

CAMP-MEETING SPECIAL THE Welcome Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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WHY ATTEND CAMP-MEETING

THE camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation."

IN every city of our world the warning (message) must be proclaimed. All that can be done should be done without delay.

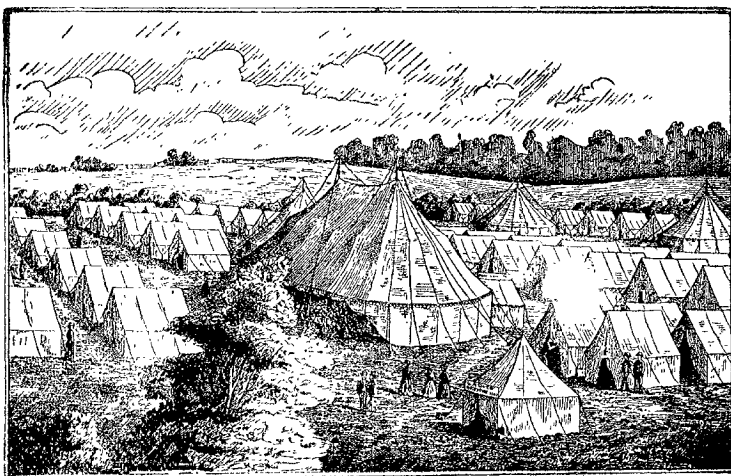
IN our work we have been permitted to know how to break through the barriers of worldliness and prejudice, and bring before the people the precious truth which means so much to them. The Lord has instructed us that the camp-meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of the work. . . .

The people should be warned to make ready for the great day of God which is right upon them. We have no time to lose.

OUR camp-meetings . . . are to promote spiritual life among our own people. . . . God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. . . . We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of their home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world.

WE need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all.

EVERY camp-meeting should be an object lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. We must give careful regard to economy, and must avoid display, but everything connected with the grounds should be neat and tidy. Taste and tact do much to attract. And in all our work we should present



the discipline of organization and order. . . . Let everything connected with the encampment be pure, wholesome, and cleanly.

IT is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

ANCIENTLY the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their

tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to his name.

IF the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!

THIS is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. . . . Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. Go to the camp-meeting even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey his commandments. . . .

God will do great things for his people. He will bless every effort to honor his cause and advance his work.

FROM the beginning to the end, every camp-meeting may be a love feast, because God's presence is with his people.

NONE are to take advantage of the camp-meeting, when the greatest number of people may be reached, in order to introduce special interests or to raise means for the various benevolent objects that are becoming so numerous. The work of God in the ministry of the Word, the promulgation of the truth in the regions beyond . . . are objects that should be presented. . . . MRS. E. G. WHITE.

IN PASSING THROUGH THE WORLD

WHAT are you letting the great world do?
Stifle the conscience God gave to you,
Sully the thoughts that are pure and true,
And blur the beauty your childhood knew?
Stay! what are you letting the great world
do
To that soul of yours as you pass through?

What are you letting the great world do?
Win you away from the good and true,
From the simple faith your childhood knew,
That was the birthright God gave to you?
O see that you let not the great world do
A wrong to your soul as you pass through!
ANNA J. GRANNIS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all members of the Ohio Conference that an important question is to receive consideration at the coming camp-meeting. By way of explanation, I will present the following:—

“At the fortieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference, held at 4:30 P. M., July 14, 1907, in the College Chapel, of Mount Vernon, O., the following preamble and resolution were read and adopted, viz:—

“Whereas, The General Conference Committee, sensing the pressing need of adjustment in the Atlantic Union Conference, which is too large to be properly supervised by one president, so that the southern portion now receives but little attention; and there is more or less conflict in holding the thirteen camp-meetings in order that the president of the Union may attend them all; and—

“Whereas, To better the condition of the said Union as a union, and some of the southern conferences as conferences, in their work, the General Conference Committee in their recent council at Gland, Switzerland, decided to divide the Atlantic Union by making Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania into a union to be called the Columbia Union Conference, and have requested the Lake Union Conference to release the Ohio Conference, to go into the new Union, for mutual benefit, it is believed, as Ohio would give strength to it, and the new relations would benefit Mount Vernon College, therefore—

“Resolved, That for the good of the cause in the projected Union, though with much reluctance and many regrets, from the standpoint of the severing of the pleasant conference relations with Ohio, we acquiesce in the request of the General Conference Committee to release the Ohio Conference from the Lake Union Confer-

ence to enter the Columbia Union Conference, provided it is in harmony with the mind of the Ohio Conference.

