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GENERAL ARTICLES

THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS

Have ye looked for sheep in the desert,
For those who have missed their way?
Have ye been in the wild waste places,
Where the lost and wandering stray?
Have ye trodden the lonely highway,
The foul and the darksome street?
It may be ye'd see in the gloaming
The print of my wounded feet.

Have ye stood by the sad and weary,
To smooth the pillow of death?
To comfort the sorrow-stricken,
And strengthen the feeble faith?
And have ye felt, when the glory
Has streamed through the open door
And flitted across the shadows,
That I had been there before?

Have ye wept with the broken-hearted
In their agony of woe?
Ye might hear me whispering beside
you,
"Tis the pathway I often go!"
My brethren, my friends, my disciples,
Can ye dare to follow me?
Then, wherever the Master dwelleth,
There shall the servant be.

—Selected.

SHALL WE TAKE THE CHILDREN TO CAMP-MEETING?

NO DOUBT this is a perplexing question to many of our dear sisters, as the time for this annual gathering draws near.

But we need not wait long for an answer. It is given in Joel 2:1, 15, 16. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: . . . for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet."

From this scripture it is evi-

dent that not only are the parents to assemble, in view of the nearness of the day of God, but also the children; even those in their mothers' arms are to be gathered. The Lord tells us that it is the duty of our people to attend the camp-meeting with their families; that they need the benefit of association with those of the same faith, and the instruction given there by our faithful laborers.

And if *we* need it, why not the children? They have temptations and trials to meet as well as we, and will have to stand the great tests that are so soon to come upon us as a people.

And how are they going to do this unless they are given the training now that will develop a firm Christian character?

Yes, by all means, take the children to camp-meeting. I know it means time and work to get them ready, but if the instruction given by the Lord is heeded, it need not be such a task as it is often made.

Sometimes the parents look forward to camp-meeting as a time when they shall have a rest away from their children. But, dear brethren and sisters, this separation may prove a fatal period in their lives, while the camp-meeting might be the turning point which will turn their feet in the direction of the kingdom, as was the case with the writer.

Following are some quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy on the subject of preparation for the camp-meeting which, if followed, will enable many to attend the camp-meeting, with their children; who may now think it impossible:—

"Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes, as that they appear with clean hands and a pure heart."

"We do not by any means encourage carelessness in dress. Let the attire be appropriate and becoming."

"Furnish them with becoming garments, that they may not be mortified by their appearance, for this is injurious to their self-respect."

"Mothers spend unnecessary labor upon garments with which to beautify the persons of themselves and children. It is our duty to dress ourselves and our children neatly, without useless ornamentation, embroidery, or display."

"Families bind heavy burdens upon themselves by dressing their children in accordance with the fashion. The little ones look very inviting in a dress without ruffle or ornament, but kept sweet and clean. It is such a trifle to wash and iron a dress of this style that the labor is not felt to be a burden."

"Sometimes a deformed character does not disturb the mothers so much as a soiled dress."

With these testimonies before us, let us begin to prepare the children for the camp-meeting. There are yet two weeks in which to do this, and at this season of the year, when the merchants are having their annual clearance sales, it need not be a matter of great expense to supply the children with plenty of comfortable clothing for this ten days' meeting.

For the boys a good supply of neat little waists, not all necessarily light ones, with two or three pairs of trowsers, and something especially for Sabbath, will be sufficient for the time. Last year one of our sisters took her boy to camp-meeting with as pretty little summer

suits as one might wish to see, that cost her thirty-six cents each, made by herself.

The girls can be most daintily and becomingly dressed in any of the pretty little gingham, dimities, lawns, etc., that may be purchased as low as 6½ cents per yard. Plenty of these, made neat and plain, with of course one that is especially suggestive of the Sabbath, will prepare the girls for meeting.

Above all, let the heart preparation be made, that the camp-meeting may not fail of its object, but that all, both parents and children, may be brought nearer to the Lord and to each other.

