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Camp-Meeting Suggestions.

"To make a camp-meeting successful, several workers are needed. No one man should feel it his prerogative to do all the important work. As in these meetings the speakers proclaim the truth in the power of the Spirit, hearts will be reached."

"There is need of camp-meetings like those held in the early stages of the work,—camp-meetings separate from the business work of the conference. At a camp-meeting the workers should be free to give the knowledge of the truth to those who attend from outside."

"At our camp-meetings, sermons should be delivered of such a character as will prepare the hearers to give a reason of the hope that is in them with meekness and fear. A small number of the people in our

churches know for themselves what constitutes the third angel's message. This fact should enable us to realize the need of Bible classes. At our camp-meetings especially, there should be daily classes for Bible study. Instruction should be given on the subjects of faith and Christian experience, and there should be seasons of earnest prayer. Then the influence of our camp-meetings would not be of so transitory a character, but would leave an abiding impression."

Our Duty to the Youth.

In discussing this subject I will take the position of parents' duties to the young. Of course there are other positions to take and other lines of thought on this subject, but I will leave that to others more competent than myself.

One of our greatest duties to the young is to set them a good example, and this alone covers a large scope. A good Christian example, a good educational example, a good physical example, a good moral example, and so on. We must strive to live a good true, Christian life, if we desire to have our young people become Christians; and we must not get discouraged if they do not see and believe just as we do, for we ourselves were slow to accept Christ with all his love and mercy. We lived in the dark a long time before we saw the glorious light. But we must keep pressing on with a true, faithful example; ever patient, loving, kind and sympathetic. We must not expect them to see and learn all at once, but trust in God and pray that they will be brought to see and accept Christ and his salvation before it is too late.

A good education is a great necessity to our youth, and one of our duties is to assist them in gaining it.

We need to teach our children many things that our parents failed to teach us. Look over your own lives and see where there are unlearned lessons, and profit by bringing up your families to avoid the mistakes which were made in your lives by yourselves or your parents.

We must teach our children to care for their health, as health is one of our greatest God-given blessings, and we cannot say too much, for health and happiness go hand in hand.

One of our duties to the youth, which we are apt to overlook, is to be young with them, and perhaps it is a duty we owe ourselves as well. By being young with them we gain their trust and confidence, love and respect. Know who your young people associate with. Let them invite their friends and associates to your home and get acquainted with them yourselves, and know for yourselves if they are in the right kind of company.

Can we be too particular about the literature we place before our children? Our first choice in literature is that great and wonderful book—the Bible, and next would come such books as "Bible History for the Young," "Best Stories from the Best Book," "Bible Stories" and many other good ones along that line; but we find that all must not be too solid reading, and would suggest other books with good morals. In this day and age good literature is within the reach of all, with our free school

libraries and public libraries. But how to make the best selections is the main point, for when the habit or taste is once formed for light, trashy literature, it is hard to change to more solid, sensible reading. Many are the cheap papers and magazines (sample copies) that find their way to the flames in my home before the young eyes are tempted to read them.

Let us make our homes pleasant and attractive so our young people will want to stay with us and not be led away by the bright lights of Satan. Oh, it makes me shudder when I think of the temptations and allurements that are held out to our innocent children, and when they take one downward step, how much easier it is to take the next.

How patient we should be when they do wrong, when we consider how patient Christ is with us and what he suffered for us. How we should talk with them and plead with them to do right instead of useless scolding and threatening. Most anyone would rather be led than driven.

Let us not omit one more important duty which should be taught by example at all times, and that is respect for the aged. How we should all honor and respect the old people. We cannot keep them with us much longer, so let us make their declining days as pleasant as possible.

Little do we realize what effect our words and actions have on the minds of the young people with whom we come in contact, so let us try to live lives of uprightness and honor. Let us live true Christian lives, that we may, perhaps, be the means of saving one soul for Christ.

MRS. ELDA BALL.

"Let not the youth be ignored, let them share in the labor and responsibilities, let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others."

From the Field.

NILES.

Work was begun in Niles about the 20th of March, and up to the present time has consisted of canvassing, visiting, distributing literature, and house-to-house Bible work. We now have a tent pitched here and held our first meeting Sunday, June 17. The past week has been a very unfortunate one for holding tent meetings, as the rain interfered with our work a great deal. However, we believe that there is a much better interest here than our attendance the past week would indicate. We believe that in the near future we will see people accepting the truth.

W. E. VIDETO,
H. C. PITTON.

UNION CITY.

The members of the Sabbath-school at Union City and visiting friends from Battle Creek, Burlington, Coldwater, Colon and Gerard met in Sabbath-school convention June 16 in the Congregational church parlors. The Sabbath-school began at nine o'clock and was followed by the first session of the convention, and the second at 1:30 p. m.

