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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Attending Camp-meeting.

The time for our annual camp-meeting is right upon us and consequently the time for the definite plans for attending. The question may arise in some minds with reference to the advisability of leaving home and business for a period of ten days to spend the time in camp-meeting. Evidently the Lord regarded such proceedings as of paramount importance for he commanded the church in the former dispensation as follows: "And thou shalt observe the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel." Ex. 34:22-23.

Three times a year the faithful son of Israel left his occupation and went up to attend holy convocations that lasted from one to seven weeks each. The Lord promised to watch over his home and possessions during his absence that no evil should befall.

Dear brethren and sisters, we have reached the perilous times we have looked forward to so long. Satan is assailing the Remnant with the force of the whirlwind and the ferocity of the roaring lion. We need to take advantage of every means of grace that our courage and faith may be renewed in the Lord.

Do you regard the expense as too great? "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" I close this appeal with the following from Test. Vol. II, p. 575: "Let all who possibly can attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided that they may become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come brethren and sisters to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and he will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul."

M. N. CAMPBELL.

From the Field.

BANGOR.

We are making some progress at this place. Three united with our church recently, two by letter and one by baptism. Our Sabbath-school lessons for this quarter are being studied with interest. We would be glad to welcome some good Seventh-day Adventists families who have children to educate, as we have a good place for a church-school. We would be glad to correspond with any one who desires to move where they can get their children in church school.

W. A. BRIGGS, Church Elder.

MUSKEGON.

The work at this place is progressing. The attendance has not

been large at any time, but a few seem deeply interested. We have reached the decisive questions. Pray for us for we know that a great work must be done in this unwarned city.

FRED BRINK.

GREENVILLE.

We started our tent effort here June 17 apparently under very favorable conditions. We received a new and beautiful tent outfit from Battle Creek and secured a most desirable spot for our tent in the midst of the Danish population. Everything looked promising. The attendance was good and many seemed delighted with the truths presented until the Sabbath question came for consideration, and although most of them continued to come till that subject was finished, it has not been possible to get them to attend subsequent meetings. However, our efforts have borne some fruit. One Danish lady has begun to keep the Lord's Sabbath and is ready for baptism. Now that they do not come to our public meetings, and many refuse to receive any more of our literature, which we have given them free of charge, we visit those who will receive us and find some that are glad to receive our good Danish paper, which is delivered to them every week.

As there was a desire among some of the American people to come to the tent if the meetings were in the English language, we decided to give them an opportunity. We did not wish it so, and were sorry to make this change, but circumstances compelled us. We have thus far held two meetings, and the attendance, as well as the

interest, has been fair. We hope to continue here till about August 1.

The Lord has been good to us, and we are of good courage.

CARL HANSEN,
H. P. HANSEN.

POKAGON.

After securing a location at this place, we shipped our tents, and commenced to pitch them July 4. Since our meetings opened we have had a very fair attendance. The people seem to be interested in these truths and come every evening.

The testing truths for these days are now being presented, and we know not the outcome. Our attendance is all that can be expected, the same people come every evening. All these are good indications, yet the people seem as stone. They believe in these things, but cannot be moved. The devils believe and tremble. As never before the servants of God must seek His face. The angel of mercy is leaving this sin-cursed earth never more to return, and we must live the truth day by day.

R. C. HORTON,
J. M. IRVING.

HOLLAND.

The tent which the Conference purchased recently for the Holland work is located in the city of Holland. We came to this place three weeks before the tent was pitched. We spent this time in working up an interest by making visits, selling papers, and giving Bible readings. Brother Gray joined us about a week before the tent was pitched. We then investigated about some vacant lots on which we had kept our eyes for some time in the past. The Lord made us successful in securing a very good location for our work. We appreciate this place the more since we found out that the Dutch College owns so many of the best locations here.

We have held services since June 26. Thus far we have had no large audiences. Sometimes, es-

pecially Sunday evenings, the meetings are well attended, but the evenings through the week bring us quite often small congregations. We use both the English and the Holland languages in our services. The Spirit of God has made deep impressions on many hearts, and we have learned not to judge the interest by the attendance. Many people are afraid to come for fear the Dominee (minister) will find them out. There are others who do not like to come for fear of becoming convinced. But notwithstanding these fears, we are reaching the ears of many. Many wrong conceptions of us and our doctrine are removed. Some are deeply interested. One has already commenced to keep the Sabbath and we believe others will follow.

The work in Holland is likely to go slow. It is moving now and God will cause it to keep going onward to victory. We are right here in the citadel and stronghold of the Holland churches and educational center. We are watched as with eagle eyes night and day. We realize the need of God's power and wisdom to accomplish the work here. Remember us therefore at the throne of grace.

J. W. HOFSTRA,
S. S. GRAY.

An Experience.

The life of every Christian is made up of many and varied experiences. Some of them stand out among the rest like so many beacon lights in our life, so bright and so clear that they become the center or centers around which all the rest of our experiences seem to cluster. This is true with almost every Christian, and is, it seems to me, especially true with one who is engaged in Gospel work.

