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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

In men whom men condemn as ill  
I find so much of goodness still,  
In men whom men pronounce divine  
I find so much of sin and blot.  
I hesitate to draw a line  
Between the two where God has not.  
—Joaquin Miller.

### Notes From the West Michigan Camp-Meeting Held at Hastings, Mich., Aug. 9-19, 1906.

This important annual gathering convened on the Hastings Fair grounds, at the time appointed, and in respect of location was all that could be desired. The water, both hydrant and from wells, was par excellent. Straw, lumber, and wood, so necessary for campers, were furnished at a fair rate.

The great 100 foot pavilion was comfortably seated, and lighted by electricity, and the rostrum attractively festooned with plants and flower from the greenhouse. Besides this, there was a tent for kindergarten purposes, one for children's meetings, and still another for services especially adapted for the youth.

There was also a reception tent, where strangers visiting the encampment were properly entertained by a committee on reception.

A book-stand, well stocked with a full variety of our publications, was another important adjunct of this meeting.

The new and beautiful dining hall of the Fair Ground Association was utilized by our Conference as a dining saloon, where excellent food was supplied on the lowest living terms.

The Sanitary arrangements of the ground were such as no reasonable person could find fault with.

A camp-ground grocery near the pavilion furnished supplies on the same terms as the groceries in the city, while a lunch department accommodated those who could not take their meals at the regular hours.

A three-days workers' meeting preceded this great gathering, and religious services were held on the 6th and 7th. After the meeting proper began, quite a number of the committees were appointed for the control and management of the encampment.

On Thursday the 9th, the following brethren in the ministry were on the ground: Elders A. G. Haughey, W. E. Hebner, W. E. Videto, Fred Brink, E. VanDeusen, M. S. Burnham, B. F. Kneeland, H. Nicola, A. C. Bourdeau, Carl Hansen, Jacob Hofstra, and James Irving of the West Michigan Conference, and Elder W. Covert of the Lake Union. Besides these, our licentiates and Bible workers and canvassers and school teachers were well represented.

#### THURSDAY'S MEETING.

At the social meeting appointed for 8:30 a. m., Elder Covert took the time in a Bible study on the higher Christian life. This seemed very opportune for a people professing to be looking for the immediate coming of the Lord. The prophet says, "Prepare to meet thy

God, O Israel." And those who stand when Christ appears must be found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. See Eph. 5:27.

In the afternoon at 3:00 Elder Covert spoke from John 3:1-3. He gave a literal and interesting exposition of these verses. Let it be noted that the hope of Christ's soon coming is a hope that purifies the soul. The reader may add Selah to this. Paul also speaks of Christ's coming as "that blessed hope." Titus 2:13.

At 7:30 in the evening Elder Haughey spoke from Rom. 1:16. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," etc. He emphasized the latter part of the text that the gospel is the power of God. When believers fully obey the gospel, then God's power will be manifested in their daily walk. The speaker showed that Christ was the Alpha and the Omega—the alphabet, so as to speak of all that was dear to God's trusting people. This point is as important as it is interesting.

#### FRIDAY'S MEETING.

At 8:30 the people came to the pavilion for social meeting. Several aged men were in the stand. The meeting opened with prayer by Bro. G. W. Amaden. Then Elder Haughey led out with a few stirring remarks on Christian living. Brethren Amaden, Nicola, and Burnham followed in quick succession, each with a few practical thoughts. As those who had spoken were mostly aged men, Elder Covert was then called for, who responded in a short encouraging testimony.

In the morning service at 10:30



Elder Covert took as the basis of his discourse Isa. 9:6, "Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given." He began by showing how Christ was given to the race, but a perfect down pour of rain interrupted the speaker, and the choir led off in vigorous singing to save confusion. After the shower had somewhat abated, the speaker came down into the aisle and continued his discourse under somewhat embarrassing circumstances. But the sermon was by no means a lost occasion.

As there was much to be done to prepare for the Sabbath, the 3:00 o'clock meeting was omitted, and at 5:00 Elder Videto addressed a mixed audience for a good hour on Joshua's words, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." As many children were present, the speaker purposely used very simple language. This discourse was a timely one, and the clear reasoning, the forceful illustrations, and the pertinent texts quoted, will not be forgotten by the hearers.

In the evening; promptly at 7:30, the pavilion was nearly filled and Elder Haughey spoke to the large assembly. Many citizens of the town were present, the surrounding vicinity being nearly filled with carriages from the city. The subject was the Creator and His omnipotent word. No particular text was used as a basis of the sermon, but many passages from the Old and New Testament were employed to substantiate the positions taken. The discourse was a very important one, and was in continuation on the sermon of the previous evening. It evidently impressed the outside portion of the audience favorably. In closing a cordial invitation was extended to the citizens to attend the meetings.