“(Signed)
“W. H. EDWARDS, Sec. L. U. C.”

The reader will see that it is now up to the Ohio Conference to say what she thinks about this new arrangement and decide as to whether she will sever her connections with the Lake Union Conference and join the new Union. An opportunity will be afforded all who are in attendance at the camp-meeting to have part in the discussion of this question and the expression of choice. In the meantime, let us seek for wisdom from above that we may not exert a wrong influence, but throw our strength on the right side of this important issue.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE BLESSING OF A CAMP- MEETING

THERE is something for every one to do who understands and believes the Third Angel's Message. Every one who has come under its influence, and felt the converting power of the gospel is led to say, “Here am I; send me.” He knows by the sure word of prophecy that the time is short in which to finish the work, and he who has the true missionary spirit begins to work at home for his kinsfolk and neighbors. Experience teaches him that he needs a more thorough knowledge of the truth. Therefore he desires to compare methods with others who have had a broader experience in the work of saving souls, and he longs to seek the Lord with those of like precious faith for the needed power to proclaim the word in season.

The disciples were to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. In the closing work of the last Message, the Lord has instructed his people to assemble in camp-meetings for this same purpose. Every ardent, faithful servant will embrace this opportunity, if it is possible to do so, even though it may require some sacrifice. He will realize that he is doing missionary work in also influencing others to attend these holy convocations.

“As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” There is a quickening, vivifying influence attendant upon meeting our friends at the camp-meeting.

After the apostle Paul had been shipwrecked and had suffered from the cold and rain, and was cast among the venomous beasts of the land, subjected to the malarious climate of the island of Melita for three months, and

compelled to renew his perilous voyage against perverse winds, the record says that he took courage, when he saw the brethren, and thanked God.

We are on the journey to the heavenly Canaan. We are amid the perils of the last days; likewise when we meet our brethren at the camp-meeting we take courage. We renew our vows together, and press forward to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Do you feel discouraged and downhearted? If so, come to the camp-meeting where those meet who are willing to bear one another's burdens. Remember that Jesus rejoices more over the one sinner that repenteth than over the ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. There is no reason that you should not return home from camp-meeting light hearted and rejoicing in the truth.

R. R. KENNEDY.

SHALL WE ATTEND CAMP- MEETING THIS YEAR

NO doubt this question will be asked by many of our people. In answer to the question we say, *certainly*. We cannot afford to do otherwise. Read what the apostle Paul says to us in Hebrews 10. After telling us to draw near to God with full assurance of faith, and to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: to consider one another to provoke unto love, he says, verse 25, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as some are already doing, and so much the more as we see the day approaching. Do we see that day approaching? Be sure to read verse 26 of this chapter. Satan does not want us to go to camp-meeting. He will tell us that we cannot afford to spend the money, and lose the time. God tells us to go; that we had better let our business suffer than to miss this important gathering of our people. “Testimonies,” vol. 6, p. 39. “The great day of the Lord is near; it is near, and hasteneth greatly.” We see omens of it on every hand. Let us go to camp-meeting, brethren.

G. C. QUILLIN.

IMPROVE THIS OPPORTUNITY

ARE you arranging to take advantage of this opportunity of once more gathering together to enjoy the blessings and instruction the Lord will bestow at this time?

Shall we not regard these words as applying to this annual gathering, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering”; “and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works;

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as we see the day approaching"? By your presence and help you contribute your part toward the success of this meeting.

Every arrangement is being made to secure the comfort and enjoyment of every one that can come. The location is good; the grounds are all that we can desire; and the place is within your reach. Let us lay aside our worldly cares for this privilege the Lord so mercifully grants us.

A. C. SHANNON.

CANVASSERS' DAY AT CAMP-MEETING

MONDAY forenoon, August 12, will be given to a consideration of the canvassing work. The meeting will be especially beneficial to those who are thinking of taking up this work. We are planning on having a number of our canvassers there who will be fresh from the field with many interesting experiences.

From the letters which we have lately received, and from the testimony of the brethren and sisters throughout the State, we feel confident that the Spirit of God is working upon many hearts. They feel that they ought to be in the work but are still hesitating. We hope with God's help to make this meeting a deciding point in the experience of many.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Sec.*

ARE YOU GOING

ANOTHER annual gathering of the people who are giving the last warning Message to a perishing world is very near at hand, and the question of attending this gathering, this yearly feast, must be settled by each of us.

