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

### MONDAY'S MEETING.

At the usual hour, 8:30 a. m., the brethren and sisters assembled in the large tent for devotional service. Elder Brink had charge of the service. He read as a lesson the first half of Jer. 36. Then Brother Amadon was called upon to pray, a number of persons uniting. After a song another season of prayer was enjoyed, and this was followed by a good many earnest testimonies. Elder Haughey then gave some timely instruction to the campers in reference to order, deportment, etc. Thus closed this excellent devotional meeting.

Elder Campbell gave the discourse. The basis of his remarks was Rev. 18:1-4, "And after these

things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory, etc." The connection of this text is too well known to require quoting farther. The speaker said the present audience did not need a detailed exposition of the verses read. Said he was not here to theorize, or merely to entertain; thought that the Seventh-day Adventists people were far behind the providence of God in doing missionary work among our neighbors; and that our tracts, etc., should be scattered like autumn leaves. Said that the weakest could do something in getting our literature before the people. On this point he mentioned the case of an aged brother, in poor health, who had sold four hundred copies of Elder Lane's book "Paradise." Another interesting instance was that of an infirm old lady who sold a copy of Daniel and Revelation to a man who became converted, and is now preaching this truth. Referred to his own little children who persisted in selling the "Signs," and although out but an hour, the result was that an anxious lady hastened to the house to learn about the truth, and the prospect is that she will obey. Elder Campbell gave repeated illustrations of how God blesses the work of the canvasser. Quoted from "Object Lessons" the statement that not more surely does God have a place for his people in heaven, than his providence appoints a place for us to work here on earth. Said that the Spirit of Christ is emphatically a missionary spirit. All were encouraged by the closing quotation from

the Psalms, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

Brother Hartwell, our religious liberty field agent, followed with some stirring remarks, and the service concluded with a short talk by Brother Matteson on the same subject.

At 1:45 p. m. a workers meeting was held at which it was expected that all the ministers and licentiates of the Conference would be present.

In the afternoon meeting at 3:00 Elder Hofstra spoke. He read Matt. 1:18-21 as the text. In commencing he emphasized the last clause of verse 21, "He shall save his people from their sins." Said it was our privilege to believe that fully, adding that sin was the cause of all the trouble in the world, and that he longed for the glad hour when sin would be eliminated from God's universe. Attention was then directed to the fact that Jesus was born of a woman; that he was like us, and had access to no more strength and power than we poor mortals have. Said that all heaven was interested in that man who wanted to get rid of sin; and that the believer's present truth should be, "Jesus will save his people from their sins." Said that our one great error is, we do not lay hold of God's blessed promises as we should. Read Heb. 4:15, and called attention to the clause, "tempted as we are." How precious is that thought when we are besieged by that old serpent the devil and Satan! but Jesus met the tempter with, "It is written." Here is a lesson for us. We need not be



helplessly stranded on the banks of unbelief. David said, "My soul, hope thou in God." The speaker was enthusiastic in presenting the important subject that we must have faith in God.

At the five o'clock meeting the President of the Conference, Elder Haughey, gave an address on the subject of education. This discourse was both timely and important, and the congregation listened with great interest. The sermon if stenographically reported, would fill this paper, and it is to be regretted that such useful and valuable thoughts are not printed in some form so that the people of this Conference, and others as well, could have the benefit of the address. The views of true education were clearly set forth, and the educational system of the land was spoken of with respect. The relations that should exist between patrons and church school teachers was properly considered, the qualifications of the same, and their multiform duties were all touched upon in a way that must be helpful to the audience. In closing the speaker paid a high compliment to the young people of Seventh-day Adventists. We can only repeat the regret that the reader does not have the full text of the discourse.

