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Our Camp Meeting.

PLACE.

Fair Grounds, Allegan, Michigan.

TIME.

August 18-29, 1904.

R. R. RATE.

One and one-third fare from all points within the West Michigan Conference.

BAGGAGE.

Exchange your railroad baggage check for our camp baggage check, and your trunks will be delivered to you at the grounds.

DEPOT TO CAMP.

After re-checking your baggage purchase a trip ticket of our reception committee man, then be sure and get into one of the hacks of the Webster bus line and you will be conveyed to the camp.

YOUR LOCATION.

At the book stand you will find members of the reception committee who will escort you to your tent.

RENT OF TENTS.

Tents will rent at \$3.00 cash in advance.

Order one of E. A. Merriam, Otsego. Send cash with order.

LUMBER.

A supply of lumber will be on the grounds and will be for sale or rent at the market value.

HAY, WOOD, STRAW, ETC.

Those wishing to use hay, wood, straw, nails, etc., will be able to purchase them at the grounds.

DINING HALL.

Good well prepared dining hall

will ever be in readiness to furnish meals at 15 cents.

GROCERY.

A fine supply of groceries will be kept for the benefit of the campers.

WANTED.

We want a few men to help pitch the tents on the Allegan Camp Grounds.

Good wages will be paid.

Any one wishing to help please write us soon.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Obscuring the Light.

Whenever we let anything come between us and Christ, we shut the light of heaven out of our hearts, whether it be a friend, a relative, or any earthly good. Friends who to us might be as lights in the world, become bodies of darkness, when we allow them to interpose between us and Christ.

God made two great lights, and placed them in the heavens in such a way that both could give light upon the earth. When the moon is in a position to reflect the rays of the sun upon the earth, its light is a great help to us, though far inferior to the light of the sun. But let the moon come between the sun and the earth, and it becomes to us a body of darkness, giving no light itself, and largely shutting out the light of the great orb of day. So it is with us. Our friends may be lights to us if we permit them to retain their proper position. But let them like the twinkling stars in the sky, stand to one side. Let not man come between us and God. Darkness, and not light, will be the certain result to us if we allow this.

Let not the Sun of Righteousness be eclipsed by the intervention of opaque bodies that, if held in the position where God would have them, might to us be assistant

spiritual luminaries, to encourage and brighten our pathway. To us, Christ must be the one altogether lovely, the chiefest among ten thousand.

The language of the heart must be: "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." Ps. 73:25. The inordinate affection that places human beings between us and Christ, will bring spiritual bondage and darkness upon us. If any man love any earthly friend more than Christ, he is not worthy of Him. Even ministers of the gospel are lights to us only while their position is to us one subordinate to that of Christ.—Sel.

Value of Kind Words.

Great will be the blessedness of those who have not to weep over harsh, bitter expressions, or wanton neglect to those who never ought to have been subject to such things. None will ever regret speaking too many kind words, while many will have to weep over hasty ones which made the heart ache, and perhaps hastened the death we had to mourn. If, therefore, you would escape this, and have fewer tears to shed by and by, seek and study to be kind now to those you love. If you desire a happy future sow the seeds now. Be kindly, gracious, considerate, tender, while you have the opportunity. Seek to cast brightness and cheerfulness at all times in your home. Banish as completely as you can all harshness, meanness, suspicion, unkindness, inconsiderateness from your being, so that when the dark shadows of trial and death give you sorrow, you may not have to add to it the bitterness of self-reproach, when it will be of no avail. Never forget that the habit which feeds and helps the one starves and

hinders the other. Sow kindness, loving words, cheerful smiles so constantly that the heart will be full, and the mind possessed by such influences that there will be no room left for the rank weeds of unkindness to find an entrance or obtain a place.

J. W. KIRTON.

Organization Of Church Schools.

NO III.

THE SECRETARY.

It might seem to those who have had but little experience in doing the work of handling a church school, that there is but little for the secretary of the board to do. Some boards have only a few meetings during the year, and then they talk over matters informally, and no record is kept of their decisions.

