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

WEDNESDAY'S MEETINGS.

The morning meeting at 8:30 was in charge of Elder Gilbert. This service was very interesting. Heb. 6:16, 17 was read as the keynote of the meeting. A spirit of prayer was present, a number taking part. During the time for testimonies a goodly number pressed in and there were visible evidences that the Lord's Spirit was impressing hearts.

At 10:00 promptly, the morning service began. After singing and prayer, Elder Haughey made a number of announcements for the campers. Elder Gilbert then arose and read Eph. 3:8, 9, "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given," etc. It was observed that there was a seeming paradox in verse 8, in the phrase, "the unsearchable riches of Christ." But, said the speaker, the whole gospel is a paradox to the natural mind. He then stated that there were three prominent factors, personages, in the plan of salvation,—Isaac, the child of promise, John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, and the Lord Jesus himself. Reference was then made to the

question Jesus asked, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?", and the statement was made that Christ was not made known by investigation, but on the contrary by revelation. Jer. 18:2-4 was read, where the prophet went to the potter's field and saw a vessel made on the wheel and behold it was all marred. Said, this vessel so marred was a fit symbol of the human race which has to be "created anew in Christ Jesus," like that vessel Jeremiah saw. The prophecy of the covenant of grace in Gen. 3:15, was then considered. The clause that the serpent would bruise "the heel" of the seed of the woman was ingeniously interpreted this way: If one is bruised on the heel, he will go limping in his walk; and that is why we see so many limping Christians; but if our feet are shod with the gospel sandals, the devil cannot even bruise our heels. We must put on all the armor of God, as Paul says. Gen. 22 was referred to where God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, and the speaker showed how Isaac was a type of Christ. Said that in reading the various books of the Bible it is our privilege to see much more of Jesus than we usually see; and said there was no love like the love of Jesus. The attachment between David and Jonathan was nothing in comparison to it. Said that a glimpse of Jesus Christ was like the glorious rays of the morning sun on the natural world. But in this brief notice it is impossible to refer to the many pertinent texts quoted, the beautiful illustrations and similes used, and the points so clearly sustained. Can only add

that it was good to be present and listen to the wonderful things of God's word. Dear reader, your loss has been great in not attending this camp-meeting.

Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 Elder F. C. Gilbert gave a most instructive talk to the young people on the subject of stability of character. God wants young men and young women to have strength of character sufficient to say "no" and to stick to it whenever a negative answer is demanded. It is far easier, oftentimes, to say "yes." He spoke of the many temptations and allurements to entice the young in these days of pleasure-seeking and excitement. The speaker related a personal experience, where, by standing staunchly upon principle, an influence for right was cast, the extent of which will never be revealed in this life.

At 5:00 the usual meetings were held in the pavilion, the young people's tent, and at the kindergarten.

Elder N. W. Kauble occupied the hour Wednesday evening at 7:30, choosing for his subject, "The Genuineness of God's Word." No one is qualified to judge of inspiration until he has made a thorough verse to verse study of the entire Bible. A comparison of the prophecies of the Bible with their fulfillment as recorded in history, is the best antidote for infidelity and so-called higher criticism. 2 Peter 1:16 was quoted to show that prophecy is more to be depended upon than our natural senses. Our eyes may be deceived; our hearing may mislead us; but the "Word of the Lord standeth fast forever."

THURSDAY'S MEETINGS.

The 5:30 meeting in the pavilion was another social occasion for the campers. Quite a number attended. Elder Gilbert took considerable time in a stirring talk to those present. The revival of the work of God in all our hearts was the theme principally dwelt upon. Those who spoke seemed to realize the importance of the present time, and the present work of the church.

At 8:30, as usual, three meetings were held at the same hour. In the large tent a devotional service was held for those of mature years. In the young people's tent a service was conducted for the young people. At the kindergarten tent the usual instruction was given to the little people of the camp.

