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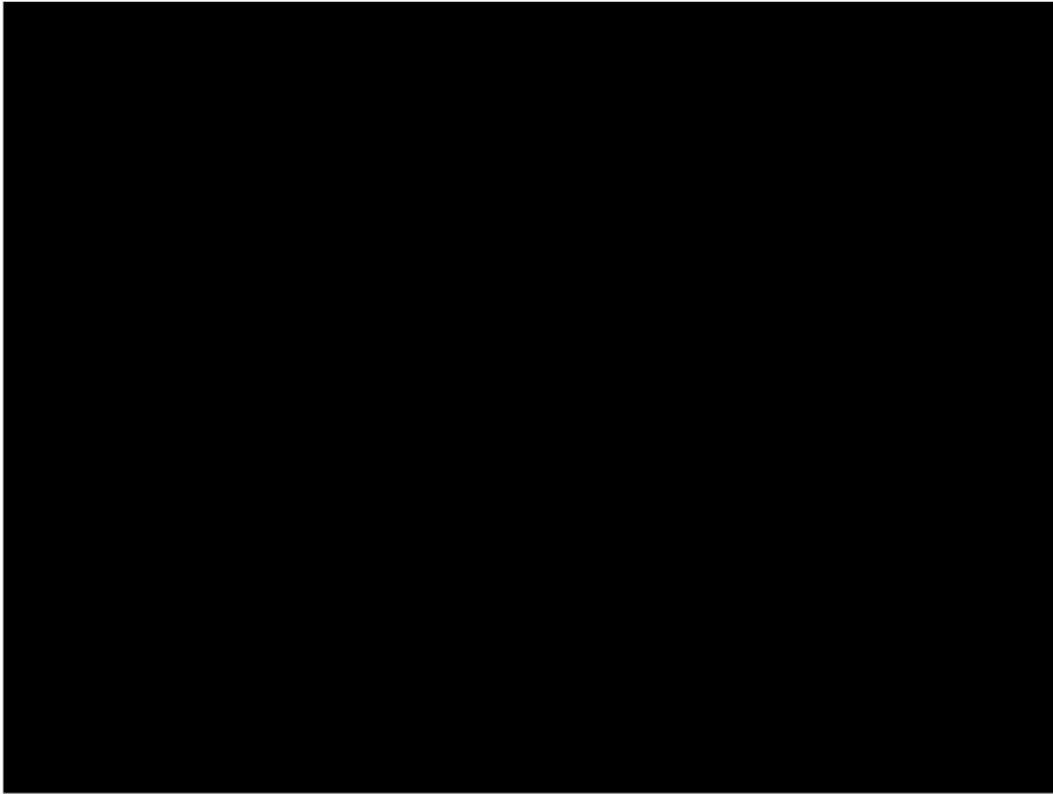




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There are many questions that come out of the 1888 era. Many of these are really interesting in terms of history, and in some cases one might say in terms of sociology. There were a great many interpersonal relationships which were subjected to some serious stress coming out of the whole post-Minneapolis sequence of events. For those of us who enjoy such things, this is interesting stuff!

But perhaps the greatest question of them all is simply, “What happened to the Loud Cry?”

Of course, the first point worth noting is that there was a loud cry at all, for something to happen *to*.

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Just about four years after the Minneapolis conference, readers of the *Review* must have been pulled up short when they ran into this statement:

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To be sure, this wasn't the first or only indication of end time events. There had been agitation over Sunday Laws for some years, and quite a few Adventists had been arrested by the civil authorities over the last few years. No, the nearness of the end of time was not a new thought to God's people

But this was different. This wasn't just another “the world is getting terrible” sort of comment. This one talked about something happening on the side of righteousness, for a change.

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Understandably, that comment from Ellen White stirred up the pure minds of the saints back then, and it still does today.

In its simplest form, the basic question is “What happened to the Loud Cry?” And the basic answers are either “The Loud Cry is continuing today,” or “Something stopped it.”

So which is it?

Well, before we go there, let’s look at someone who was at Minneapolis. Not only that, he was converted there!



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Now this raises an interesting question—How could they see that Dr. Kellogg was converted? It’s not like he had been the town drunk. He had been the respected Medical Director of the Sanitarium for 12 years already. He was a church member in good and regular standing,

So what was so different after Minneapolis that everyone could see that Dr. Kellogg had been converted?

Maybe this thought from Ellen White will help us...

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True conversion, true faith, produces “precious fruit.”

And that’s what people could see in Dr. Kellogg’s life. But Dr. Kellogg wasn’t a “little idea” kind of guy. He always dreamed big, so by the fall of 1890 he was talking to Ellen White about something he felt needed to be done.

Here’s what she said about it:

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For the sake of keeping the story short, let's just say that there weren't a lot of people who were excited about the church's new orphanage project. At least, it's certainly fair to say that the money needed did not come rolling in at an impressive rate.

Despite at least a couple hundred Adventist orphans scattered among the churches, donations barely made a dent in the need. The companion project—a home to care for worthy, but poor and neglected, older church members—got even less.

But then the orphanage got a “shot in the arm”...

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Now, it's interesting to note that neither of the Haskells were Seventh-day Adventists. They were just what you might call "good-hearted Christian people."

