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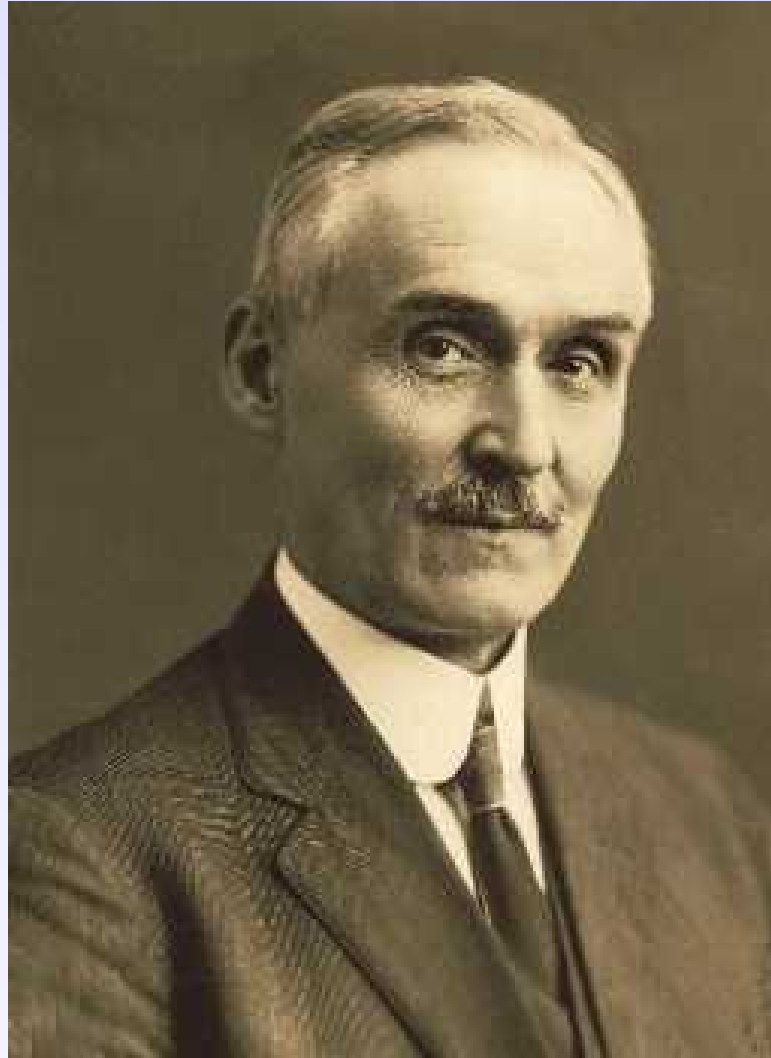
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Bad news about us, but good news about God.

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Faith and courage. This doesn’t come from just the bad news or just the good news. Some people only want to talk about one or the other—not good.

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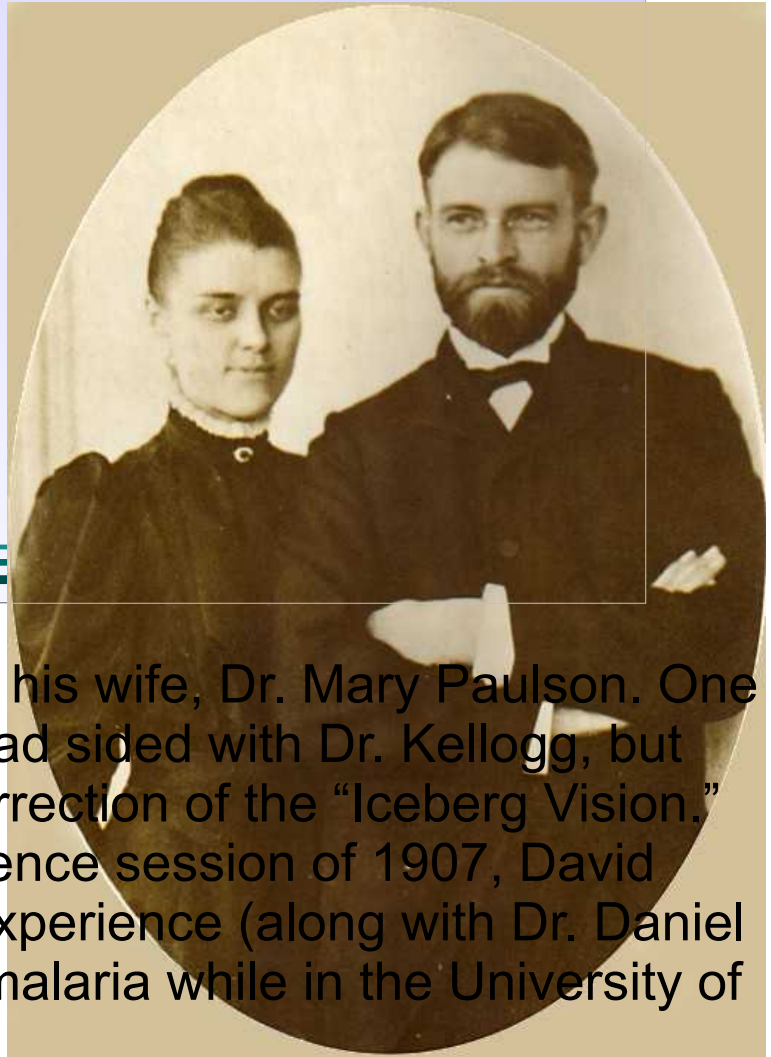
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“Ever repeating”--that’s why there is value in history.