At 10:00 a. m., Elder S. M. Butler spoke on the subject of education, taking as the basis of his discourse the well known passage in Matt. 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom," etc. In the beginning the speaker said that a very large work is spoken of in this text; also that it is to be inferred that the expected end will not come until this work is done. Said that other denominations had lines of work that they were interested in, and against which nothing should be said, but that the Seventh-day Adventist people, according to the text and the spirit of prophecy, had a SPECIFIC WORK to do. The present is a time of special activity in every department of the world's work, but that they all sink into insignificance in comparison with the great work of giving this gospel of the kingdom to the nations. Said if we could be transferred to the councils of heaven, the main things that we would hear there would be the finishing of the work of salvation on earth.

Then the question was asked, To whom are we to look to bear the brunt of toil in this closing work? and said, not to our aged men, surely. Said that our very best workers were those who had been

reared in the faith. The thought was emphasized that our reliable workers must come from the army of young people among Seventh-day Adventists. The speaker told us that to have the right kind of workers they must be educated. Said that of two workers of equal ability and spirituality the one who is educated will be the most successful worker.

In the greatest work ever accomplished in the church—leading Israel out of Egypt—God chose a man educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. In sending the gospel to the Gentile world, the Lord chose Paul, a man taught in all the lore of the Hebrew people. God did not choose John or Peter, the Galileean fishermen, though most excellent men, but for wise purposes he took Paul. Coming to the time of the Reformation, who did God choose to lead out in the work? He chose Luther and Melan, men highly educated in the schools of the papal church. Who were the men that God put in charge of the work in 1840-1844? Men of education and thought, who were also men of spiritual power. Who are the successful workers in this cause of present truth? They are the men of more or less educative ability. How is it in the world to-day? Look at the multitudinous universities, colleges, seminaries, and complete system of public schools, and then see what the country is doing for the rising generation. Can the Seventh-day Adventist people plod along on the plan of mediocre education for their youth, and expect them to meet men of education and thought with this great truth? We must send forth workers who will command the respect of the world. Common sense demands it, the experience of the past demands it, and the spirit of prophecy has spoken on this point, not once nor twice, but again and again.

We can merely hint at the abundance of good things in this address. The thoughts should be issued in pamphlet form and scattered broad-

cast among Seventh-day Adventist parents and guardians.

At 11:30 there was a meeting to consider the subject of baptism. There were more than a score of persons, mostly young people, who desired to be baptized. This meeting was to give instruction for the benefit of these individuals.

At 2:00 p. m. there was a meeting called of all the conference workers. This was held in the youth's tent. An hour or more was spent in testifying as the Lord's spirit gave utterance. Ministers, Bible workers, canvassers, and teachers composed this meeting. It was an important occasion. Before the meeting closed the matter of the wages for church school teachers was taken up. An animated discussion ensued, and before the meeting ended it was made very clear that our church school teachers are getting too small pay.

In the afternoon meeting at 3:00, Elder Gilbert, the converted Jew, had the hour. For a basis he read Rev. 14: 6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach," etc. Also Roman 10: 1, was read, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." The last passage was applied to literal Israel, and the speaker asked the audience how many of them had heard that prayer offered during the past twelve months? He said that the present phase of God's work was to go to every nation, tongue and kindred; among peoples of all colors, conditions and racial differences. That this work knows no state lines, that it will be heralded all over every continent, cross every sea, reach every island, and enter the darkest nook on God's footstool. Referred to the Hebrew people, and quoted Christ's words, "Salvation is of the Jews." Paul's words in Rom. 9: 4, 5, were read and dwelt upon. Let the reader turn to this interesting passage. It was used by the

speaker with tremendous emphasis.