During these sessions six papers were presented and their topics freely discussed. Deep interest was manifested by all throughout the two sessions. Surely the convention was a practical help and an inspiration to all present to do better work.

We had the privilege of having Sister Margaret Haughey, our conference Sabbath-school secretary, also Elder W. H. Heckman and wife, with us, which we appreciated very much.

The pastor of the Congregational church attended a portion of the convention, after which he invited Brother Heckman to occupy his pulpit the following morning.

The instruction given is already being put in practice as fast as possible, with the hope that we may

sometime in the future be favored with another Sabbath-school convention in our locality.

KATHARINE BELL.

A Good Experience.

The canvassing work in Benton Harbor is prospering. Truly the Lord is good and greatly to be praised.

A few mornings ago I was preparing to start to my work. I must confess that I was not as cheerful and light-hearted that morning as usual; in fact, I felt physically unable for my duties. I took up my Bible, hoping to find something that just suited my case, and my eyes fell on the eighty-fourth Psalm, the last two verses. "The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

It seemed that I lived a century while I read those beautiful promises. What if the weather was cloudy? "The Lord God is a sun." Suppose I did feel unable and was shrinking from my task? The Lord is a shield, and will give grace. And, Oh, praise His name, the next verse, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

I closed my Bible, knelt reverently, and thanked Him for His precious promises and accepted them as mine. I asked that He would direct my steps, that my efforts that day would meet with success, and that His name might be glorified.

I went out with a lighter heart and a full assurance that angels had gone before. I made a call or two without receiving any orders. I was impressed to call at a house where I found a colored lady. I was getting along nicely with the canvass, and she seemed deeply interested (I was feeling confident of an order,) when a large, portly looking colored gentleman came to the door. The lady said, "Why, good morning, Brother—(her minister,) come right in; here is some-

thing that you will enjoy." And she introduced us. He was all smiles until I began to explain my work. I told him that I was placing religious books in the homes of the people. His manner changed at once. He looked me over critically, and said, "What church do you belong to?"

I smiled and tried to keep sweet, and answered, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist."

He seemed very uneasy, and the light in his eyes was not good to see. He looked at the lady of the house and said with all the hatred he could summon, "These books are not fit to be in our homes. Why, they teach that Saturday Sabbath and the Advent doctrine."

"That is true, but this book is more on the life of Christ and is good for all denominations, and is especially helpful in the Sunday-school work, as you know our lessons this year are on the parables. I am sure if you knew what this book is, you would like it."

"O, I have your books in my library and know what they are."

"I am glad," I said. "May I ask what books you have?"

He stammered and replied, "Well, I have—let's see, that great man that left you—you know—I have his book."

I suggested Canright and he smiled gleefully and said, "Yes, that's the man. Ah, he is a smart man."

"But you know he is not with us now and you would not get our doctrine correctly from him. May I ask what other books you have?"

"Well, I have one of your books," but he could not think of the name. I suggested "Controversy," but he said no. Finally I asked if it was "Bible Readings." He knit his brows and said he thought perhaps it was.

Then it was my time to smile, and I said, "My brother, I am afraid you have not read your book very much. Now may I not show you this one?" But he arose to go, saying he was in a hurry. I per-

sisted and said, "I am sorry you feel like this. Just let me read this one paragraph to you; it will show you something of the language."

He sat down and I began reading "Peace, be Still," showing the picture on page 335 where the Savior is on the lake with his disciples and a storm came up, reading the note at the bottom of the picture and beginning at the top with "Lord save us, we perish." I read all of the second and half of the third paragraph. He was captivated with the language and drew his chair a little closer. I read more and more. His whole manner was changed. I saw that he was intensely interested. The dear Lord came very near. I remembered my experience before I left home that morning, and I was trusting.

His heart was touched, and as a result he gave me his order, and so did the lady of the house. He turned to her and confessed that the book would be a help to him in his sermons. He gave me permission to go among his people and I have sold them a number of books. By his invitation I called at his home and met his wife and daughter. He apologized to me for the way he talked to me, and now we are good friends.

O, it pays to trust the Lord. I want him to have his way in my life. Every day I find those who are hungering for truth. I find some who are sick, afflicted, in trouble. I speak encouraging, comforting words to them, and while their hearts are tender I tell them of the truth, of Jesus the great physician who never lost a case, a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

One day I was giving a canvass to an elderly lady when he stopped me abruptly and asked, "Which day do you think is right to keep?"

I said, "Well, I believe just as the Bible says, the seventh day is the Sabbath. And is that Sunday?"

"No, she replied, "that is Saturday; but they tell us the disciples changed the day."