At the 7:30 service Elder Horton again spoke continuing the subject of the previous evening,—the cleansing of the sanctuary spoken of in Daniel 8:14. He repeated the solemn statement that Jesus Christ, our great, High Priest above, is now doing his last work before his ministration ceases. When his priestly service closes, then probation for the human race ends. And the message for the world at the present time is to enable them to be ready for the day of judgement. The world at large does not understand this matter, and so those who have the light should hasten from land to land and from city to city to give the message. The speaker observed that a right view of the

sanctuary question would enable one to see other things in the Scriptures in a clear light. He also referred to the prejudice that exists against anything in heaven needing cleansing. But we should not forget that the sins of all true believers are now in heaven, and that these must be disposed of. Paul in Heb. 9:23, that heavenly things themselves need to be purified. This is very important. Many scripture references were given in elucidating this subject. The sermon was a solemn one.

In this connection it should be stated that meetings for the children are being conducted each day, in the morning and afternoon, in two different tents,—one for mere youth, and the other for kindergarten instruction.

#### TUESDAY'S MEETINGS.

The morning meeting at 8:30 was an unusually good one. Elder Bourdeau, assisted by Brother Nicola, had charge. There was much prayer in the meeting, and many testimonies borne. Those who spoke were full of hope and good cheer. The occasion was a precious one.

At the same hour two other services were conducted for the children and very little folks in separate tents.

The 10:00 a. m. service was opened with the usual singing, a solo, and prayer. Then Prof. J. G. Lamson took the stand and spoke. Said that he most fully accorded with the sentiment of the Jamaica brother's solo that we are our brother's keeper. Inquired what was the measure of our responsibility in regard to the salvation of our neighbors. Illustrated the point this way: Said the speaker, If there was a chasm hundreds of feet down, and I saw a poor blind man advancing toward that pit, and I sat still in my chair and did nothing, but saw that sightless soul go down into that awful depth to

be dashed in pieces as he struck the jagged rocks below, would not God hold me responsible for that man's life? He continued the thought by saying, when we see persons headed toward certain ruin, and do nothing to enlighten them in regard to what is before them, they will go on and be lost, will perish everlastingly, but the blood of their souls in the great assize will be found on our garments. The speaker then open his Bible and deliberately read Rev. 13:1-8. In the meantime some of the verses were interpreted, and quite a colloquy was kept up between the professor and the audience. Then came a whirlwind of thoughts concerning the Papacy, and later the rest of Rev. 13 was read. The congregation was closely questioned concerning this prophecy also. Very pertinent remarks were made concerning the power in question, the authority exercised—the deadly wound—fire coming down—the image to the beast—the death penalty, etc. etc. The speaker overran the time, and all were sorry when the discourse was ended. This notice is merely a hint of what was said.

There were many fresh arrivals at the camp ground to-day. Great quantities of baggage and people are coming.

At 3:00 p. m. Elder Hebner preached. He took for his text Rev. 10:7, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." The point was made clear that the trumpet here mentioned is not the one that wakens the dead at the second appearing of Christ. The question was considered, What is the mystery of God? The speaker then turned and read Eph. 1:9; 3:3 6 and 6:19, to prove that the gospel is here referred to. Col. 1:6 was then read to show that the gospel was preached in all the



world in the days of the apostles, so mighty was the work of God. Those early workers did not have the agencies to facilitate the work—as printing presses, railroads, telegraphs, and a hundred other things that we now have—but they had the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit, as we may and should have it, and which is now, according to God's good promise, fully due. He then said that his people ought to have the power of God as no other people have it, for we have light that no others possess. We cannot refer to the many good things stated, but will just add that this discourse was an interesting appeal to the audience to come up to our high privilege in the gospel. The preacher seemed to carry a burden of soul on this point. This meeting closed by choir singing, "Look to the Cross."