The statement was then made that the Jew was a hard subject to reach. It was admitted that it was hard to move the Jew with the gospel as it had been preached for ages, and as is now popularly done. Said all that the Jew had offered to him was a bastard sabbath, the eating of swine's flesh, and to regard his own race as the most detested people on earth. This, in almost every instance, it was absolutely impossible for him to do. Said that the Jew was the scape-goat of the race, and if anything mean occurs, if possible, it is laid to the Jew or the negro. The thought was forcibly dwelt upon that the Seventh-day Adventist people are the only denomination who can most effectually reach the heart of the literal Jew. He praised God again and again for a gospel that could reach his race. Most enthusiastic mention was made of what the spirit of prophecy said about the Third Angel's Message going to the Hebrew people. The entire discourse was a very interesting one, but as in most of the other sermons we can merely give a hint of the abundance of good things spoken.

At 5:00 p. m. three services were held in as many different tents. In the pavilion Elder Kauble talked to the youth on the subject of education. Spoke of what was being done at Berrien Springs. The occasion was one of profit to the young people. At the close a young negro student was called upon, who spoke for a few moments with energy.

In the children's tent at the same hour a service was held for the benefit of the youth. Sister Margaret Haughey had charge. The meeting was of a missionary character. It was decided that the children would meet the expense of a dark-skinned student in India. They are already supporting one, and now they voted to care for another. God bless the children!

In the mean time another service was held for the aged people. None under fifty years of age were supposed to be present. Brethren Hebner and Burnham had charge of the meeting. This was an important occasion. Many interesting experiences were related, of course in a brief manner, as time was precious. At the close a paper was read by G. W. Amadon giving a history of the "Review and Herald" from its inception in 1849 down to the present. This paper dwelt on the growth and various developments of the cause, the printing of the message in other tongues, the canvassing work, the enlargement of buildings, the spirit of commercialism, the baptism by fire, and renewal of the office at Washington.

Distribution of Laborers.

TENT COMPANIES.

Brethren Pitton and Collier, Niles; Elders Horton and Videto and Brother Irving, Hastings; Brethren Hofstra and Gray, Holland; Elder Bordeau and Brother Whitmarsh, Muskegon; Elders Hebner and Kneeland, Plainwell; Misses Bellows and Baker will labor with the tent company at Plainwell.

CITY LABORERS.

Elder W. H. Heckman, Battle Creek; S. D. Hartwell, Jennie De-Young and Bertha Snyder, Grand Rapids; Elder M. S. Burnham, Kalamazoo; Elder VanDusen and Brother Hansen, Greenville.

MISSIONARIES.

Elder Campbell and wife, and his sister Miss Janet Campbell will leave the West Michigan Conference to take up work in the Levant Mission Field, sailing about the first of October.

Elder Fred Brink and family will go to the Arizona Mission Field within a few days.

Brother J. C. Brower and wife will go as missionaries to Porto Rico.

All these laborers will be under pay of the West Michigan Confer-

ence through the Mission Board of the General Conference.

Brother Carl Hansen will labor in the city of Chicago.

Echoes From the Camp-meeting.

From all quarters was heard expressed the sentiment: "This is the best camp-meeting I have ever attended." The Lord certainly visited his waiting people, and the hearts of all were greatly cheered by the thought that, unfaithful as we have been, He has not cast us off.

Others will doubtless write of the meeting in general, but I desire to speak of the young people's work in particular.

Fully one-half of those in attendance were children and youth, and nearly all took a deep interest in the meetings conducted for them.

Margaret Haughey and Lottie Bell had charge of the childrens, and kindergarten divisions respectfully, and meetings were held with each of these classes twice daily, at 8:30 and 5 o'clock. The children manifested their appreciation of what was being done for them by attending the meetings very regularly.

Miss Haughey conducted a connected line of Bible study with the children, while Miss Bell interested the little folks with illustrated Bible stories and object lessons.

Young people's meetings were conducted in the Youth's tent at 8:30 and in the pavilion at 5 o'clock. All the workers from abroad, and many of our conference laborers took an active part in these services. It was indeed an inspiration to look into the bright intelligent faces of our youth, and to see them giving their hearts to Jesus, and dedicating their lives to Him for service.

Baptismal services were conducted on Thursday and again on Sunday, about fifty following their Lord in this sacred rite.