As I think of the many homes throughout the great State of Ohio where longing hearts throb with a desire to attend the meeting, my soul reaches out after God that he may help in some way that our people may be able to attend the camp-meeting this year.

As we are drawing near the close of this world's history, an intensity is taking hold of every earthly thing. The whole creation is groaning for release, and the hearts of men are failing them for fear, and the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. At such a time as this, when the millions are looking to us for help and we are of ourselves helpless because of our weakness, and knowing as we do that such meetings as our camp-meeting promises to be this year

are important, shall we not plead with God that the way may be prepared for us to attend? In the days of Israel the people of God, as recorded in "Patriarchs and Prophets," were commanded to attend the annual feasts. The shepherds left their flocks; the herdsmen came from the mountain; fishermen from the Sea of Galilee; the husbandman from the fields, and the sons of the prophets from the sacred schools, all turned their steps toward the place where God's presence was revealed. They journeyed by short stages, for many went on foot.

If away back in the days of the prophets it was necessary to meet together to council and enjoy the presence of the Lord, surely in this dark and dreadful period of time it is doubly necessary. It will not be long, dear brethren, before this blessing will no longer be ours to be enjoyed.

Personally I feel like pleading with God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon his people. This dark world of sin is soon to close its history. Jesus is about to close his intercession for guilty man. Let us come, my brother, my sister, and enjoy the blessings of God together as never before. Your brother in the closing Message,

FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

THE MARION CAMP-MEETING

AT a recent meeting of the Conference Committee provision was made for the camp-meeting at Marion, August 9-19, as follows:—

Locating campers, renting tents, lumber, and straw—R. R. Kennedy.
Meeting trains and transferring baggage—G. C. Quillin.

Sanitary Committee and medical advice—Doctors H. M. Jump and V. L. Fisher.

Chairman of the Reception Committee—Walter C. Moffett.

Provision Store—M. V. Downing.
Dining Hall—Coy B. Van Gorder.
Restaurant—L. R. Williams.
Chief Cook—Mrs. W. T. Weaks.
Book Stand and Postoffice—N. S. Miller and C. L. Mitchell.

Reporting—Miss Maude Pengelly.
H. H. B.

OUTLINE PROGRAM

IN keeping with the instruction, "Let all things be done decently and in order," we herewith present an outline program which will be carried out as far as practicable at the camp-meeting. The forenoons of each day will be given to the study of Conference departmental work, while the after-

noons and evenings will be devoted to Bible study and preaching services.

Friday, August 9.—Preparation Day. Opening service of the camp-meeting at 9:30 A. M.

Sabbath, August 10.—Consecration Day.

Sunday, August 11.—Religious Liberty Day.

Monday, August 12.—Canvassers' Day.

Tuesday, August 13.—Educational Day.

Wednesday, August 14.—Pioneers' Day.

Thursday, August 15.—Medical Missionary Day.

Friday, August 16.—Young People's Day.

Sabbath, August 17.—Revival Services.

Sunday, August 18.—Missionary Day.

The closing service will be held Monday, August 19, at 5:30 A. M.

H. H. B.

BAGGAGE

THE hauling of our baggage to and from the camp-meeting is a matter of no small consequence. It is much easier to pick up and go without any luggage than to be burdened with it. But when we go to camp for a few days, it is necessary to take the things needed for our comfort with us. In order to help those who come to the camp-meeting this year, which will be held at Marion, August 9-19, the Conference, as heretofore, has made arrangements to haul all baggage from the different railway stations to the camp-ground and return for twenty-five cents each trunk. Hand baggage, such as suit cases, telescopes, valises, etc., will be fifteen cents each.

The writer has been appointed to meet all passenger trains that arrive during the days August 7, 8, 9, and to give such direction as may be necessary for convenience and safety in getting to the grounds.

Now, brethren, we hope that the way may seem clear to come to the camp-meeting, as very important matters will come before us at this time that will be worthy our consideration.

Remembering the times in which we live, let us face to the front, leaving behind us the world with its perplexities and cares, looking forward to the realization of that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

G. C. QUILLIN.

"THE Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save."

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Sabbath begins July 26 at 7:16 P. M.

THE Treasurer will be pleased to receive payment on all unpaid pledges made at the Troy camp-meeting for the purchase of new tents.

It was deemed advisable and so voted by the Executive Committee that all workers be on the camp-ground at Marion, O., not later than Monday, July 29. This action was made necessary by reason of the fact that it is next to impossible to secure labor.

