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Camp-meeting 1907.

The time is near at hand when the brethren of West Michigan will come together for their annual camp meeting. These annual gatherings should be made seasons of special prayer and devotion. Israel of old was much in need of just such seasons and the Lord provided them with ways and means of having these annual spiritual feasts. We who are living in this last generation are as much in need of such gatherings and opportunities as any generation that has ever lived upon the earth. All who fail to attend these gatherings are made to sustain great loss. None can afford to stay away. Indications are that we will have a very large attendance of our people this year. The Lord seems to be coming especially near to His people, and rich blessings are being received wherever the annual camp meetings have thus far been held.

The West Michigan camp-meeting will be held on the fair grounds at Hastings. This is a beautifully shaded ground, and with the presence of God will make a most delightful place to be.

PLANS OF THE CAMP-MEETING.

It is planned to have Elders Butler, Videto and Heckman use the evening hours in the presentation of the doctrines of our faith. Elders Haughey and Campbell will present the general themes of organization and departmental work and alternate between the 10:30 and 3:00 o'clock hours as may be arranged with the general brethren who may be present at the meeting. The 6:00 o'clock morning hour will be given to the general

workers. Special meetings for the elders, deacons, parents, young people and children will be held at stated times. We desire to help all who may attend.

Elder Heckman, assisted by A. L. Bayley, will have charge of the reception work of the camp-meeting. Their duties will be to look after the comfort of visitors on the grounds; to entertain all who come while being located; to look after ushers and taking up collections; to get acquainted with and take a friendly interest in the young people; to care for the tents of the visiting and general brethren, and to help build up the spiritual interests of the meeting. They will call to their assistance a number of helpers, and we trust that all who will be asked will feel free to assist.

MINISTERIAL HELP.

We have the promise of the presence and help of the officers of the Union Conference, the members of the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, and Elders Irwin and Thompson of the General Conference together with all the ministers of the local conference.

RATES.

Application has been made for rates. We anticipate a special rate for our camp-meeting. Will notify all the churches by circular as soon as definite word is received. We have applied for one-half fare rates.

EQUIPMENTS.

Tents, lumber, straw, groceries, furniture and necessary equipment for camp-life will be furnished as usual. The baggage and passen-

gers will be transported to and from the depot as heretofore.

Bring your Bibles, Hymns and Tunes, Christ in Song, Sabbath-school lesson quarterly, Little Friend, Youth's Instructor, children, youth, and the spirit of God.

A large line of Oxford Bibles will be displayed at the book-tent.

Camp-meeting.

Dear brethren and sisters: Another year has brought us to the time of another camp-meeting. The place of the meeting has been changed from Allegan to Hastings for very good reasons. Hastings is an excellent place for a camp, as those who were present last year can testify. The year 1907 thus far has been one of crime and disasters of every kind surpassing any thing that has previously occurred, showing that the enemy has come down with great wrath, and is secretly working to frustrate God's plan in gathering out of this whirlpool of strife a people that shall be representatives of his glorious kingdom.

We shall need all the help that we can possibly get to enable us to stem the fiery ordeal. We are very soon to stand in this terrible chase, and we need a preparation for the strife. Remember the Saviour's agony in the garden of Gethsemane. The remnant people of God are to pass through the same trial. Will we be able to drink the cup.

Oh! my brethren improve every opportunity to partake of that heavenly manna that will perfect in you a character that will be current in the bank of heaven.

The Lord has promised to be in the camp of his saints, and the good angels will be there to drive away the darkness from us.

It is a fearful time for God's people, many of our bright lights are going out, and it becomes us as faithful soldiers of the cross to buckle on the armor for the final conflict. Come to the camp with a will to work. It may be the last time this precious privilege will be given you, to exchange greetings with your brethren and form acquaintance with those who are to share in the reward of the overcomer. Come bring your children, neighbors and friends, that they may share in the blessing of God's people. We expect a large gathering so come and enjoy this feast with us. The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and the best of it all is "He addeth no sorrow with it."

M. S. BURNHAM.

How to Avoid Sickness at Camp-Meeting.

It often happens that our camp-meetings are associated with considerable sickness, all of which might easily be prevented by observing a few simple precautions. The prevention of disease should be our first consideration in treating all such cases. Treat the individual before he becomes sick.

In order to do this, we must give heed to a few restrictions. In fact such treatment consists largely in not doing. Avoid exposure. Have sufficient bedding to sleep warm the coldest night. If you get wet or chilled, take a hot foot bath and have a dry change of clothing. Drink no water that is not from a deep well, unless it has been boiled. Eat no food that has not been freshly heated to the boiling point. Do away with all cold meals, unless they consist of dry food and fruit, or foods freshly uncanned.

