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## Camp-Meeting at Hastings, Michigan, August 9-20, 1906.

### RATE DAYS.

On August 8, 9 and 14 return tickets can be purchased at one and one-third the regular fare. These tickets will be good for the return trip until midnight Tuesday, August 21.

### RENT FOR TENTS.

Our conference tents will be for rent at \$2.50, \$3.00, and \$4.00 for tent and fly. The size and quality of the tent will govern the price to be paid. Send all orders for tents to E. A. Merriam, Otsego, Mich., until August 5. After that send your orders to him at Hastings, Mich. There will be stalls on the grounds for horses.

### MINISTERIAL HELP.

Elders G. A. Irwin, I. H. Evans, Allen Moon, Wm. Covert, W. D. Curtis, C. McReynolds, E. K. Slade, and all the conference laborers.

### WHAT TO BRING.

Hymns and Tunes; Christ in Song; plenty of bedding; your children and youth; Sabbath-school lesson quarterly; Bibles and the Spirit of God.

### Some Reasons Why We Should Attend the Approaching Camp-meeting.

1. This appointment has been made according as God has given wisdom to his servants who have the general charge of the work. Such appointments should be respected. In doing so, good will thereby come to our own souls. And with not a few this will be the last meeting of the kind they will ever attend.

2. It will be a most helpful thing for us all to say to the cares

of this life, you remain here while I go and worship yonder. Such an effort will be signally blessed of God.

3. We have an inspired injunction, in view of the approaching great day, to not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. Here is an important admonition in view of the close of probation to not be neglectful of our great religious gatherings.

4. We are emphatically in the tarrying time, and according to the Scripture, and the testimony of God's Spirit, we may expect to soon see important changes in the work. And it is our highest wisdom to keep step with the advancing work of God. Read Romans 9:28, where we have the unqualified statement that the Lord will cut this work short in righteousness.

5. Many of the scattered ones do not have the privilege of listening to the living preacher very often, and at the camp-meeting such have the opportunity of tasting of the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come. Heb. 6:5. As the stewards of God's mysteries bring forth from his treasury things important for this time, these souls are vivified, enlightened, strengthened, and built up in the faith. To such the value of these meetings cannot be overestimated.

6. In the parable of the ten vir-

gins in Matthew 25, there is a time spoken of when all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. See verse 7. Probably this parable spans the entire period of the proclamation of the great second-advent message. Is it not time, high time, brethren and sisters, that all our lamps not only be trimmed, but actually burning? It would seem so. In Luke 12:35,36, we have the Saviour's instruction, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord when he will return from the wedding: that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately." God forbid that in the din and excitement of the world, we fail to recognize the Saviour's knock!

7. In view of the present evil hour the apostle Paul cautions the waiting ones. He says: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Romans 13:11,12. And the prophet Isaiah has this stirring appeal: "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city." Read the interesting connection. At the camp-meeting we may expect to hear a testimony in harmony with these inspiring scriptures. Let us be in our places, so we can hear, take warning, and be profited.

8. God by his servant Joel says: "Call a solemn assembly: gather



the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children." Chapter 2:16. Let us not forget that we are in the day when this text is to be literally fulfilled. Now is the time when the work of Elijah shall be recognized on all sides in the church. "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Or with "UTTER DESOLATION," as some translate. Mal. 4:6. As the truth for this time is proclaimed in the power of the Spirit, the testimony says, "hearts will be reached." Let us as individuals "prepare the way of the Lord" in our hearts.

9. Should we not all earnestly pray as churches, and families, and individuals, that Jesus Christ will come to this feast? If we have not already done so, let us begin now.

"Then trim your lamps, my brethren dear,  
Then trim your lamps with godly fear;  
The Master's coming draweth near,  
Let every lamp be burning."

G. W. AMADOM.

### West Michigan Camp-meeting.

Dear brethren and sisters, the time for another feast of tabernacles is at hand, and I have wondered how many of God's professed people will be there to share in its blessings and take part in its service. How many will feel it a duty, as well as a privilege, to be there to receive the proffered blessing? We need it, we must have it, if we expect to stand in the time of trouble, such as never was. "A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? We need not say, The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to the very soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites, and passions. Minds that have been given up to loose thought, need to charge. . . . 'Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.' . . . Now is the time to put forth earnest effort to overcome. Only by overcoming as

Christ overcame shall we win the crown of life." Test. Vol. 8, p. 315.

We have no time to lose, dear brethren, for Christ is about to say, "It is finished." "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, . . . and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still. . . . Behold I come quickly." One sin unconfessed will shut us out of heaven. Come, brethren, let no trivial circumstance keep you from this feast. The angels of God are seeking to attract us from ourselves and from earthly things.

God is providing the instruction for our improvement, and if we fail to grasp these opportunities, we shall fail in making that preparation that will enable us to stand in the great day of God's wrath, and as we look back and see these opportunities slighted we shall be speechless.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that God "does not propose to work a miracle to sustain the faith of his saints. They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed them of God." Test. Vol. 4, p. 107.