It often happens later on that some misunderstanding arises, and one of the members of the board thinks the matter "was left" this way and another thinks with equal certainty that the matter "was left" that way, and the facts in the case are that the matter "WAS LEFT" and so both sides are "right," and I might add "left."

A book containing enough space for the meetings of the board for several years will cost 25¢ and will save its cost in one year many times.

A good form for the secretary's minutes is as follows:—

Minutes of a meeting of the Church School Board, held at Battle Creek, Mich., June 1st, 1904.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 in the evening at the home of brother Blank, the chairman.

All members of the board were present, and brethren Smith and Brown, were present by invitation.

Prayer was offered by brother Black.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Some time was taken in the discussion of several matters pertaining to the welfare of the school

and after due consideration it was VOTED,—That (Let follow here a plain statement of the motion.)

VOTED,—That Etc. (And so with all the motions put and carried.)

No further business appearing, the board adjourned.

MARY MATSON, Sec'y

HENRY WILLIAMS BLANK, Chm'n.

There are other equally as good forms, no doubt, but some form is so much better than no form.

The secretary should have a list of the necessary business that should come before the meeting, and present it to the chairman for him to have as a guide in the talk, that nothing may be overlooked that needs attention, and that the business may be done in a regular way.

As far as possible the talking should be confined to the real question before the board, and not "all about the bush" that the time may not be wasted.

The teacher of the school should be asked to be present whenever possible, and somewhere during the meeting an opportunity should be given her to state the condition of the school, giving such items as, membership, attendance, tardiness, cases of special interest in any way, and she should be able to answer questions touching the school work.

The secretary should incorporate the substance of the teacher's report in the minutes.

Outside of the meetings of the board, if the secretary is so situated as to be the director of the school, the duties will naturally be the same as those of the chairman when he acts as the director or manager of the school.

Next week we will take up the duties of the chairman, and then will state what we conceive to be the duties of the director, whether it is the chairman or even the treasurer that acts as the director or manager of the school.

Let it be understood that we do not favor the election of a separate officer as director, but that the

board should by vote designate the chairman, or secretary or treasurer as the mouthpiece, so-to-speak, or manager, to carry out the wishes and vote of the board.

If the right parties can be chosen with the right qualifications, this officer should be the chairman, but it may not always be the best for the one who is the chairman to do this work, so another member of the board may be chosen.

But more as to his work next week. J. G. LAMSON.

Canvasser Evangelists.

Canvasser evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. Canvassers can reach a class that can be reached in no other way. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come into close touch with the people, and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they present. Let them speak in families the word of life. They may expect success; for canvassers who go forth in the Spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly angels. E. J. WHITE.

"To-day is, for all that we know, the opportunity and occasion of our lives. On what we do or say may depend the success and completeness of our entire life-struggle. It is for us, therefore, to use every moment of to-day as if our very eternity were dependent on its words and deeds."

A stream of life from the Lord, brought into contact with a human spirit, keeps the spirit cleaving to the Lord so firmly, that no power on earth or hell can wrench the two assunder. From Christ, the mysterious life-stream flows, through the being of a disciple it spreads, and to the Lord it returns again. In that circle the feeblest Christian is held safely. But if the circle be broken, the dependent spirit instantly drops off.—Rev. WM. ARNET.

Medical.

Ear Ache.

CONTINUED.

In infancy it may be very hard to know what is the matter with the child, but when there is a rise of temperature, restlessness at night and the absence of signs in the throat, lungs, or digestive tract which might explain the fever, inflammation of the ears should be suspected. It is a very common cause of high temperature in children during the winter season.

The most common form, or catarrhal, is not usually followed by serious results, unless there are repeated attacks; but the form following scarlet fever is most always serious and in the great majority of cases is followed by more or less impairment in the sense of hearing.