"I have heard something like that, but there is no Scripture authority. The Lord made the Sabbath at creation, blessed and sanctified it. He is the only one who would have a right to change it, and since there is no record of the change, I believe we ought to keep the seventh day."

She said, "So do I." I sold her a "Desire of Ages," and she readily consented to have Bible readings. We have held one reading, and the entire family seem very interested and anxious to continue the readings.

Surely the Lord has precious jewels in this place. May it please him to use me in giving them the light. 'Tis sweet to work for Jesus; there's resting bye and bye.

ELLA PORTER.

There Is No Need to Worry.

"There is no need to worry. When God shuts a door, he opens a window." A world of sunshine and hope is epitomized in this Italian proverb. To look out on the world with eyes unclouded by shadows of fear or doubt or worry; to go forward in the spirit of love and trust, never for an instant wavering in faith or hope; to resolve—

"Never to look behind me for an hour;

To wait in weakness and to walk in power;

But always fronting forward to the light"—

is to take a long step toward a happy and successful life. To look back constantly on past mistakes and failures, is as destructive to the growth of spiritual beauty and power, aye, and to the development of material success, as it is to look forward to ills that may never come. The people who take a melancholy pleasure in recalling the fact that they "have seen better days," and in bemoaning present conditions, never see "better days" again. Their attitude of mind shuts them out from all possibility of happiness or prosperity.—Success.

A Word to Sabbath-School Teachers

"First ask the help of the Holy Spirit, and keep on asking it before, during, and after your efforts. Study your subject, be saturated with it, make perhaps a few notes or headings, then put away your books and speak out of a full heart and because 'the love of Christ constrains.' Do not fear. You cannot fail to interest if you try this plan. Forget yourself in your subject."

News and Notes.

Our subscription list continues to increase.

"God stands behind the one who does his best."

Miss Bertha Snyder is engaged in Bible work in Grand Rapids.

The address of Elder B. F. Kneeland is 1228 Portage St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A young people's society of eleven members was organized in Otsego Sabbath, June 30.

We hope all our Sabbath schools will enjoy studying the lessons this quarter, for they are very practical.

Your subscription expires with this issue. We hope you will renew at once and not miss a single issue.

A. G. Haughey, S. M. Butler and Clifford A. Russell are attending the Educational Council at College View, Neb.

We hope that all of our church-school teachers will remember that the normal institute will open July 9 at Berrien Springs.

Elder Fred Brink writes from Muskegon: "We have our tent pitched in a good location and are having a good interest."

Elder B. F. Kneeland called at the office Monday, and he reports

that all lines of work are progressing nicely at Kalamazoo.

Elder W. H. Heckman speaks every Sunday evening at Union City, and we understand there is a good attendance and a good interest.

Quarterly report blanks have been sent to the Sabbath-schools and young people's societies. We trust these will be filled out and returned to the office as soon as possible.

The many friends of Sister Elizabeth McHugh will be sorry to learn that she is ill. She is at the Graysville Sanitarium and we hope and pray that she may be restored to her usual health.

The tent companies are all located and we hope to hear some good reports from them in the near future. Let us remember the laborers at the throne of grace that the Lord may give them "souls for their hire."

We desire the names and addresses of all the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the West Michigan Conference. If any of the brethren and sisters know of any such, they will oblige us by sending their names and addresses to this office.

We notice by the Ohio state paper, "The Welcome Visitor," that two of our West Michigan Conference young ladies, Miss Augusta Blosser and Miss Audrey Murphy, are canvassing in Cincinnati. The Visitor says, "They are meeting with good success, and are earnest, devoted workers."

"Our superintendents, our teachers in the Sabbath-school should be frequently in prayer. A word spoken in due season may be as good seed in youthful minds, and may result in leading little feet in the right path. But a wrong word may lead their feet in the path of ruin."

C. C. Lewis gave an address before the Central Union Conference

at Kansas City, Mo., January 27, 1906, on the subject of "Some Advantages of a College Education." The address has been printed and sells for ten cents. We have read it and we believe it will help every young man and woman to read it. Send all orders to the Union College Press, College View, Neb.

The editor visited the Sabbath-school at the Michigan Home for Girls, Sabbath, June 23. The Lord will certainly bless the efforts that are put forth to reclaim the fallen. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ spoke peace to one sin-sick soul. John 8:1-11. When we do all we can to help all poor, sin-sick souls, we are following in the footsteps of our Example.

"The religion of Jesus Christ never degrades the receiver, it never makes him coarse or rough, discourteous or self-important, passionate or hard-hearted. On the contrary, it refines the taste, sanctifies the judgment, and purifies and ennobles the thoughts, by bringing them into captivity to Jesus Christ. God's ideal for his children is higher than the highest human thought can reach."

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