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Dr. David Paulson and his wife, Dr. Mary Paulson. One of the doctors who had sided with Dr. Kellogg, but had accepted the correction of the “Iceberg Vision.” At the General Conference session of 1907, David Paulson told of his experience (along with Dr. Daniel Kress) dealing with malaria while in the University of Michigan.

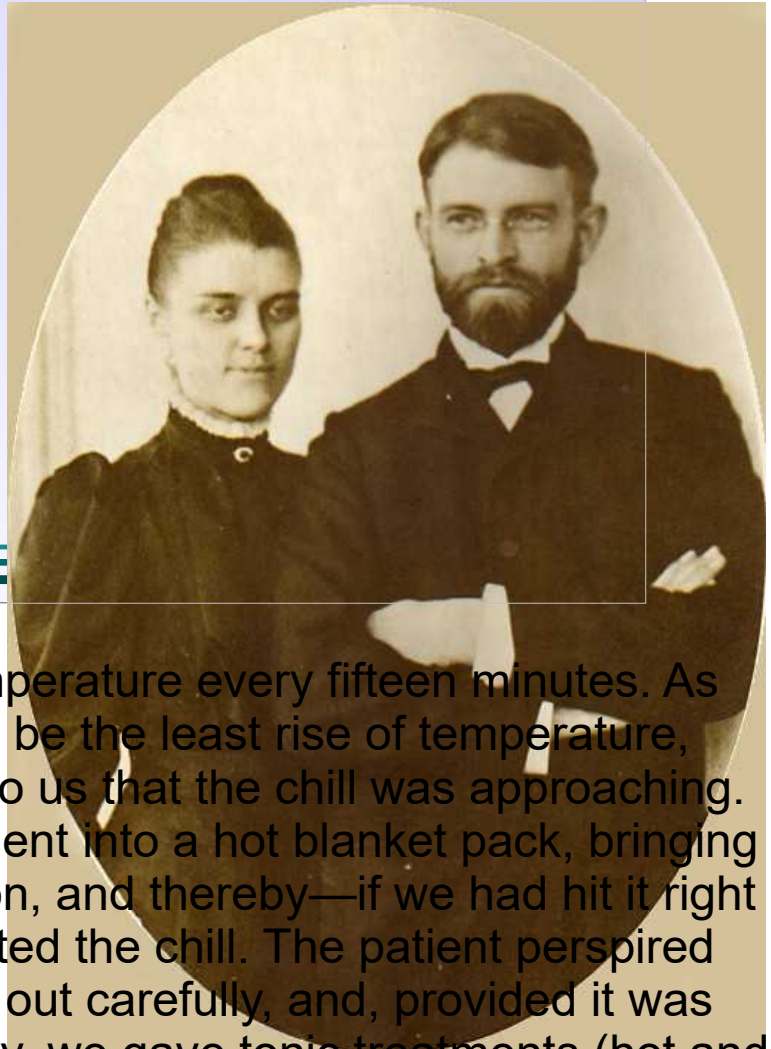
Quinine was the favored treatment of the other class members. Deadly stuff. Try to get just enough to kill the “bugs” without killing the patient.

Paulson and Kress chose to use hydrotherapy.

As a test, it was arranged that half the malaria patients would be treated with quinine and half with hydrotherapy.