KATHARINE E. MILLER.

CHURCHES WITHOUT ELDERS

FROM a recent letter from one of our local churches I copy the following:—

"I have been told that at a recent session of the Conference there was something said or done to the effect that churches without an elder were not recognized as such by the Conference. Is this true?"

Believing that an answer to this question would be of interest to others besides the one who asked it, I will take the liberty to answer through the VISITOR.

That something had been said and done at a recent session of the Conference to this effect I doubt not. But that the Conference put itself on record in this way, I have not the slightest recollection.

There can be no question but that a church thoroughly organized and properly equipped with all the necessary officers is better prepared to carry forward the work of God than otherwise. And yet I do not believe that a church once organized and admitted into the Conference, should be set aside and ignored as such by the Conference as soon as a failure to elect an elder occurs.

A body of believers having received conference recognition is entitled to the services of the

traveling, or Conference elders occasionally, when the ordinance of baptism may be administered, the sacrament be celebrated, and other necessary services rendered, in the absence of a local elder. Especially is this so if the church is loyal to the cause, and is faithful in the payment of tithes and offerings.

I also hold that a church with a chosen leader, or with its consent, one appointed by the district superintendent, and the election of clerk and treasurer, has the right to elect delegates to represent them at a session of the State Conference, and that such delegates be accepted and seated by the Conference.

Neither do I see any reasons why such a church should not have the right to accept a member who has been transferred by letter from another church, whose character is above reproach, and who is known to be sound in the faith. If there is any question, action should be deferred until counsel may be had with the district superintendent, or some member of the Conference Committee.

I also believe that a letter of transfer may be granted if the person desiring the letter is in good standing. In either case, however, there should be a unanimous vote of all the members present, and a record of the action be preserved by the church clerk.

The reception of members on profession of faith, or their dismissal for apostasy, should receive the most careful consideration, and I would advise that the counsel and services of some competent minister be secured before such action is taken.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE CAMP-MEETING

THE street car line passes the gate. The interurban service will be hourly from all points between Cincinnati and Toledo; also

east to Springfield, Columbus, Newark, Zanesville, etc. Local service between the grounds and Troy will be five cents each way.

Our usual number of tents will be pitched and floored. Choice tents will be rented at \$3.50 each; good second choice tents at \$3.00 each. Rented lumber will cost 75 cents a hundred. Cut or nailed lumber will be at the market price. Straw will be provided at the usual price, 25 cents a tick.

We have been promised stable room for those who come from a distance with horses.

There will be a dining room and restaurant on the grounds for the accommodation of those who wish prepared meals. There will be a well supplied grocery for all who will need any thing in that line.

It will be the earnest endeavor on the part of the Conference officers to make all as comfortable as possible at as low a rate as is consistent with our purpose to make our camp-meeting self-supporting.

We feel that we shall have your hearty co-operation in our plan to make this camp-meeting a success in strengthening our work in our own churches, and a light to those who are unacquainted with the Third Angel's Message.

R. R. KENNEDY.

LABORERS FROM ABROAD

THE laborers from abroad who are expected to attend our camp-meeting are: Elder I. H. Evans, of Washington, D. C.; Elder R. A. Underwood, of Minneapolis, Minn., President of the Northern Union Conference; Elder Allen Moon, of Indianapolis, Ind., President of the Lake Union Conference; Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference; Professor J. G. Lamson, Religious Liberty Secretary of the Lake Union Conference; Elder J. B. Blosser, Field Secretary of the Lake Union Conference; and Elder E.

K. Slade, President of the East Michigan Conference.

The presence of these brethren will add to the interest of our meeting, and their words of counsel, instruction, and admonition will strengthen the faith, courage and hope of all who are privileged to hear them.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.—II

A SUPERINTENDENT may not be a perfect man in physical appearance or health, in intellectual endowment or culture, in temporal circumstances or prospects, in spiritual attainment or profession, in professional ability or reputation; but he is by no means a dead man, or a drone. If he is not at the top of the ladder, he certainly is not at the bottom.