#### THE SABBATH MEETING.

The early part of the forenoon was occupied with Sabbath-school services. The usual divisions of the school into departments was

carried out in the encampment. Elder Videto had charge of the senior division. Brother Russell of the junior department, and Mrs. A. L. Bayley the intermediate and primary departments, and Miss Lottie Bell the kindergarten. Elder Kauble reviewed the lesson of the previous Sabbath. Then the various teachers chosen spent less than twenty minutes on the lesson for the day, which was the subject of family prayer. The study was a very useful one. The total number in the three departments mentioned was 305. Contributions, \$9.25. Brother S. Wellman, of the West India Islands made a few remarks to the school on missionary work.

At 10:30 Elder Covert spoke to the large audience assembled. The pavilion was filled, and excellent attention was paid to the subject for the hour. The first and last churches of Revelation 2 and 3 was the theme dwelt upon. Very important thoughts were presented, and the truth of God for this time seemed more precious than ever. At the close Elder Haughey rose and made a call for those who felt that they wanted to obey God to raise their hands. Several hands went up, then Brother Haughey knelt and prayed fervently. The services closed with a half-hours social exercise in which many brethren and sisters took an active and interesting part.

At 3:00 in the afternoon the audience had the pleasure of listening to Elder Kauble, president of the Berrien Springs school. The speaker arose and for a good hour gave an exhilarating talk on the trials and perplexities of the Christian life. No particular text was chosen, but the experiences of David, Solomon, and Paul were made good use of. Especially was Paul's statement in Rom. 8:28 "All things work together for good to them that love God," delineated and illustrated in a manner very edifying. A brief study of the history of Job brought out the

fact that good men may be afflicted and bad men prospered. This off-hand address was brimful of hope and good cheer, and decidedly helpful to the meeting.

It should be stated that the music accompanying the services, both instrumental and vocal, is fine, and under the leadership of Prof. D. Reavis of Cedar Lake Academy. Weather very pleasant, with quite an outside attendance, and a large village of tents in the beautiful grove.

At 5:00 Elder Slade spoke to an assembly of young people in the large tent. The pavilion was nearly half full, and this group of intelligent youth was an interesting sight to look upon. The text was Psa. 119:9, "Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way?" This discourse set forth the infinite importance of paying good heed to the counsel and instruction found in the Bible. A full hour was occupied in bringing out lessons so helpful to young people. The sermon will be remembered as prominent among the good things of this camp-meeting.

Promptly at 7:30 in the evening, after singing by the choir, Elder Haughey gave the address of the hour. His topic was the Creation of the world and His almighty word. The basis of this important sermon was Heb. 2:6-8. By turning to this passage the reader will readily see that the dominion which God gave to Adam, and through him to the race, is here dwelt upon. This sermon was the third of a series of evening addresses which the president of the conference is delivering at this annual meeting. The discourse set forth in a vivid manner those wonderful teachings of the Bible bearing on this ever-important subject. Further studies in the same trend are promised. The meetings are growing in interest.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

The morning devotional exercises at 8:30 were conducted by



Elder Kneeland. He read John 14:1-25, with running remarks. Then Elder Hebner led in earnest prayer, two other brethren following. Limited time allowed only a few testimonies to be borne. Then attention was called to the "Watchman" paper, a supply of which was in the stand. A brother was appointed to go from tent to tent and receive subscriptions.

At 10:00 Elder Kauble rose to address the large audience. His subject was, Man, his condition after the fall. The speaker took Matt. 19:16, 17 as a text, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" In introducing the discourse the Elder well said that of all the questions which agitate the world to-day—social, commercial, and political—none are of equal importance to this. As the sermon was continued the speaker did not elucidate the subject by quoting many texts from the Bible to show the binding force of the commandments of God; on the contrary by much scriptural proof, and unique illustrations on the black-board, he demonstrated the absolute impossibility of keeping the law of God without the help of Christ. Jesus perfectly obeyed God's holy law, and through faith in his blood, even sinners are accounted as righteous in the sight of God.

At 3:00 p. m. Elder Haughey preached. He took Heb. 2:9 as the text, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Note that Jesus died for all. The speaker then read the different promises in Genesis which speak of the Messiah to come. He said that Abraham, the father of the faithful, became a child of God by believing, just as any poor sinner to-day becomes such. Spoke of foreordination, and said that God never decreed that one man should go to

hell and another to heaven, but that he had predestinated that every true believer should be saved and live eternally. This is true Bible election. The prophecies of Daniel were referred to, and the rule in Num. 14:34 read, showing how in the Bible prophetic time is to be reckoned as a day for a year. It is quite impossible in a short notice like this to give a synopsis of such an important discourse as the one of the evening. On this occasion many citizens were present, who listened with much interest.

In the youth's meeting at 5:00 Elder Slade again addressed a large company of young people. He began by saying that God spreads a table for his people in the gospel; that this was typified by the manna in the wilderness. He there gave a humorous incident of a little girl who for some misdemeanor at the table was required to take her meals apart from the others in a corner of the room. But she bowed her head and said grace in these words: "O Lord, I thank Thee that Thou hast prepared a table for me in the presence of mine enemies!" Brother Slade read Psa. 45:6, and made very interesting remarks about the sceptre. Referred to Queen Esther's going in before the King; and how the sceptre—a symbol of government and power—was held out to her, and so she and her people had their lives preserved, although wicked Haman had plotted their destruction. This was a good hour for the young people.