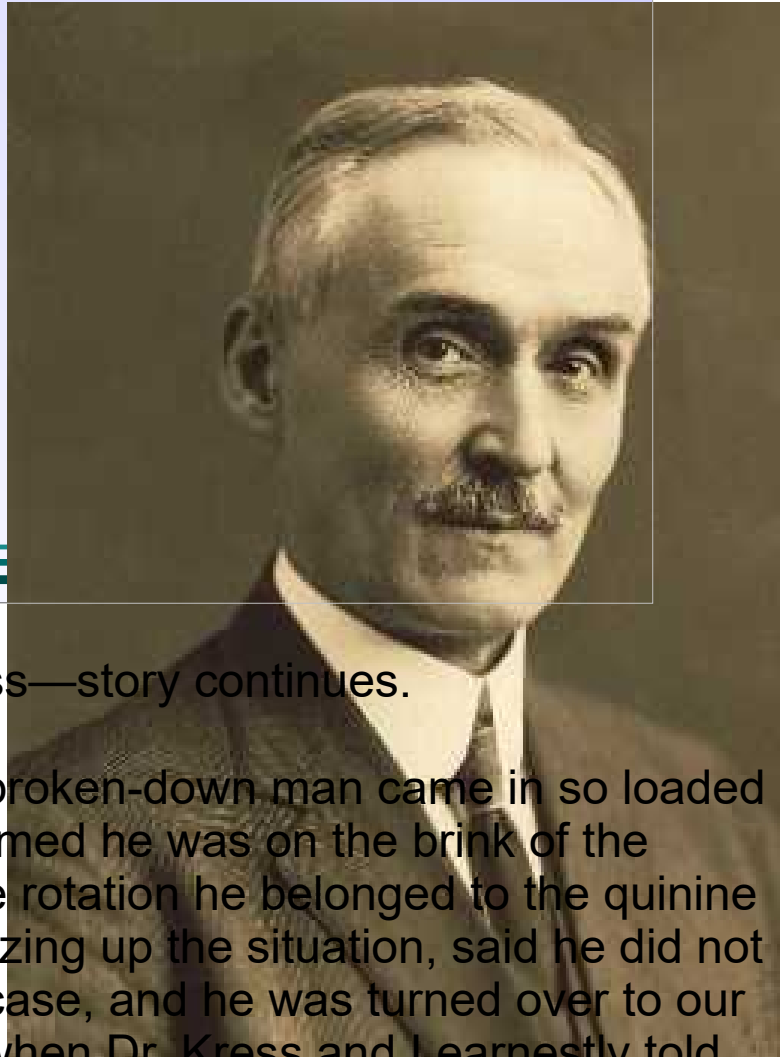
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We carefully took the temperature every fifteen minutes. As soon as there began to be the least rise of temperature, that was a notification to us that the chill was approaching. We at once put the patient into a hot blanket pack, bringing on profound perspiration, and thereby—if we had hit it right—we invariably prevented the chill. The patient perspired for a time; we took him out carefully, and, provided it was the alternate-day variety, we gave tonic treatments (hot and cold). The following day we again instituted the temperature-taking program. We invariably found that the rise of temperature was much delayed, showing that we were gaining the ascendancy. We would then go through the same program. Frequently we did not have to do this the third time; the work had been done, and in a week or ten days the patient was fully restored to health. Sometimes we would miss hitting it just right for several days, so there would be a delay.

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Picture is Dr. Daniel Kress—story continues.

One day an old, feeble, broken-down man came in so loaded with malaria that it seemed he was on the brink of the grave. According to the rotation he belonged to the quinine list. The doctor, after sizing up the situation, said he did not dare to undertake his case, and he was turned over to our list. I will never forget when Dr. Kress and I earnestly told the Lord that His principles were on test, and pleaded with Him to vindicate what He had said. We then took hold of the case. Within a week the man was restored to health. Praise the Lord.

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NOTE ABOUT AFRICA COMES ON CLICK

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Problem hasn't gone away

Most African countries have used chloroquine as their first-line drug since 1970. But resistance is up to 90 percent in some areas.

Sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine is the new option. But pockets of resistance have been found from South Africa to Burundi, sometimes running as high as 60 percent of the cases.

Current best bet is insecticide-treated bed nets.

Wouldn't it be nice to find a treatment for malaria?

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Artemisia annua



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Artemisia annua, also called Sweet Wormwood

Source of artemisinin—the most powerful anti-malarial drug known.

WHO opposes use of the herb. Say they want to avoid developing resistance. But the only place resistance has ever shown up is in the Thai-Cambodian border region, where they have been using straight artemisinin.

Cinchona bark is still effective after hundreds of years even though chloroquine (a derivative) is not.

But what has that got to do with the future of Adventism?

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But let's be honest—we're not all doctors. And this medical missionary work isn't for everyone.

So let's look at the “Who?” of this whole picture.

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Focusing on “Who”—how about the “What”?

CLICK FOR FIRST ENTRY

General disclaimer—Acute care good, lifestyle and chronic conditions... uh, less good.

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“Simple treatments” 41 times

“Simple remedies” 78 times

Perspective here—

“Jesus” 37,308 times

“God” 133,323 times

“Requires work”

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Why this emphasis on “simple treatments”?

My guess—existing medical services will be overwhelmed, and all we will have at our disposal will be the simple treatments... and prayer.

Could that really happen?

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Drug-resistant staph deaths may surpass AIDS toll—
JAMA, 10/16/2007

AD14, 10 fatalities so far, young adults with no other symptoms

CRE--The MCR-1 gene, first described by Chinese investigators in November 2015, disables the last-line antibiotic colistin, an older drug that isn't often used in humans but is commonly used for raising food animals. Nephrotoxicity

Probably others—but I'm not some sort of alarmist

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