It will pay, dear brethren; improve these privileges though attended at a sacrifice. It may be the last time your brethren will hear your testimony for God and his truth. Angels will be there to minister and to write in a book these testimonies that are so precious to the Lord. Come in the spirit and power of God, bring your children with you, for the time will come when the older ones will not be permitted to preach the message and God by miraculous power, as in the first message, will employ little children to blow the gospel trumpet for the final conflict. They need a preparation for that work, so bring them along that they may share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I look for the loud cry of the third angel's message to go forth from our camp-meetings, and as in 1844 at Exter, New Hampshire, the loud cry of

the first message was sounded forth, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," mightily stirring the world, so in the final conflict the cry will go forth, "Behold the King cometh, clothed with majesty and power and great glory, to lead forth his great army which no man can number, clothed with white robes and palms of victory in their hands."

Dear brethren, let us go into camp and be ready to join this white robed throng and follow the King of glory to those mansions prepared for his saints.

M. S. BURNHAM.

### How to Prevent Sickness at Camp-meeting.

There are several reasons why our people should suffer from certain troubles when at camp-meeting more than at other times. Some such disturbances are due to an impure water supply, but too often the water is blamed when the trouble is due entirely to other causes. The most common of these is the food supply.

Everything that is cooked for camp-meeting consumption, should be thoroughly cooked. And then if it is allowed to stand sometime before using it should be carefully covered, if possible with a pan or something similar, whose edges will go over and below the top of the vessel containing the food, cover if possible while the food is still warm. Food protected in this way will keep much longer even in the hottest weather.

Only ripe fruits should be eaten, but not so ripe that it has begun to spoil. Always take time to peel, if possible or wash fruit before using. There is no danger from fruit itself as a cause of bowel trouble.

The danger lies in the infective germs that multiply in the spoiled parts, or may abound on the skin. All fruit treated in this way is perfectly safe.

Be sure that all milk is boiled before using, but at the time of us-



ing, not the day before. And if the water supply is at all doubtful, the water should be boiled as well.

Take to camp-meeting two large fomentation cloths, one yard square and a fountain syringe of two or three quarts capacity. With these you have means to combat most everything that may arise. Make it a rule to always give yourself the benefit of a doubt, and take treatment at the first indication of danger. In most cases a hot full enema, with fomentations to the bowels, if there is much pain, is all that is needed. If however trouble continues, repeat every four hours if necessary. With such means of treatment there is no possibility of danger even though you should have to repeat frequently.

A few of these simple suggestions will do much to add to the well being of our people while at camp-meeting.

L. J. OTIS, M. D.

### Our Normal Institute.

Our Institute work is well under way. There are about forty teachers in attendance, several of whom are taking regular work in the summer term of the college.

A spirit of earnest study and devotion to the work in hand is manifested. A deep sense of the great responsibility resting upon the teacher in the proper training of our children and youth rests upon all.

Examinations for all grades of certificates will be held here at the college August 5 and 6. By consulting the following statement it will be observed that those of our teachers who really pass a satisfactory examination this year, will not be required, as heretofore, to take an examination every year. This will furnish one incentive for improvement, and is as it should be.

The following requirements are placed upon

#### LICENSES.

"C" An average of 75, Min. 60.  
1 year.

"B" An average of 80, Min. 70.  
2 years.

"A" An average of 90, Min. 80.  
3 years.

#### CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS.

"B" An average of 80, Min. 70.  
3 years.

"A" An average of 90, Min. 80.  
5 years.

#### LAKE UNION CREDENTIALS.

"B" An average of 90, Min. 80.  
5 years.

"A" An average of 95, Min. 90.  
Life.

Now, brethren, send in your applications. Our teaching force is increasing and improving. I expect to devote my entire time to the school work the ensuing year. Surely in these days of peril from without and peril from within, we cannot afford to close one of our schools, and send our children back into the public schools. Instead let each church rise to the occasion and the needs of the hour, and take such steps as will lead to the establishing of educational work in every place where there are children to be trained.

Again let me urge the importance of sending in your application for a teacher right away. Our teachers here are getting anxious to know where they are to go, that they may be laying plans accordingly.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

### The Canvassing Work.

Nine canvassers have been in the field and they have reported one hundred and twenty days. Value of orders \$613, an average of a little over \$5.00 a day. Sickness and unavoidable circumstances have kept some from giving all their time to the work, yet as far as I know, the courage of all is good. Some have written encouraging letters although under trying circumstances.

We expect a revival of the canvassing work after camp-meeting as several are planning to take up the work. I hope to meet those who are interested in the book work at the camp-meeting.

GEORGE MATTESON.

### From the Field.

BENTON HARBOR.

"Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few." Sometimes I shudder when I think of the shortness of time, and the great amount of work to be done. Yet I take courage, when I remember that the work is the Lord's, and that Jesus stands at the helm. It is certainly time for every soul who has this closing message to awake and get on the whole armor. The Lord says he will cut his work short in righteousness. I am so glad that he uses human instrumentalities, and that he has called me to be a co-laborer with Him. The Lord has many precious jewels who are yet to hear of His soon-coming, and there is scarcely another work that affords so good an opportunity for searching them out as the canvassing work. Every day I find those who seem to be just waiting for the truth, eager to grasp every ray of light.