Just a few weeks ago we experienced one of those wonderful providences, the memory of which will always have a stimulating effect upon our faith and confidence in the guiding hand of the Master. And what follows here is written

in the hope that it may have an equally blessed effect upon the readers of the "West Michigan Herald," and my fellow workers, those who are with me "but as yesterday" in this work of gaining souls for the kingdom of God.

About half a year before we entered upon our present work, we became interested in a young man who was working with us in the same office. He told me one day that he was investigating Spiritualism, and desired my opinion of this faith. Realizing the responsibility this soul thus placed upon us by this inquiry, with God's help we were able to make him see what God said regarding Spiritualism, and the danger of probing into it. He thus became interested in our faith and we had the privilege of giving him Bible studies on several topics. Since the time we entered the ministry we had not heard a word of this person nor of his whereabouts until the last day of the recently held Lake Union Conference, when we secured his address. From that moment I was burdened to see my friend and his wife. (He had married since we saw him last.) He could not be reached by rail so we planned to write him a letter, but were hindered in doing so. We prayed daily for them, and our desire to see them increased daily. So one morning as we were consecrating ourselves and our work to God, asking him what he would have us do that day, the Lord made plain to us that we should visit our friend, who lived about twenty-four miles distant. We reached his residence that day about 2:00 p. m., a great surprise to our friend of course. He was plowing when we arrived, but ceased his labors at once. After being introduced to his wife as a S. D. A. minister, our conversation was at once directed to the study of the different features of our faith. We studied thus uninterruptedly, except for a short time, until 11 o'clock at night, when, after earnest prayers were offered by all, we re-

tired. We left the next morning quite early, convinced that the Lord had worked with power upon the hearts of our friends. When we arrived home, we asked the Lord not to leave them until they acknowledged His truth and followed the light. We remembered that most beautiful history of Daniel's twenty-one days of prayer and fasting. In these two verses which gave this history, God lifts the heavy curtains which veil from the human eye the workings of the spiritual world. See Dan. 10:12, 13. We therefore prayed to God for more help and he graciously gave it.

About two weeks after the foregoing had happened, the Lord again impressed us very strongly to visit this family, although we knew at that time of no special reason why we should. But thanks be to God, we have learned to recognize the "still small voice." When we arrived at their residence they were not at home. So we placed some literature, which we had taken along for them, at the door steps and left. We remained in this neighborhood over night and visited them again the next morning. When we knocked at the door the lady opened it saying, "We knew the Lord would not let you go home without bringing you here first." As soon as the husband came in he called out, "The thing is settled now, we are from this time on Sabbath-keepers." We then asked them what it was that had brought them to such a quick decision, and the following experience was related: When we left them, after our first visit, the Lord impressed them very strongly with the truth we had presented to them, and a struggle began in their minds such as they had never before experienced. They had no desire for food or drink, and were scarcely able to do their work. Their thoughts and conversations were continually on what they had heard and which had become a plain truth to them. Finding no

rest day nor even night from the conviction that they ought to obey the truth, and still not fully in harmony with this thought, they finally came individually to the conclusion to ask God for a sign to clear their minds from the uncertainty and unrest which had taken possession of them. When one spoke to the other about this matter they found that God had impressed both with the same idea, and also with the same thing which was to constitute a sign unto them. They told the Lord that they believed he had sent Brother Hofstra once to them to bring them light, and they said "Send us this brother once more this week and this will be sufficient evidence to us that the Lord desires us to keep the Sabbath." So they prayed God daily to hear them and should the Lord not grant their request, it would be an evidence to them that they were being deceived. God heard their prayers and granted their petition. Before that week had expired the Lord sent me over there as an answer to their prayers. Great was our mutual joy when God's wonderful work was related. It is again another evidence to us that God is gathering the honest in heart and mind to the keeping of His commandments, and that our God is still the same living, prayer-answering God at this time of the history of the church, as He was in the days of the prophets and apostles. My prayer is that we may all live in such an attitude to God that He can hear and grant our petitions and use us as instruments in His hands, that yet many honest souls may be brought to the knowledge of the present truth.

Yours in the blessed hope,
J. W. HOFSTRA.

Report of the Educational Convention.

The Educational Convention held at College View, Neb., June 28 to July 10, under the auspices of the Educational Department of the General Conference, was without

doubt the most important educational meeting in the history of the denomination. It was the largest convention we ever held, and the field was most widely represented. The relation of our educational work to the message was never before so clearly seen or so forcibly presented. A general missionary movement was started to bring the schools and the fields into closer touch. Courses of study were carefully worked out and unanimously adopted covering the church and intermediate schools, academies, colleges, and training schools. Text books were adopted so far as any have been produced specially adapted to the work of our denominational schools; the entire proceedings were conducted in a beautiful spirit of Christian unity and manliness, the conclusions reached being unanimous. The story of this epoch making gathering is now in preparation by the Department of Education. It will be published by the Union College Press, and will be ready in a few weeks. Every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read it. It will increase his faith and renew his courage. The report will contain more than one hundred pages, and the price will be but TEN CENTS. Send your orders at once. Lay the matter before the members of the church, and order in clubs, or singly if you prefer. But do it now! that we may know how many to print. Address all letters, and make all orders payable, to the UNION COLLEGE PRESS, College View, Neb.