There may be brighter men than he is, and bolder men, men who dress better and have more money, and have seen more of the world; but a superintendent is a man that no man dare laugh at, or scoff at, or defy. He has good sense and a good heart. He loves his work, and wishes he could perform it better, and would be very willing to resign if he had evidence that it would be better for the school that he should do so.

The superintendent superintends. He superintends to protect. He chiefly protects the teachers and pupils committed by parents and the church to his care. He protects the pupils against careless, irreverent, and superficial teachers, and against wicked fellow-pupils. He protects teachers against interruption during the class hour. It should be the aim of every superintendent to permit nothing to take any time of the recitation. He protects the entire school against weariness and annoyance.

He tries to improve. He subscribes for all the periodicals he can afford to take and study. He studies the lesson helps, and at-

tends conventions. Not only does he attend them, but he holds them in his own school. He thinks that other people may know something that he has not yet learned, and that they may have good plans that he has never adopted, and of which he has never heard. He knows, too, that ideas stir him up and start ideas in himself—ideas of his own which he can work better than any borrowed or second hand ideas. So he puts himself where he may be stirred up by other people's ideas and experiences. He ponders what he hears, and reads. He discusses all new suggestions with his teachers at the weekly teachers' meeting, and draws out teachers whose judgment he values; and while he does not hastily adopt new plans, he does not discard them because they are new or different from those he has tried. When in teachers' meeting he will be ready to ask, "What are some of the defects in the present administration of the school?" He thinks he may get help from those who every Sabbath observe him, and who will be hindered or helped in their work by him.

He is not always turning over "an old leaf," but is ever anxious to turn over "a new one." He does not practice what he teaches, but teaches that which he practices. He truly is an example of what he expects or desires of his school. He teaches punctuality by being punctual. He loves in them good order, self control, reverence, attention, sympathy, patience, studiousness, and enthusiastic love for the school. He therefore *says* little about what he loves, but *shows* his taste, preference, delight, and desire. He truly is a specimen of what he wants others to be. He does not say so, but all know it, and it makes them desire to please him. The plainest proof of a doctrine is the practice of it.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Cleveland.

I WILL send you a report of encouragement concerning the German work in this great city. I will say first of all that I am glad to be here, and believe that the Lord directed in this. We have been told that now is the time our large cities should be worked, and I find the field ripe for the harvest. O, the masses who are as sheep without a shepherd! Many who think they have shepherds are only hindered by them in their progress in the divine life; for they are preaching peace and safety, when there is none, and are feeding upon ashes, in which there is no nourishment. Isa. 44:20.

I was surprised beyond measure when I first came here. The German people treated me the best kind, and the Lord gave me open doors and hearts. I first took Christ's Object Lessons to pave the way. I followed this with the German paper, and then with the German Family Bible Teacher. I left something in nearly every home I visited. I sent for two hundred sets of the Family Bible Teacher and fifty *Hausefreunds* in a club, and a number of tracts. When the International Verlagsgesellschaft of College View, Neb., got an inkling of what I was doing, they sent me one thousand copies of the *Hausefreund*, special number. So you see that this means work.

I long to have some good reliable worker with me. Brother Mähr has done a noble work here with books and papers. But he is going to Michigan to stay at least three months, and I am to be left alone again. He took me to parties he knew were interested, and I appointed a Bible reading in one home.

When I went to hold the first meeting, the neighbors who had promised to come in failed to come, but the boys in the neighborhood gathered and began to

throw stones, which we thought would come through the window, but the Lord kept us from harm.

The wife of the home did not want to come in, and this disheartened the man, and he suggested that we had better hold no meeting on account of the few.

I told him that Jesus spoke to one soul at Jacob's well. He finally gave in. I found that they had an accordion, and as I began to play and sing, a lot of young people gathered in and we soon had twenty present, and had the nicest kind of a time. Several have ordered Bibles of me, and we expect a goodly number at our next meeting.

