite a number of converts to the present truth who have become members of our churches.

The Committee on Plans presented through its Secretary, Prof. J. G. Lamson, the following partial report,—

1. **We Recommend**, That the Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, the President of the Emmanuel Missionary College the principal of the Mt. Vernon Academy, the Conference Superintendents of Education, and the principals of the Intermediate schools in the Lake Union Conference constitute a board to control the examination of teachers; that the Board organize itself, and adopt regulations for the making of question lists for the conduct of all examinations, and for the grading and classifying of teachers.

2. **We Recommend**, to local Conferences, That, whenever practicable, necessary changes in the office of Superintendent of Education be made at, or near, the beginning of the calendar year.

3. **We Recommend** to local Conferences, That, as far as possible they defray the traveling expenses

of church-school teachers to and from such summer schools and institutes as may be chosen by the several conference committees.

4. **We Recommend** to local Conferences, That, commencing about Nov. 1, 1904, a special missionary effort be begun by each of our churches. That this be introduced by simultaneous missionary conventions in all the churches, which shall be followed by a judicious use of our literature, and that our people be encouraged, as far as consistent, to give their best energy to the circulation of both our special and regular literature.

5. **We Recommend** to local Conferences, That, for the purpose of building up the spiritual interests of our canvassers and the training of new ones; canvassers' conventions be held in all our Conferences wherever practicable for at least ten days each year, this is to be followed by practical work by those just beginning, for several weeks at the same place that the convention is held, and that a good Bible teacher be in attendance to conduct the Bible study.

6. **We Recommend**, That, the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee establish headquarters in the vicinity of some large city, near the center of the Lake Union Conference, and that the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and heads of departments, as far as consistent, live at or near the headquarters.

Will D. Curtiss moved the adoption of the report. After being seconded the meeting adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m.

A. G. Daniells, Chairman,  
W. H. Edwards, Secretary.

The FIFTH meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened 3 p. m. May 20. Eld. D. E. Lindsey opened the meeting with prayer.

The meeting opened with the consideration of the partial report of the Committee on Plan pending the noon adjournment, and the items

were read and re-read as the members called for the same. The second resolution was discussed by A. R. Sandborn and J. G. Lamson. Motion to refer No. 3 back to the Committee was lost. An amendment was voted to the 5th resolution on motion of D. E. Lindsey to insert the words "wherever practicable" at the end of the 3rd line, after which it was discussed by R. M. Crowther and J. B. Blosser. The 6th was discussed by H. W. Reed, W. J. Stone and N. S. Miller. The last named expressing the wish that a general book depository might be established in connection with the new location.

Elder Daniells called Eld. Covert to the chair and made some remarks on the sixth resolution, stating that while it might be premature to suggest the neighborhood of Indianapolis for the headquarters of the Lake Union Conference, he felt that it was the most favorable, and that it would be wiser to settle in a place like that than in a little burg or cross-road a hundred miles from a large center. He mentioned the favorable situation at Washington, which is practically in the country and yet within forty-five minutes drive of the White House. It was mentioned also that in the Australasian field our offices have from the first been located in the capitol city.

On the motion of Elder A. G. Haughey the third resolution was amended to read "We recommend to local Conferences, That as far as possible they defray the travelling expenses of church school teachers to and from such summer schools and institutes as may be chosen by the several Conference Committees."

The report as a whole was then adopted. Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair on the motion of D. E. Lindsey.

A. G. Daniells, Chairman,  
W. H. Edwards, Secretary.

The SIXTH meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union

Conference convened at 9:30 a. m. May 22nd. Elder Covert was called to the chair. Elder S. H. Lane opened the meeting with prayer.

This meeting being devoted to the educational work, most interesting and instructive reports were given by the leading educators in the Lake Union Conference, beginning with Miss M. Bessie DeGraw, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, followed by Prof. C. E. Welch, Educational Secretary of Ohio; W. D. Curtiss, Educational Secretary of Indiana; E. K. Slade of East Michigan; J. J. Irwin of North Michigan; Lottie E. Ferrell of Wisconsin; Dr. L. A. Reed of Southern Illinois; Prof. E. A. Sutherland, Principal of Emmanuel Missionary College; A. T. Jones for the American Medical Missionary College and the Preparatory school at Battle Creek; J. W. Loughhead, Principal of Mt. Vernon Academy; S. M. Butler, Principal of the Cedar Lake Academy and H. A. Washburn, Principal of the Bethel, Wisconsin Industrial Academy.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

The SEVENTH meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened May 22 at 5:15 p. m.

Elder Covert occupied the chair. Elder Allen Moon led the Conference in prayer after which reports from the educational work were received. Elder Allen Moon reported for the Sheridan, Ills. school in the absence of N. W. Kauble, who could not be present at the meeting. Prof. J. M. Burdick reported for the spiritual features of the school. W. D. Curtiss reported for the Boggstown Industrial Academy, G. C. Taggart for the DuQuoin School of the Southern Illinois Conference, and C. P. Farnsworth for the Nurses' Training Class of the Wisconsin Sanitarium.

Meeting adjourned on the motion of H. W. Reed.

A. G. Daniells, President,  
W. H. Edwards, Secretary.

**Report of the S. E. Wight, President of the North Michigan Conference to the Lake Union Conference, May 19, 1904.**

The North Michigan Conference comprises the 27 north counties of the lower peninsula of Michigan, and the islands near the shore are connected with the counties in this district. There are no cities in this territory that are large. The population of the whole conference is nearly 300,000.