Be careful that you do not over eat. Make it a rule to eat less than when you are at home working. Eat nothing that is not thoroughly

and properly cooked. It is surprising how often people fail in this. I was, the other day, at a loss to get anything to eat. The lady with whom I was taking dinner did not take tea, coffee or pork, but the bread, beans, rice and prunes were all only partially cooked.

Be careful to wash or pare all fruits, and eat only that which is ripe, but not so ripe that it has begun to sour; unless it is first cooked.

If the baby is fed from a bottle, wash and scald before each feeding. Feed only sterilized milk, and have it freshly boiled each time.

Do not allow the children to eat fruit or anything else after they have dropped it on the floor, or allowed it to become contaminated from other sources. See that their fingers are clean before they eat.

At night do not close the tent up tight. It is just as essential to have fresh air at camp-meeting, when we are asleep, as it is at home. Imagine the condition of the atmosphere in the morning after five or six have slept all night in a room 10x12 ft. Fortunately there is a small amount of ventilation that passes through the canvass. But make your plans for ventilation, without considering this, for really you need much more.

If there is no other way to get good ventilation, leave both doors open, placing a screen before the door. A coat over a chair will take the place of a screen. Sometimes it is a good plan to raise the side of the tent two or three feet for ventilation.

Remember these suggestions and we can do away with sickness that is caused at camp-meeting, and that should mean a good deal to some of us.

But as there is danger of our becoming sick from causes that were brought about or existed before camp-meeting, we will be prepared to treat if we have with us a

fountain syringe and two heavy fomentation cloths, one yard square. Don't forget these. If you are not sick your neighbor may need them.

L. J. Otis, M. D.

Synopsis of Faith of Seventh Day Adventists.

Sermon Delivered in the Tabernacle
May 18, 1907, by Elder M. N.
Campbell.

NUMBER FOUR.

We believe in baptism and we believe in practicing the correct form of baptism. In Mark 16:15th verse, I find these words:

"And he said unto them go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

We believe that those who present themselves for baptism have a change of heart; shall become Christians and experience in their lives the converting power of God. The 8th chapter of Acts gives an illustration of how baptism is performed. The Lord foreknew that there would be an effort made to change the mode of baptism, and so he placed upon record a baptismal scene that no one might be perplexed in regard to it.

Acts 8:36-39 "And as they went on their way they came to a certain water: and the Eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

This shows that in order to be

baptised both the one to be baptized and the one who baptized him, must go down into the water. John baptized at Aenon because there was much water there. It requires more than a teacupful of water to baptize a man; it requires sufficient to bury him. Rom. 6:3,4.

As a people we believe and practice the tithing system. Lev. 27:30-32

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

We have no business with it, whatever. We have nothing to do in regard to its disposal. God claims the tithe as His and commands us to bring it into the storehouse, and he who lays un sanctified hands upon the tithe, is declared to be a robber. Mal. 3:8-10. No one can be a robber and a commandment keeper at the same time. God speaks of his people as those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and God does not expect us to take His tithe and appropriate it to our own uses. May God save the robbers amongst us. "Let him that stole, steal no more." For all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

"And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof."

If you have been robbing the Lord, and wish to make restoration, you must add one fifth part to it, and it shall be holy unto the Lord. The Saviour sets the seal of His approval upon the tithing system in the following words:

"Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint, anise, and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone." Matt. 23:23.

Speaking of paying tithe, He

says that we are not to leave it undone.

As a people, we believe in the ordinance of feet washing. You will find a record of the original service in the 13th chapter of John. I will not take time to read the whole chapter, but beginning with the 12th verse I read:

"So after He had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set done again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Master and Lord: ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

There it is in plain English, and the Lord says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye do them."

Christian Education is another point of faith characteristic of Seventh Day Adventists. We believe that our children may be taught of the Lord; we are trying to establish, by the direction of the Lord, a system of education, so that our children shall be taught of God; so that they shall not be taught the fables and false philosophy that constitute so large a part of the popular education of the day. Healthful living,—health reform is a part of the faith once delivered to the saints. 3 John 3:2. He prayed that they might be in health even as their souls prospered. The instruction on health principles was not given to the element here in Battle Creek who are using it as a money making proposition but it was given to the remnant people of God as a whole, and that people ought to be esteeming it more highly than they do.

We believe in simplicity of attire. We do not believe in going to the foolish extremes of the world in dress. Feathers, flowers, rings, and jewelry we lay aside as not in harmony with gospel simplicity. Those who profess to be Seventh-

Day Adventists and who are true to their baptismal vows, will not wear these things.