Obituaries.

Sister Rose A. Cooley was born in Warren county, Ohio, January 13, 1848, and died June 18, 1906, aged 58 years, 5 months and 5 days. At the age of twenty-two she was united in marriage to Charles Fall. About twenty years ago Sister Fall accepted the Third Angel's Message, and united with the Seventh Day Adventist church at Reese, Michigan. She rejoiced to know that the coming of the Saviour is

near, and that perfect obedience to His commandments would insure her an entrance into his everlasting kingdom. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

FRED BRINK.

Withrow—Died in Trowbridge, Allegan county, Michigan, July 15, 1906. Sister Marie Withrow, aged 62 years, one month and six days. Sister Withrow had been a consistent member of the Allegan church for twenty-four years. She leaves a husband, one son, one daughter and two sisters to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

‘EZRA BRACKETT.

News and Notes.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent July 20-22 with the church at Charlotte.

Brother Mace of Battle Creek received the following wire from Pacific Press Publishing Co. Sabbath, July 21, at 10:00 a. m.: "Press plant totally destroyed by fire."

A letter from the superintendent of the Berrien Springs Sabbath-school, the one held in town, says: "The children are interested in India's orphans and are saving their pennies."

Elder D. E. Lindsey of Clyde, Ohio, spoke in the Grand Rapids church on Sunday and Monday evenings of last week and in the Otsego church Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Elder D. E. Lindsey spoke in the Battle Creek Tabernacle Friday evening, July 20, also Sabbath morning, July 21. At 4:00 p. m. Elder S. H. Lane gave an interesting discourse. Sunday evening, July 22, Elder Lindsey gave another interesting discourse.

Elder B. F. Kneeland and Miss Florence M. Kelsey were united in marriage at 8:00 a. m., July 17, 1906. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, in Ed-

more, Michigan, Elder A. G. Haughey officiating. Their many friends in Grand Rapids gave them a reception at the West Michigan Sanitarium Tuesday evening, July 17. On Thursday evening, July 19, they gave a reception at their home in Kalamazoo. May the blessing of God be with them as they labor together in his vineyard.

Notice the following list of topics composing the August number of LIFE AND HEALTH: Typhoid Fever—Its nature and cause; Children and Their Care; Disease Common in Summer; Vegetarianism—Its relation to health; Divine Healing—A part of the gospel; Hydrotherapy in the Treatment of Feeble-Minded Children; Purity—What saith the Scriptures; Outdoor Life Healthful; Stirring up the Animals—The President's investigation of Slaughter houses, Students Breaking Down Under Strain; Strenuous School Work; A Source of Opposition to the Pure Food Bill; Infamous Crime; The Commissioner and Diseased Meat; The Spread of Tuberculosis by Flies; Stock Yard Abuses; The Problems of the Beef Trust; Uncooked Foods; The Clothes-Brush; Hard and Fast Rules; Dust Removal, Not Dispersal; San Francisco Saloons; Poisoned Meats; How to Use "Left-Overs" to a Good Account in the Preparation of New Meals; Soft Boiled Eggs; Home Food Studies; How to Prepare Tomato Soups, Rice Salad, Potato Chowder, Pineapple Sauce, Neapolitan Soup, Nuttose Creamed Macaroni, Riced Potatoes, Spinach Souffle with Lentil Dressing, Olive and Celery Salad, Mixed Salads, etc.; Causes of Displacement by Constriction of the Waist; Foolish Parents; The Home Life; Tired Mothers; The Gospel of Happiness; The Safe-Guard of the Home; Teach the Boy a Trade; Must the Strawberry Go; Experimenting on Patients; Some Medical Foibles; Christian Science Cure; "I Can Make a Man of You;" The Health of San Francisco; Progress of the Medical Missionary

Work in Foreign Countries; News Notes; Questions and Answers, etc.

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Sanitarium Notes.

Our nurses, Miss Paul and Miss Hartwell, have each returned from a few weeks vacation with friends.

We have had about all the patients we could accomodate for the past month, and others are expected to come soon.

Miss Nina Nelson is one of our latest arrivals as a patient. Friends of Miss Nelson will be glad to learn that already she is feeling somewhat better.

We were all very much edified by a visit from Eld. D. E. Lindsey, of Clyde, Ohio, the first of the week. Eld. Lindsey remained about three days, speaking two evenings in the church.

Several cases we have had lately demonstrate the value of a place in the country, away from the cities turmoil and noise for our institution. Are there not some who would be glad to help our institution to such a place?

The Sanitarium was a scene of festivity Tuesday evening when a reception was given in honor of Eld. B. F. Kneeland and bride, formerly Miss Florence Kelsey. There were about sixty in attendance, all of whom enjoyed the event, and wished the new couple much joy and happiness.

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