In giving the canvass for "Desire of Ages" this summer, I have been impressed to make a strong point on the soon-coming of the Lord, showing the picture on page 629 and reading, "When shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming?" I explain to them that the signs are being fulfilled and verily we are in the closing up of this world's history. You would be surprised could you hear the ready response from so many lips, "I believe so too." Yet they are not acquainted with the scriptures. One day I was giving a canvass to a gentleman and his wife, and when I came to this point they grew very serious. They exchanged glances, and the husband remarked to the wife "Have we not talked of these things? You have only to read the newspapers then your Bible and you can see that we are nearing the end. We must have that book."

Recently I met a lady who had been reared a Catholic, but was not satisfied, and has been studying



this new thought, Pantleism. She and her husband were all taken up with it. I spent more than an hour with her. She said she was hungry for truth, searching for light. I sold her a "Desire of Ages," and have given them several readings. They are grasping the truth, their foundation is shaken. How good the Lord is and I love his service.

One day I called on a colored lady more than eighty years old. She had been a slave, worked hard all her life, and is still hard at work. She was washing that morning. Her poor old figure was bent. She told me something of her hardships and troubles, I tried to encourage her. Told her of the soon-coming Saviour, of the earth made new, Eden restored, where the tears will be wiped from off all faces. "And auntie, you remember that good old song,—

'When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first began.'

Her face lighted up, her eyes grew bright, and she said "Oh, it has been years since I heard that." I said "No matter if we do have trials and hardships here, it is only a little while and all will be over, and we shall have all eternity to live and enjoy. 'And the former things shall not be remembered nor come into mind.' Eternity, who can fathom, just think of it, when we have been there TEN THOUSAND YEARS we've just begun to have a good time." She straightened herself up, raised her arms above her head and laughingly said "Why, bless de Lawd, honey, I's jest as happy as can be." And I went on my way rejoicing.

The next place I sold a "Desire of Ages." The Lord is giving me many precious experiences. Even though I do not place a book in every home, I feel that my work has not been in vain. But O, when I see the vastness of the work, and my own inefficiency I feel that truly, there should be twenty in the field where there is one. I want to

close with the words of the poet,—

"Fall into line brother, fall into line  
Hearken with me to the message divine;  
Jesus invites you to join in the fray,  
Gives you assurance of victory to-day.

"Fall into line soldier, fall into line,  
On to the battle for Jesus shall win;  
Fierce is the warfare with Satan to-day,  
Arm for the conflict, and march to the fray.

ELLA PORTER.

### News and Notes.

Read all that is said in this issue about the camp meeting.

The editor spent last Sabbath with the Allegan church and organized a young people's society.

A special effort will be put forth at the camp-meeting for the young people, and we hope that many will plan to attend.

Elder A. G. Haughey and E. A. Merriam were in Hastings one day last week arranging some matters for the coming camp-meeting.

Sabbath August 4 the quarterly meeting for the Kalamazoo, Otsego, Allegan and South Monterey churches will be held at the last named place.

We quote the following from a personal letter written by Brother Clifford A. Russell: "Fire is a terrible calamity, but it is worth a great deal to know that we have so many true friends. Thank the Lord our courage is reviving. He knows why it was allowed."

We hope the officers of our Sabbath-schools will make a note of the letter that has been sent to them in regard to the Little Friend. If they will attend to this matter immediately they will not miss a copy of the paper. Let us be thankful that the Devil cannot stop the Lord's work, but we must be up and doing.

Brother J. W. Hofstra, who is laboring in Holland, gave the office a short call last Friday. He is of good courage in the work. The West Michigan Tract Society ordered a number of denominational books in the Holland language, and they have arrived and he is

very glad to have them to use in his work.

We quote the following extract from a letter received from the Pacific Press Publishing Company: "We have just gotten into our vault, which was badly crushed, and find that while the "Signs of the Times" list is in fairly good condition, our "Little Friend" list is at least half gone. The last two issues of "Our Little Friend," dated August 3 and August 10, were just ready to mail when the fire occurred. They are being reprinted in a near-by town, and will be ready to mail in a few days."

### Battle Creek News.

Elder B. F. Kneeland and wife made Battle Creek a flying visit one day last week.

A number of the Battle Creek church have gone to South Bend this week to attend the Indiana camp-meeting.

A benefit lecture was given at the Sanitarium on Saturday evening for the Haskell Home. The Home stands in need of this help.

Miss Mary Lamson, who has been spending her vacation at home, was called back to Holly last Friday to put in another month's work during the warm days.

Elder Heckman preached in the tabernacle Sabbath morning taking for his theme the accumulation of wealth as a sign of the last days and the soon-coming of Christ. United States is not only the richest country in the world, but also the poorest. But soon the time will come when the rich men shall cast their gold and silver to the bats and the moles, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour.

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Margaret Haughey, Editor.