When this conference was organized there was an enrollment of 650 members. The "Christ's Object Lessons" and our portion of the G. C. A. debt, have led the elders of the churches to drop from their record many names, but our membership remains about the same, as between 75 and 100 people have accepted the truth within the last eighteen months.

It is interesting to note that our tithe has been gradually increasing. After the first nine months of our existence as a conference the books were audited, and the tithe receipts were found to be \$4,235.91 or \$470.66 per month. The tithe for the last nine months is \$4,700.32 or \$522.25 per month, making an increase of \$51.60 per month.

One problem with which we have wrestled for some time is as to how we can reach the multitude of people who come to our doors every summer. Something should be done to arrest their attention. Some think it is almost impossible to present the truth to the people at a resort, but we are persuaded that it can be done. When the people are at their homes and busily engaged with the cares of life they rarely stop to talk with anyone regarding their soul's salvation, but when they are leisurely living in their small summer homes you can go to them and talk. The majority of people who come to Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, and other resorts in that vicinity are those of mature minds. Most of these have a literary education that makes them easy of access. Last summer we conducted a Hygienic

Dining hall in Petoskey. There was a Bible worker giving her entire time to the Bible work, and Sister M. C. Kenyon, a worker whose reputation as a leader and worker is well known, managed the Cafe and was always on hand at meal time to put in a word which would lead people to Christ. The influence of this has been widely felt, and we are much encouraged by the reports that we get from all sides. In Petoskey, nine have accepted the truth, and the interest is increasing. The husband of one sister who is a railroad conductor, buys tracts and scatters them among his associates along his run. We look for a great work to be done in Petoskey.

Statistics show that our book sales in this conference have been a little over \$3,200 for 1903. Besides this we have done some commercial work. We have not entered into business that would take time, but there are some things which the people need that they cannot get in their own town, and in answering this call we have been able to make some money for the tract society. The society began in 1902 with a stock worth about \$300. We had no safe; nothing but a desk that fell to us from the old tract society. We did not at first furnish our office with any extras, but we have kept steadily going, until at the present time we have a safe in which to keep our books, some few articles of furniture, an oscillating mimeograph used to print our paper and a stock of books worth about \$1,000. The present worth of the society is in the neighborhood of \$1,300.

There are ten church schools, with an enrollment of 147 pupils. Eight canvassers are now at work in the field. These departments, like the others, have prospered as we have each tried to help the other. We have 21 church organizations, 11 dedicated church buildings, and eight new buildings will soon be prepared for dedication. Four churches have been organized,

and two others are waiting for organization. We have laid our plans to enter new fields where the country is just being settled. It is much easier to reach the people if we are the first in the vicinity.

Our portion of the G. C. A Fund apportioned to the Lake Union was a little over \$1,400. It was voted at our conference at Mancelona last fall, that this money should be divided into four parts and to be paid semi-annually, each part to be divided per capita among the churches. We have now on hand this money, about \$300, and June 1st, \$200 more will be paid, which will make in all \$500. We have previously reduced this to \$1,336, so that July 1st we expect that there will only be about \$850 of this debt remaining.

There have been times when we have knelt before an empty treasury and asked the Lord to send means to carry on His work, and our prayers have been answered every time. We have seen the Lord's providence in many things, and not a worker can say that it has been anything more than the guiding hand of the Lord that has sustained us and prospered the work.

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### News and Notes.

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Mrs. E. G. White left the conference at Berrien Springs, Wednesday morning, May 25, for Nashville, Tenn.

Eld. E. W. Farnsworth and wife left Berrien Springs, Thursday, May 27, to attend the Camp-meeting at Stillwater, Minn.

W. H. Heckman and wife spent a few days in Battle Creek last week enroute from the Conference at Berrien Springs to Grand Rapids.

The Lake Union Conference executive committee held a short session at Berrien Springs immediately after the close of the Lake Union Conference.

The West Michigan Conference

Committee will meet in Battle Creek Friday, June 3, to consider several important matters relative to the summer's work.

After some consideration it has been deemed advisable to hold the Teacher's Institute just before the opening of the fall term of school rather than June 7 as previously announced. All interested will please take notice of this change.

In response to an earnest request from the elder of the Eaton Rapids church, Elder I. D. VanHorn will meet with that church the first Sabbath and Sunday in June. A large attendance is desired. Friends from other churches near by are also invited to be present.

Eld. W. A. Anderson addressed the conference Tuesday evening, May 24, giving an interesting report of the work for which we have so earnestly prayed in central Africa. Although reverses have been met, God has had a special care for the work and workers at Matabelaland, and will keep and save unto the uttermost that which is committed to His fostering care.

After a long serious illness of one year Mrs. P. T. Magan calmly fell asleep in Jesus, Thursday, May 19. The funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon in Memorial Hall at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs. Eld. Wm. Covert gave a short sketch of the life of the deceased after which Elder A. T. Jones spoke a few words of comfort. The hope of the Christian is indeed a comfort and real encouragement when earthly shadows fall.

Monday, May 23rd will be a day long remembered by those in attendance at the Lake Union Conference. The power of the Lord came into the early morning meeting and instead of continuing for an hour, the usual time, it was six hours before it closed. No adjournment was taken for breakfast, and every moment was used by the ministers in heart rendering testimonies and pledges of Christian reconciliation. At times the entire congregation of over three hundred persons were in tears, and none had any question of the presence of the Holy Spirit.