Some are becoming careless in this matter, but it is time for us to take a decided stand against the encroachments of worldliness.

As a people we believe the subject of the sanctuary is one of great importance. In the days of Moses, the Lord gave that godly leader a vision of the tabernacle that he should make. It was to be modeled after the true sanctuary which exists in heaven. (Heb. 8:1-4) Its services in connection with the disposal of the sins of the people were typical of the work which Christ our great high priest is now carrying forward in our behalf in the heavenly sanctuary. The cleansing of the sanctuary which began in 1844 according to the prophecy of Dan. 8:14, was the beginning of the investigative judgment to determine who are worthy of a part in the first resurrection and who shall be translated when Christ appears.

Now, I have tried in this short period to lay before you the leading principles of Seventh Day Adventists. We take everything that the Bible teaches, for that is our guide and our only guide. We do not believe we have all the truth yet by any means; we believe that the Lord has more truth for us, for the "path of the just shineth more and more unto the perfect day." So let us have our hearts open for every additional ray of light that God, in his mercy and goodness; may see fit to bestow upon us.

The end.

Teachers' Attention!

My attendance at the Mt. Vernon Convention, together with an unusual amount of field work has made it impossible for me to review, as yet, all the manuscript from the recent examinations. However, I hope to send out the standings this week.

It will be necessary to conduct a second examination at Hastings

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at the close of the camp-meeting. Applicants may write for License, or Credentials; and opportunity will be given any who may have fallen below 75% in any subject at the recent examination, to write again upon such subjects. An entirely different set of questions will be used.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

From the Field.

Mendon.

Our Sabbath-school Convention which was held July 27 was enjoyed by all who were present. The Lord favored us with beautiful weather and we were thankful for this.

People were present from Kalamazoo, Union City, Marcellus and other places. Brother Russell and Dr. Otis were present and rendered valuable help. We were much disappointed because Sister Margaret Haughey could not be with us.

We held two sessions, and many interesting subjects were discussed. The freedom that existed during the entire convention will long be remembered. The Baptist minister of the place was present in the

afternoon and made some very interesting remarks. We hope that the influence of this convention will be seen in all of the Sabbath-schools that were represented.

ELVA BABCOCK.

Notice.

I desire that all who can play violin, cello, base vial, mandolin, flute or other desirable instruments, would bring them to camp-meeting. It will be necessary to be able to play by note. Let us have a large orchestra this year. I would appreciate very much to hear in advance from all who expect to bring instruments. My address is Quincy, Mich.

C. A. HANSEN.

News and Notes.

One more issue of the Herald before camp-meeting.

The camp-meeting outfit is being shipped to Hastings this week.

Clifford A. Russell spent Sabbath, August 3, with the church at Shelby.

Dr. L. J. Otis was called to Otsego last Sunday to see Elder A. G. Haughey, who has been on the sick list.

Mrs. W. H. Fletcher of Decatur has been spending a few days in Otsego, visiting her sister, Miss Eva Howe.

Miss Bulah McRae, who is canvassing in Muskegon, has \$100.00 worth of orders. Miss Irene Campbell has \$80.00.

Miss Almeda Haughey of Berrien Springs is visiting her brother, Elder A. G. Haughey and sister, Miss Margaret Haughey of Otsego.

We are sending this issue of the Herald to many whose subscription has expired. We hope it will remind them of the fact that they ought to renew their subscription, and thus receive a report of the camp-meeting.

At a recent meeting of the Cedar Lake school board it was voted to employ W. C. Matthewson and wife, Fred Green, Miss Edith Shepard, and Miss VoWyla Aiken as teachers. They will be at the camp-meeting, and any one desiring to confer with them will have the opportunity.

At the sixty-sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Michigan Conference held July 30, 1907, the following actions were taken:

Owing to the fact that the Allegan County Agricultural Society notified our chairman that they plan to use the first two days of our meeting, it was voted to change the place of holding our camp-meeting from Allegan to Hastings.

It was also voted to request all the tent companies to ship their outfits to the camp-grounds, and the attendance of all the laborers.

Voted to make special preparation for baptismal robes for use at the camp-meeting.

Voted that this committee authorize the establishment of an intermediate school at Otsego.

Any one desiring to locate near a church school, please call upon the undersigned immediately. A fine farming country, plenty of work, house for rent.

Any one person desiring to attend a church school and live in an Adventist family, please correspond with the undersigned.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL,
Otsego, Mich.

"From the beginning to the end, every camp meeting may be a love feast, because God's presence is with his people."

"Every camp-meeting should be an object lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. Let everything connected with the encampment be pure, wholesome, and cleanly."