The five o'clock service opened with the usual song and prayer, and Elder Campbell arose and spoke. He took as a basis Ex. 19:5,6, God's promise to Moses of what he would do for that people if they would be faithful to him. The reader can turn to these verses. The preacher said that it was not God's purpose to have his people isolated. If it had been he could have led them into the interior of the Dark Continent, or he could have made a path across the Atlantic and brought his people to the wilds of America, for God can do all things. "There is nothing too hard for the Lord." The speaker then said that the rock on which ancient Israel foundered was exclusiveness and self-righteousness. And is not this a lesson for God's people to-day? The all-important question with us to-day is, How can we best reach our friends and neighbors? Our heavenly Father wants service, but singing hymns, saying our prayers, and speaking in meeting, is not all the service that God demands of us. These things are not absolutely reckoned as service. Pertinent illustrations were given

on this point. The great work of God for this time is to get our publications into the hands of the people. And all can and should take a hand in this. The speaker referred to his own experience in canvassing, and that of others, and numerous and deeply interesting were the incidents given. We can only add that the audience was sorry when Brother Campbell concluded. The talk ended with a few stirring remarks by Elder Gilbert.

At 7:30 after a quartette and prayer Elder Gilbert took the platform. A large crowd was present. Brother Gilbert read very deliberately Ps. 119:96, "I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad." The statement was then made that as we study the life of the one who penned this verse, we have a very detailed history of a very remarkable man. From Ps. 19:1-6, we learn that David was an astronomer: from Ps. 147:9, we find that he was a naturalist: from Ps. 139:14-16, we see that he was a physiologist: and from I Chron. 29:11, that he was a student of the government of God: and from Ps. 19:7-11, that God's law is the great constitution of his vast universe. The speaker said, we hear on every hand that the Christian religion is a religion not of law but of grace. He then referred to the countless lapses of men, not only in the common walks of life but the great men of the land, and said that, alas, in too many instances it was a religion of disgrace. He then read Isa. 30:8, 9, which is a sad prophecy of this very day. Let the reader turn to these verses. Said that when men will not obey God's law, they will have no respect for human law. Spoke of the almost universal prejudice against Jews, but asked what kind of blood Christ had coursing in his veins. He then read Eph. 2:11 as giving an inspired photograph of a Gentile. As the speaker dwelt on the

binding character of God's law, he read Paul's statement in Rom. 3:20. Also Rom. 4:15 and 5:13, and that never-to-be-forgotten text in I John 3:4. Probably in the discourse more than a score of passages were quoted and applied. Suffice to say that the subject for the evening was a most triumphant explication of God's Ten Commandment Law, as to its universality, its unchangeability, its spiritual perfection, and its everlasting perpetuity. It is more than possible that hardly a person in the crowded pavilion will dissent from this statement.

(To be continued.)

### Signs of the Times.

The swaddling bands of earth,—

Night's darkness and day's light,  
They come and go, and seasons roll  
With time's unfaltering flight.

God's glory all proclaim,

They all His praises sing,  
And signs give out in earth and sky  
Of Christ, our coming King.

Footprints on old time's way

Are seen and steps are heard;  
Our only refuge we can find  
In God's own holy Word.

The sun's appointed task

She doth, nor yet complain;  
But once in May all history says  
She hid her face in shame.

The moon became as blood,

For men on earth a token,—  
A sign by which all men may learn  
God's word can ne'er be broken.

Ask ye yet for some signs?

Then hear the din of wars.  
As fig trees cast untimely figs,  
So fell from heaven the stars.

Men's hearts, they fail for fear,

And know not how nor where  
That Christ shall come, but he is near,  
Prepare to meet your friend.

False teachers loudly say,

And hush the people's fears,  
"Adventists teach the seventh day,  
Tho lost for many years.

"Yet full well they know,

Since Christ our Lord was dead,  
The first day takes the seventh's place,  
We worship then instead,



"Example both and precept say  
Of Paul, whom Christ had led,  
He met God's people on that day,  
And that he break the bread.

"So we worship then,  
And think it is a boon,  
For God called Christ to life again  
That day, and burst the tomb."