There may arise very serious complications such as abscess of the brain, facial paralysis, meningitis and mastoid abscess, therefore do not neglect to consult a competent physician in time to avoid serious results.

TREATMENT.

If you detect the trouble in its early stage, the inflammation may sometimes be cut short by applying fomentations to the ear, often repeated. Dry heat may be used during the intervals between the fomentations. This may be done either by a bag of hot water, salt or bran, or by hot brick or soapstone. They should be placed beneath a thin pillow, upon which the child's head rests. If the child will not lie upon the pillow, a small bag of salt or hot water may be bound over the ear, having been first covered with cotton. A very good device is to fill the tip of the finger of a kid glove with salt, and insert this in the canal after heating; cotton should be applied over it. Do not drop oil or laudinum in the ear as is so often done, but a few drops of a four-per-cent solution of cocaine dropped in the ear will relieve intense pain. If the child is not comfortable in the

course of a couple of hours, the physician should be called. With a high temperature and possibly cerebral symptoms, operation is imperative. Rupture of the drum relieves the great tension, the pain usually disappears in a very short time, and if this is done early enough, there may be only a discharge of blood, the puss never forming. Much suffering is thus avoided, and, as the wounded drum heals very quickly, much less damage is done than when the disease is allowed to go on and the drum ruptures of itself.

When the drum has been ruptured and there is a discharge, the ear should be kept perfectly clean. Do not plug the canal with cotton or powders, but syringe with a warm saturated solution of boric acid, or simply with warmed boiled water, having the temperature as warm as can well be borne. This should be done as often as every two or three hours, if the discharge is quite abundant, and, all cases several times a day. This may be done with an ordinary syringe, using the large hard rubber ear tube, or with a bulb ear syringe of soft rubber.

Do not keep the ears covered with a thick amount of cotton or flannel, as is so often done. In the house no protection is needed. Usually the discharge ceases in from one to three weeks. One attack of inflammation of the ear is often the forerunner of many others. Such children are usually very susceptible to catarrhal colds. To get rid of this tendency, all associated diseased conditions must be treated. Keep the nose free from growths, and clean it with some mild cleansing solution as Dabell's. Daily cold sponging of the entire body and especially about the neck and chest is highly important to lessen the susceptibility to colds. The real danger resulting from these recurring attacks are so often overlooked. Often they are the beginning of some chronic condition

which is most fully felt in adult life.

P. S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

Hygiene for the Bed.

Many housekeepers pride themselves upon their methodical habits, and boast that their housework is all done early in the forenoon. This is eminently praiseworthy from one point of view; but this expedition in disposing of household tasks invariably indicates that one of the most important household duties has been seriously neglected, namely, the airing of the bed coverings and mattresses. Few housekeepers perhaps realize that the average individual loses practically a pound in weight during the night in the form of carbonic acid and effete matter, thrown off by the lungs and the skin. While it is true that a large portion of this deleterious matter is diffused through the air, yet a considerable proportion is absorbed by the bedding, hence the advisability of subjecting the mattress and clothing to the action of the sun and air for at least two hours. If the morning is dull and cloudy, they should receive at least three hours' exposure. The proper plan to pursue is to strip the beds and place all the material to air as soon as the occupants are out of their rooms, leaving the making of the beds for the close of the morning's work. A neatly-made bed is a pleasing sight, but if it has been made without the bedding being properly aired, it is likely to prove a dangerous place of rest.

Let us be silent as to each other's weaknesses,—helpful, tolerant, tender towards each other. May we put away from us the satire which scourges and the anger which brands: the oil and wine of the good Samaritan are of more avail.—Amiel.

“Obedience is the best success. Christ did not tell us to win the world to Him, but to preach the gospel to every creature.”

News and Notes.

M. N. Campbell, Field Secretary, visited Battle Creek Sunday.

The enrollment of the Berrien Springs Summer School numbers 120.

Elder M. B. Miller will meet with the company at Paw Paw Sabbath, July 30th.