THE following prices were adopted for the camp-meeting:—

TENT RENTS

Springfield Tents.....	\$3.75
Battle Creek Tents.....	3.25
White Tents.....	2.75
Lumber, per hundred.....	.75

DINING BOOM

Five Meal Tickets.....	1.00
Single Meal.....	.25

THE following program was adopted for use at the camp-meeting at Marion, O., to be held August 9-19.

DAILY PROGRAM

(Standard Time)

Bell rings five minutes before and on the appointed hours.

Rising Bell.....	5:00 A. M.
Youths' Meetings.....	5:30 A. M.
Devotional Services.....	5:30 A. M.
Breakfast.....	7:00 A. M.
District Meetings.....	8:00 A. M.
Children's Meetings.....	8:00 A. M.
General Meetings.....	9:30 A. M.
Conference Laborers' Meetings.....	11:30 A. M.
Dinner.....	12:30 P. M.
Preaching.....	3:00 P. M.
Church Officers' Meetings..	5:00 P. M.
Children's Meetings.....	5:30 P. M.
Youth's Meetings.....	5:30 P. M.
Preaching.....	7:30 P. M.
Warning for Silence.....	9:00 P. M.
Silence.....	9:25 P. M.
Lights Out.....	9:30 P. M.

SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath-school..... 9:00 A. M.
Preaching. ... 10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M.
and 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Preaching.....10:30 A. M., 3:00 P. M.
and 7:30 P. M.

AMONG those who attended the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention held at Mount Vernon July 10-20 were the following: Elders A. G. Daniells, G. A. Irwin, W. A. Spicer, M. C. Wilcox, editor of the *Signs*, Luther Warren, Allen Moon and G. B. Thompson, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer and Miss Matilda Erickson of the Sabbath-school Department at Washington, D. C., Professors C. C. Lewis, M. E. Kern, B. G. Wilkinson, H. R. Salisbury and Frederick Griggs. The presidents of the conferences composing the Lake Union Conference were also present, besides the educational secretaries and State Sabbath-school secretaries from nearly all the States in the Union, and also Dr. H. W. Miller, our missionary from China.

We believe that this Convention will mark an era in the Young People's work that will add an impetus to the the work of the Third Angel's Message that will hasten the great consummation of all things, and the realization of the blessed hope of the children of God.

The papers read, discussions and resolutions passed during this Convention will be published in pamphlet form and we earnestly urge all our people to procure a copy, and give it careful study. The price will be ten cents. Send your order immediately to the Review & Herald Pub. Co., Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., as only a limited number will be printed.

CHURCH OFFICERS, NOTICE

WE have arranged to hold a service each day during the camp-meeting for the special benefit of church officers. Instructions will be given on church organization, order and discipline. Any church officer having a question on church government upon which information is desired would do well to write it out and send it at once to the writer, Box 147, Bellville, O., or bring it along to the camp-meeting, and we will promise due consideration. Let us improve this opportunity of getting a better preparation for service in the Master's cause.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending July 12, 1907.)

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: 31 hours; value of orders, \$28; helps, \$5.50; total, \$33.50.

Enos M. Horst,* Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 60 hours; value of orders, \$24.50; helps, \$2.25; total, \$26.75.

C. F. Glasscock, Highland Co.—Great Controversy: 16 hours; value of orders, \$17.50; deliveries, \$2.50.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 31 hours; value of helps, \$7.

G. S. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 19 hours; value of orders, \$2.50.

Mamie Telschow, Defiance Co.—Heralds of the Morning, 16 hours; value of orders, \$7; helps, \$1.50; total, \$8.50; deliveries, \$5.75.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 30 hours; value of orders, \$38.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$2.25; total, \$15.75.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 8½ hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$3.80; total, \$7.80; deliveries, \$8.

Alice Black, Van Wert Co.—Coming King: 20 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$14.

L. H. Waters,* Wayne Co.—Coming King: 47 hours; value of orders, \$34.50; helps, \$1.25; total, \$35.75.

Ward E. Hart, Paulding Co.—Coming King: 16½ hours; value of orders, \$10.50.

J. C. Hankins, Paulding Co.—Coming King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$6.

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$1; total, \$2.

Florence Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 9½ hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$3.25; total, \$9.25.

Mrs. Carrie Rankin, Cleveland.—Coming King and New Testament Primer: 14½ hours; value of orders, \$9.75.

A. R. Hasemeier, Defiance Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$35.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$16.25.

Total value of orders.....\$216.25

Total value of helps 28.30

Grand total.....\$244.55

Total deliveries.....\$ 67.50

*Two weeks.