Of course, Mr. Haskell had already died, leaving a substantial amount of money for his wife, but she was looking for something to do in his honor, and when she saw the needs of the little orphanage run in connection with the Sanitarium, she felt that it was the sort of thing her husband would have wanted to support. So she donated \$30,000 for the construction of a more suitable orphan home.

And just in case you don't grasp the effect of "inflation," let's see you build one of these for \$30,000!

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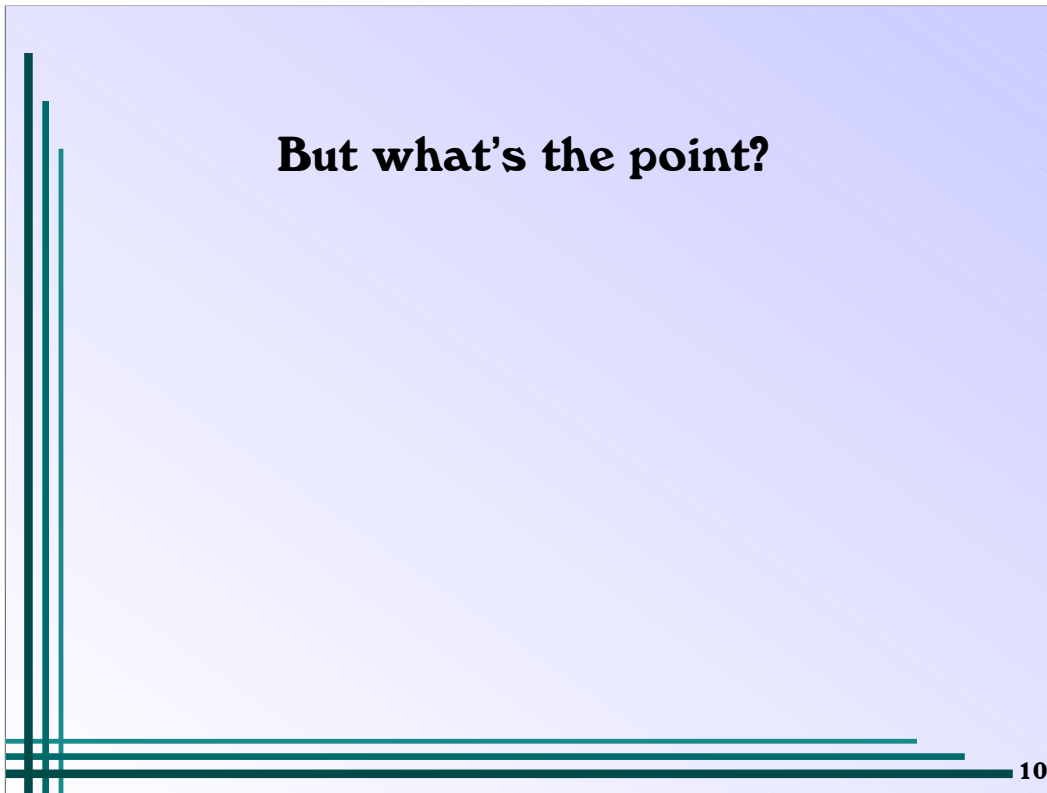
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About now you may be wondering how all this ties in with 1888 and the Loud Cry. Here's the connection:

Without going into all the whys and wherefores, suffice it to say that the 1893 General Conference session has long been considered something of a turning point in the progress of the "1888 message."

You may be familiar with A.T. Jones' "Third Angels' Message" series of studies. These have been reprinted a number of times and they're one of the most complete expositions of thought and doctrine ever given by Elder Jones. That series was given at the 1893 GC session.

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The tone of the General Conference that year was largely set by Ellen White's statement less than three months before that the Loud Cry had already begun.

It's not hard to see how that would create some excitement. But in the middle of all this was one cautionary voice. One speaker who seemed to be walking a different path. I don't think he could be described as doubting the Spirit of Prophecy, but it must have sounded that way to some of the delegates.

It was Dr. Kellogg, and though he certainly came to doubt and oppose Ellen White in later years, in 1893 that was not the case. Here's what he had to say:

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Now bear in mind that my brief summary of Kellogg's message hasn't included the Bible verses and Spirit of Prophecy quotations that he used to make his case.

And there were a lot of them, because both of those sources have a great deal to say about being kind to people, helping them with their practical needs, and caring for them when they are sick or disadvantaged.

His presentation is, at the very least, rather sobering.

But it wasn't in line with everyone else at the Conference, and that fact wasn't lost on the congregation. Twice in one talk the Doctor was challenged from the floor:

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Kellogg’s “other people” is a reference first of all to Mrs. Haskell, and then to the work of other denominations. Kellogg had previously quoted Ellen White making the same point:

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Kellogg's underlying point is pretty simple: If the Lord has asked us to do something, does it make sense to believe that the Great Controversy will be finished without that thing being done?

Does the Lord ask us to do things that are "good," but not "necessary"?

Kellogg said, "no." What do you think?

But, back to the mystery of what happened to the Loud Cry. Several generations of Seventh-day Adventists have sought a theological answer to that question.

But what if the answer is a matter of applied theology?

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What if the answer is simply that we haven't shown the world what God is like because we haven't lived the way Jesus lived?

And just as a final observation, have you ever noticed that Ellen White did *not* say that the Loud Cry had begun in the "proclamation" of the righteousness of Christ?

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