In the evening at 7:30 Elder Horton spoke to the great crowd on the sanctuary question. He used the well-known text, Daniel 8:14, as the basis of his remarks. Although not strong physically, Brother Horton presented this great subject in a very clear light. He carefully dissected the 2300 prophetic days and the 70 weeks, showing the audience what the Bible means by the use of these

periods. He elucidated the subject by reading or quoting many scriptural proofs. It is needless to repeat the arguments in this paper for a people who have listened to these truths scores and hundreds of times, but it is a pleasure to state that this sermon presented the great sanctuary question in a very forcible manner. And God witnessed to the word spoken.

(To be continued.)

### Retrospect.

The day has drawn to a close, and in the calm twilight we review its experiences, its conflicts, and its victories, and alas, perhaps there has been defeat. Has a word flown we would gladly recall? But, ah, perhaps that cannot be, and now the "iron enters into our own soul" and sadness, and perhaps discouragement, comes into our heart, and we wonder if God can and will once more take us back into his favor. We look out upon the starry heavens and there we see the power and glory of God (Ps. 19:1) manifest, and we are lost in awe and admiration. Then those beautiful texts, Isaiah 54:7, 8; Ps. 3:4, 5; 6:9 and 9:10, and Ps. 19:35 is such a beautiful and comforting verse, then that wonderful verse that appeals so to every parent, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him," these and many, many more come to us to re-assure us and we go to our Father once more and tell him all, and ask him for Jesus' sake to take us into his favor, and just believe he does it, and our troubled spirits are calmed, and once more we retire at peace with heaven and earth, with God and man.

"Thus far the Lord has led me on;

Thus far his power prolongs my days;  
And every evening shall make known  
Some fresh memorial of his grace.

"Much of my time has run to waste,  
And I, perhaps, am near my home;  
But he forgives my follies past,  
And gives me strength for days to come.



"I lay my body down to sleep;  
Peace is the pillow for my head;  
While well-appointed angels keep  
Their watchful stations round my  
bed.

"Thus if the night of death should  
come  
My flesh shall rest beneath the  
ground,  
And wait thy voice to break my tomb,  
With sweet salvation in the sound."

A. B. C.

### Help for the South.

We hope that none of the friends who have been donating to the Southern Missionary Society in the past will think that because a special effort is about to be made to raise quite a sum of money for the mission work in the South, the Southern Missionary Society will no longer stand in need of their help.

The money to be raised by the united efforts of the General Conference, the Union Conferences, and the Local Conferences is not for the Southern Missionary Society, but for other branches of the cause, and but little of it, comparatively, is for any part of the colored work; so the mission schools, under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society must be supported, as in the past, by the donations of those who are especially interested in this particular branch of the work.

Therefore, do not forget, brethren and sisters, that the Southern Missionary Society stands just as much in need of your help as it has ever done. The mission schools must not be allowed to suffer because a special call is being made for other lines of work and to build and equip large institutions.

C. P. BOLLMAN, Sec'y.

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### Obituaries.

BOYCE—Henry Boyce of Augusta, Mich., was instantly killed by an express train at that place, Sunday evening, August 12.

Some friends from Battle Creek had spent the evening at his home near Augusta in honor of his sixty-fourth birthday. He had taken the party to the station, and at the double track he waited for a freight to pass. He had nearly passed over, when the express train on the second track, struck and instantly killed him.

Brother Boyce had been a faithful member of the Adventist church for eleven years. He loved the message, and though taken without a moment's warning, we believe he sleeps in Jesus.

He leaves a wife, three sisters, and others to mourn.

His wife accepted the third angel's message under the labors of the writer, who was called to speak words of comfort at the funeral, which was held at his home near Augusta, Wednesday afternoon, August 15. The text chosen was 1 John 4:8.

C. N. SANDERS.

Died, at Jenison, Michigan, July 23, 1906, Mrs. Hattie B. Masters, of

internal cancer, at the age of 43 years. Sister Masters was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for ten years, first at New York City and afterwards at Grandville, Michigan. Her Christian experience was an exceptionally bright one and she died in hope fully resigned to the will of the Lord. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

M. N. CAMPAELL.

Charles Robert Lewis died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 27, 1906, of paralysis, at the age of 71. The deceased had been a member of the Grand Rapids Seventh-day Adventist church over 20 years and his closing days were illuminated by a fervent trust in his Saviour. He is survived by a wife, three sisters and five children. A large number of friends gathered to listen to the discourse delivered by the writer from Job 14:14.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

### News and Notes.

Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson, who have been connected with our conference office as stenographers and bookkeepers, will attend school at Cedar Lake this year. We feel loth to give them up, for they have been a great help to the work. They are exemplary, Christian young ladies and are efficient workers. We wish them success and the blessing of God as they prepare for greater usefulness in the vineyard.

Miss Margaret Haughey left Otsego this week for a vacation. She will visit relatives and friends in Illinois and Ohio.

Miss Eva Howe, from Decatur, who has been a student in the Emmanuel Missionary College, is connected with the conference office.

We are indebted to Brother George Amadon for the interesting report of the camp-meeting.