O my dear young people, remember, now that you have started to serve the Lord, temptations will be

multiplied; but thanks be to God, help has been laid upon One who is "mighty to save." Do not neglect a daily study of God's word, and communion with him in secret prayer.

Activity is a law of growth, and we hope soon to present to all of our young people a plan for mutual assistance in the Lord's work. In the mean time watch for little opportunities of doing a kindness to some one, and remember to live the Christ life in your own home.

Clifford Russell.

Special Course for Workers and Others.

Doubtless the readers of the West Michigan Herald have seen the articles in recent issues of the "Review" relative to the action of the late Educational Missionary Movement, and so it will not be necessary to make any statement in regard to the movement itself in the columns of this paper. Without doubt every one of our schools will feel the impulse of this decision, and those that are so situated as to make it possible are planning earnestly to arrange their regular or special work or both in such a way as to help meet the requirements of the present situation.

Washington Training College is planning to conduct a Special Course of Instruction for laborers who feel the need of a further preparation and for others who want to inform themselves fully in regard to the denominational work, either to become workers in the ordinary use of the term, or to discharge more efficiently the duty devolving upon every Seventh-day Adventist. The lines of instruction to be offered in this Special Course will coincide quite fully with the Special Course offered last year, the purpose being to teach clearly and definitely the Nature and Mission of our Message, the Fields already entered, Results obtained through labor in these foreign fields, and Methods and Means best adapted to the

Report of Canvassing Work, Week Ending July 29, 1906.

Agent	Name of Book	Time	Orders	Value
Ella Porter,	Desire of Ages	9 hours	1	\$3 50
H. M. Spears,	Seer of Patmos	44 hours	5	5 00
"	Helps			4 00
"	Delivered			33 00

work of different countries. The work presented in this course will not be confined by any means to the missionary efforts of our own denomination, but will embrace something of a history of missions as conducted during the last two or three centuries. This department of missionary study will be under the direction of Elder W. A. Spicer, who is not only the Secretary of the Mission Board, but is a man who has spent quite a long period of years in the foreign work, and so can bring to this question the advantage of actual experience in the field.

Another very important feature of the work will be the presentation of studies on the subject of Organization. It will doubtless be remembered that the General Conference at its last session invited Elder Daniells to prepare a manual on this subject for the enlightenment and guidance of our young workers both at home and in the foreign fields, and Elder Daniells hopes in this Special Course to present much of the subject matter to be contained in the manual. Other questions of great interest to young workers will be presented, such as, Religious Liberty, Health and Temperance, Sabbath-school and Young People's Work, and the like.

This special course is planned to open five weeks after the opening of the regular school year, which occurs on September 19, and will continue from the 24th of October to the 19th of December. The regular classes will be open to the students of the special Course, so that they will be able to become acquainted with the different departments of our College, with the instruction given by the different teachers, and the general spirit that pervades the institution. It

will also bring every young man and woman who takes the course into direct and personal contact with the officers and the leaders of the denomination, who indeed will be the men to conduct the work of the Special Course. This is an advantage the importance of which is scarcely second to any other offered by the entire course; and if there are those young workers or others in the West Michigan Conference who are interested and who would like to have a part in this work, we will be very glad to correspond with such and to give full information on every point of inquiry.

Address me at Takoma Station, Washington, D. C.

J. W. LAWHEAD.

Special Notices.

Anyone having purchased tickets to attend the Hastings camp-meeting who did not have their names registered, please send their name, where and when they bought their tickets, to the Conference Secretary.

The fall term of the Cedar Lake Academy opens Sept. 25. Surely the boys and girls of Seventh-day Adventist parents should be receiving instruction such as our school at Cedar Lake is offering them. We quote from the school calendar,—"Education is better than wealth or pleasure."

"It doesn't matter what you expect to do in this world, you're a back number without an education."

The teachers are: S. M. Butler, Principal; Mrs. S. M. Butler, Preceptress and Teacher; Leslie Avery, Preceptor and Teacher; Mae Parker, Commercial Instructor; Mrs. Dora Straight, Music Teacher.