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## The Hastings Camp-meeting.

Several workers arrived on Monday, August 12, and worked faithfully to get the grounds ready for the meeting. All day Thursday, August 15, the brethren and sisters came in from different parts of the conference, and at 7:30 p. m. quite a large company gathered in the pavilion for the first meeting of the fourth annual camp-meeting of the West Michigan Conference. Elder M. N. Campbell occupied the hour, taking the following for his text: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105. He said, "It seems very appropriate to open the meeting with a sermon on the Word. Sin plunged the human race into darkness and God gave his word to guide man through the darkness. The word of God sets a high standard for humanity, and that standard is perfection. Christ came in the flesh and lived a perfect life; he lived out every principle of the Bible, therefore, he is called the Word of God.

People do not take time to study the Bible, but they read the Christian, and we need to have our hearts filled with the Word and then live it out in our lives. The time is coming when people will run to and fro seeking for the word of God, but they will not find it. May we begin at this meeting to search the Word that we may be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason of the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear."

FRIDAY AUGUST 16.

This was a busy day on the camp, there was much to be done to have everything ready for

the Sabbath, consequently the daily program was not carried out.

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke at 3 p. m. on the subject of "Unity."

Elder W. E. Videto occupied the 7:30 p. m. hour, and he based his remarks on II Peter 1:19. He said, "We as a people pay a great deal of attention to prophecy, as almost one-fourth of the Bible is prophecy. We are living in the day of prophecy. The only light that shines out into the darkness of the future is the word of God. The Bible spans the time from Eden to Eden." He gave a synopsis of the second and seventh chapters of Daniel, showing us that these two lines of prophecy take us down to the same event, and that event is the time when the kingdom and of greatness of the kingdom shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High.

He said, "These are indeed solemn truths, for we are down in the toes of the image and now is the time for us to make our peace with God. We do not want our names written on the ledger of this world's fame, but in the Lamb's book of life."

SABBATH, AUGUST 17.

Elder G. A. Irwin occupied the hour at 5:30 a. m. He is giving a series of lessons on the Spirit of Prophecy.

At 8:00 a. m. the Sabbath-school officers and teachers held a teachers meeting. Sabbath-school was held at 9:00 a. m. with an attendance of 350. Total contributions, \$18.65. Clifford A. Russell and Miss Margaret Haughey with several good assistants had charge of the Sabbath-school.

Elder G. A. Irwin occupied the time at 10:30 a. m. He took that

very familiar scripture found in Matt. 24:14 for the basis of his remarks. He said, "The coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven is the theme that should be preached to the world. The message that the Lord sends to us by his servant is, "Prepare for the eternal world." Ministers must preach this message with more definiteness that people may be prepared for that great event.

The Lord is blessing the work. The message is being planted in all the countries of the world. We are in the last generation that shall live upon the earth. Satan is doubling his efforts because we are so near the end, and if it were possible, he will deceive the very elect. The time has come when a definite message must be proclaimed by every Seventh-day Adventist minister.

We cannot afford to trifle with the Word of God in these last days, for the end of all things is near at hand. This message is printed in fifty-one different languages, and soon the Lord will finish the work in the earth. We do not want to put money into worldly speculations, but we want to put every dollar in the cause of God. We want every energy, and every power of our being used in spreading the gospel."

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke at 3:00 p. m. on the subject of the "Two Covenants."

At 5:00 p. m. meetings were held for the children and youth. Elder M. N. Campbell had charge of the youth, Elder J. W. Hofstra the kindergarten and E. F. Collier the primary and intermediate children. The blessing of the Lord was in all of these meetings.



Elder M. N. Campbell spoke at 7:30 p. m. on "The Second Coming of Christ." He said, "The second coming of Christ is the theme upon which the Christian delights to dwell. Every one who loves the Lord will be glad to see him return. If we find that we want to delay his coming, there is something wrong with our Christian experience." He referred us to scriptures that show the manner of his coming, the signs, etc. The fact that the gospel is going to all nations and that missionary stations are planted in all parts of the world is an evidence that the coming of the Lord is near. There are two classes of people in the world; viz., the children of light and the children of darkness. We have the privilege of deciding which class we will belong to. Let us believe God and his work and be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.

This was a good day at the camp. The 5:30 a. m. hour was occupied by Elder G. A. Irwin, who gave another Bible study on the Spirit of Prophecy.

At 8:30 a. m. a devotional meeting was held in the large pavilion, and meetings were held for the children and youth at the same hour.