Elder A. G. Haughey made a business trip to Battle Creek to make arrangements for supplies for the book-stand for the approaching camp-meeting.

W. H. Edwards, secretary and auditor of the Lake Union Conference, returned to Battle Creek Monday night from a long business trip through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Mrs. Minnie Harnden has accepted the position as librarian of the Battle Creek Tract and Missionary Society to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. D. W. Reavis, who will soon go to Washington, D. C.

The Cedar Lake Academy offers for sale a steam engine and boiler with all the working machinery. This property was purchased when the school was established, but has never been used. Any one interested in purchasing some steam power cheap should address S. M. Butler, Cedar Lake, Mich.

Brethren Brink and Videto are now conducting a tent effort at Weidman. The Tract Society has just sent them a nice order for tracts, Bibles and song books. We look for good results from this effort. It always pays to freely circulate literature in connection with our tent efforts.

The brethren at Paw Paw are erecting a church building 24x40, in connection with which is a room for church school purposes. It is expected the school will open September 5th with an enrollment of

not less than eighteen children. Miss Janet Campbell has been engaged to teach the school another year.

From a recent communication from Brother B. F. Kneeland who is conducting a tent effort at Spring Lake with J. M. Irving we quote the following:

"This is a beautiful resort town, and our location on the main street near the lake is all that could be desired. The attendance has not been large as there are so many other things going on every night, yet there are honest souls here, and some of these are deeply interested. We are using the Family Bible Teacher in our work and find it very helpful. May we have your prayers for the success of the work in this vicinity."

On the fourth Sabbath of each month the Battle Creek church services are conducted along home missionary lines. The morning services are usually conducted in the interests of the local work of the church and in the afternoon the Young People's meeting and the churches' general missionary meeting are combined. These occasions are always interesting and profitable. Last Sabbath afternoon, D. W. Reavis, who has been president of the Battle Creek Tract and Missionary Society for the past three years, made a few timely remarks in conclusion as he now leaves the work.

Immediately after the general missionary exercises ten candidates were baptized by Elder H. Nicola, nine of whom joined the Battle Creek church. Two more joined by profession of faith, and four others by letter making fifteen accessions to the church in all.

The Cedar Lake Academy Board met in Cedar Lake Monday, July 18. The regular July meeting being postponed one week on account of the inability of some of the members to be present. At this meeting the Board accepted the

proposed catalogue for next year as prepared by the special committee which had been previously appointed, and the secretary was instructed to arrange for the printing of the same.

It was voted to rescind the action taken at a former meeting of the Board, dispensing with the shorthand department in the Academy. Instruction in shorthand and typewriting will, therefore, be offered next year. A competent teacher can be secured who will conduct the work successfully. When the matter is definitely arranged, due notice will be given.

In view of the many courtesies extended to the Cedar Lake Academy by the Battle Creek church, the Board offered to loan to the Battle Creek Industrial Academy the printing plant at Cedar Lake for a term of two years.

The report of the secretary and treasurer showed a favorable condition of the finances of the school, there being no outstanding accounts except those for the furnace and improvements on the dormitory which were provided for by the Conference at the Wright meeting. Only a portion of the \$1,000 voted at this meeting has ever been paid over to the Academy. If the people of the Conference would make up the amount that was called for it would finish the building and bring the Academy out of debt.

The school has more than paid its running expenses the past year. Elder and Mrs. Butler are of good courage and are looking forward to a large attendance next year. Brother B. A. Wolcott is to remain as preceptor. The crops upon the farm are in an excellent condition.

Report of Canvassing Work to July 16th

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
G. Jorgenson	117	17	\$39.00	\$19.00
Ella Porter	37	23	61.00	4.00
C. F. McCoy	49	5	15.75	2.10
Heralds of the Morning				
Mary George	1	2	3.00	
Marvel of Nations				
F. B. Johnson	95	15	19.50	31.00
	299	63	138.15	56.10

Total Sales. \$194.45.

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.