See Mary at the tomb  
To seek her Christ, her lord,  
Enshrouded in a cloud of gloom  
Dispelled by Jesus' word.

The Master's word was given  
To Mary in her grief  
To give to those who followed Him.  
They failed,—'twas unbelief.

So with the people now,  
As with the people then;  
The message went, by God 'twas sent,  
To turn the hearts of men.

Nor yet will all men learn  
The lesson God designs  
That we should read, then take heed  
The lessons for these times.

J. M. IRVING.

### The Spirit of Revenge. Rev. 18:5-7.

No Christian can indulge or exercise a spirit of revenge, much less would God require his people to manifest such a spirit. The golden cup in the hand of the mystic Babylon represents her profession of the pure gospel of Christ. But she has filled it full of false doctrines of which she has made all nations drink, persecuting even to death those who dare oppose her dogmas. She has foisted her false doctrines and usages upon God's people who dwell within her communion.

In the last three fold message the cup of the gospel is to be filled for Babylon with the plain, direct and complete testimony of the Bible concerning her sins and impending judgements; and God's people are to thus torment her just as the whole world was tormented by the two witnesses. See Rev. 11:10.

The cup is filled to her double; once in 1844, and again in the very

close of the gospel. This is the "loud cry," and as far as God's people are concerned, it constitutes the full measure of their vengeance upon Babylon. Please read very carefully Great Controversy, Vol. 4, chapter 33, heading, "The Loud Cry." God will, himself, inflict the threatened judgement upon Babylon.

A. SMITH.

### Keep Sweet.

Let sunshine and gladness illumine thy face;  
'Twill help someone else to 'keep sweet.'  
Do troubles oppress thee? Let God be thy  
stay;  
'Tis easy to sigh; but 'tis better to pray;  
Thy sunshine will come in His own blessed  
way;  
So trustingly try to 'keep sweet.'

### Special Notice.

Brother George Matteson has resigned his position as Canvassing Agent of the West Michigan Conference. Brother Matteson has done good service. His resignation was made because he and all the committee felt it was not profitable to continue to support a man in the field to carry on this line of work. The work will be carried on from this office. All inquiries concerning territory and books should be mailed to E. A. Merriam, secretary of the conference.

### News and Notes.

The conference equipment is stored at Plainwell.

Elder S. M. Butler was elected vice president of the conference in place of Elder Campbell.

This blue pencil mark means that your subscription has expired. We hope you will renew at once.

Jacob Hofstra has been elected as a member of the Conference Committee in the place of Elder Campbell.

In the issue bearing date of August 8, the statement was made that the total amount of the Battle Creek tithe for the first six months

of 1905 was \$6114.99. It should have been \$5114.99.

We have on hand a supply of the little pamphlet "Story of the Convention," which is a detailed account of the important educational meeting recently held at College View, Neb. Every one should have a copy. Price ten cents.

Elder A. G. Haughey has gone to Ohio on conference business, and from there he goes to the Wisconsin camp-meeting, then on to the North Michigan camp-meeting, from there to the East Michigan camp-meeting and the Northern Illinois meeting.

What do you know about the health journal, Life and Health? Do you know it has been published since 1885, and that since it has been removed to Washington, D. C., improved, and its name changed from the Pacific Health Journal to Life and Health, and has more than quadrupled its circulation? Do you know how much it is appreciated by the people, and that boys and girls are selling it with excellent success? That one 14-year-old girl sold over 2,000 copies of the July number and 1,500 copies of the August number during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August? Do you know that agents make 2½ cents a copy on each copy sold? Have you seen the September number (the "melon-cholera" days" number) which contains articles upon the Common Disorders of Children, Strenuous School Work, Bringing Up of Children, and lots of other good things for the general public? We advise our readers to interest themselves in this health journal. Sample copies will be sent on request, and special agents' rates furnished to those who wish to solicit for the journal. Address—

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