Pray for the work here. "The prayers of the righteous man availeth much." We have German meetings in the tent every Sunday afternoon, and Sabbath nights with a good interest. I am of good courage in the work here. The English meetings are getting very interesting. A war is waged between right and wrong.

G. P. GAEDE.

F. B. T. TRANSLATION FUND

IN response to the second appeal in the VISITOR for funds to pay for the translation of the Family Bible Teacher into the Italian language, for use in spreading the Third Angel's Message among Italian speaking people, the following sums have been contributed by the following named persons:—

Mrs. Leona Fairchild	- - - \$.25
Mr. and Mrs. E. Mackin	- - - 2.00
Harvey U. Burgett	- - - .50
Nimrod Johnson	- - - 1.00
A. A. Lauder	- - - 1.00
Agnes Ralls	- - - 1.00
Conneaut Church	- - - .50
Mrs. C. V. Hamer	- - - .50
C. E. Weeks	- - - .25
Total	- - - \$7.00

This amount, brethren, is not yet sufficient to meet the call, and it is to be hoped immediate response will be made so that this matter may be closed up at once.

C. V. HAMER,
Treasurer.

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The blue pencil-mark here means that your subscription has expired. Please renew at once.

Camp-meeting August 16 to 26.

THE tents and other camp-meeting necessities are being shipped this week to Troy.

MR. HARRY F. BENSON, of Clyde, O., and Miss Helen N. Boggs, of Pittsburg, Pa., former students of Mt. Vernon Academy, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, July 24, 1906. They will be at home after September 1 at No. 30 Oiwake-Cho-Hongo-Hu, Tokio, Japan, whence they go to assist Prof. F. W. Field in pioneer work for the Japanese. The VISITOR joins their many friends in wishing them success in their united effort in extending the Third Angel's Message in the Orient.

PERSONAL CALL TO OUR LABORERS

IN order to have our camp comfortably arranged by the opening date of our meeting, it will be necessary for our brethren in the Conference employ to be on the grounds ready to assist as early as Wednesday, Aug. 8. Please do not excuse yourself and thus cripple the work and make it harder for those that do come. Let all the trestles be shipped as early as Aug. 6, except those at Cumberland, Ohio.

R. R. KENNEDY.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

WE have read with profound sorrow the telegram announcing the destruction by fire of the Pacific Press Publishing House at Mountain View, California.

The *Signs of the Times*, our pioneer missionary paper, has been published by this company for many years, and has done an untold amount of good by way of placing before the world God's closing Message of truth.

May the lesson designed by this visitation accomplish the purpose for which it was given and the cause, championed by this Institution so long and so well, be hastened toward its final triumph, rather than retarded in its progress.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending July 20, 1906.)

Robert Ashton, Clermont Co.—Desire of Ages: 16 hours; value of orders, \$15.

Raleigh French, Greene Co.—Bible Readings: 32 hours; value of orders, \$15.75; helps, \$13.50; total, \$29.25.

Fred B. Numbers, Clermont Co.—Bible Readings: 34 hours; value of orders, \$26.50; helps, \$2.90; total, \$29.40.

A. T. Halstead, Clermont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$31.25; helps, \$7.25; total, \$38.50.

Miss Augusta Blosser, Cincinnati.—Bible Readings: 28½ hours; value of orders, \$60.75; helps, \$17.25; total, \$78.

Guy Hastings, Mercer Co.—Bible Readings: 19 hours, value of orders, \$18.

Miss Audrey Murphey, Cincinnati.—Heralds of the Morning: 30½ hours; value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$7.50; total, \$27.

Geo. L. Sterling, Delaware Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$15.

Effie Perrine, Belmont Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$15.; helps, \$1.75; total, \$16.75

B. F. Cook, Greene Co.—Coming King: 41 hours; value of orders, \$18.50; helps, \$4.25; total, \$22.75; deliveries, \$5.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$6.