At 10:30 Elder G. A. Irwin gave a talk on his trip around the world, and dwelt at length upon his visit to Africa. The message has encircled this dark continent, and the Lord is adding his blessing to the efforts that are being put forth to enter the interior.

At 3:00 p. m. Elder W. E. Videto spoke on the Signs of the Times. As the Saviour sat upon the Mount of Olives the disciples asked him what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the world, and he said, "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity." The speaker showed very clearly that these signs had been fulfilled,

and that the next event is the shaking of the powers of heaven, and some of the generation that saw the stars fall will see this event. The speaker asked those who saw the stars fall to rise to their feet, and there were four present who witnessed this sign. A remnant of that generation is left. Some of these old pilgrims are going to have their eyes gladdened by the appearing of Christ.

The speaker referred to the four great earthquakes that occurred during the year 1906; viz., Italy, San Francisco, Valparaiso, and Kingston. Iniquity abounds. Ten thousand murders occurred in the United States in one year. Intemperance is on the increase. One hundred years ago the heathen world was in darkness and the Lord put it into the heart of William Carey to carry the gospel to India. To-day the message of the soon coming Saviour is being carried to the nations.

The nations are massing their great armies and the Lord says when we see this that we may know that the harvest of the earth is ripe. A wonder working power has come up and says, it is possible for the living to converse with the dead. It is time for God's people to lay hold of the Eternal One. The great day of the Lord is near at hand and hasteneth greatly. There is a refuge for those who sigh and cry for the abominations that are coming upon the earth. The things of this earth are soon to pass away. The Saviour bids you to come to him and be saved.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder M. N. Campbell spoke to a large audience. After reading the scripture found in II Tim. 3:1-5, he said, "This scripture is not in harmony with the popular teaching of to-day, for we hear it said that righteousness will reign from sea to sea, but the word of God says, 'that there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation.'"

"The capital and labor question is engaging the attention of the

greatest men of this age. It is a question in the minds of the leading men as to how it will end." In James 5:1-9 we find a vivid description of the condition of the world to-day. "This states that in the time when the coming of the Lord draweth nigh there will be a conflict between capital and labor, and this great problem will never be solved until the Lord comes and puts an end to it. When we look into the financial world to-day we are amazed to see the great accumulation of wealth. Twenty-five men own one-half of the wealth of the United States. This heaping together of millions has not been done honestly. It has been done by bleeding the laboring class. The laboring men are ground down and they organize unions and unite for protection against capital."

"When strikes come the capital behind the company helps them to withstand the storm and the striker lose. The same condition exists to-day that did at the time of the French Revolution. May God help the people when the angry passions of men break loose. The only thing that will save men from going to extremes is the converting power of God. This old world is going down to ruin. Let me invite you to-night to turn your affections from the beggarly elements of this world to Christ and his kingdom."

MONDAY, AUGUST 19.

There were many new arrivals to-day. Among them were Elders G. B. Thompson, Allen Moon, W. D. Parkhurst, S. E. Wight and J. G. Lamson. The interest is increasing and the Spirit of God is present.

At 10:00 a. m. the distribution of our literature was discussed. Elder A. G. Haughey stated that this was one of the most important features of the message. Though the art of printing is of recent invention, the art writing has long been known. Printing was in the prov-



idence of God that His truth may be heralded.

Brother Blosser related how the seed of the truth was sown in his heart through a tract he read when he was a small boy. He stated that some declared that in certain places books could not be sold; but some experiences which were related proved beyond question that even in districts where the truth was best known, canvassers had broken all previous records. The Lord has told us that until probation closes the message will go in this way.

Elder Irwin stated that there were three principle agencies for carrying the message; namely, the publishing work, the educational work, and the medical missionary work. The publishing work, however, is really the oldest. We are told through the Lord's servant that it is largely through the publishing houses that the message of Rev. 18 will go to the world. So the time has come to take renewed interest in selling our publications. There has lately come a change in our publishing houses since commercial work does not take precedence now, though one of our largest publishing houses had to be burned to the ground. Several experiences were related by the speaker to show how God has marvelously used the silent messengers of truth to bring souls to the light of His word.

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke at 3:00 p. m.

At 5:00 p. m. Dr. Harry Miller talked to the youth. He based his remarks on Matt. 28:19. He said that the second coming of Christ should be the keynote of every sermon. The thing that is the most important to a missionary is a knowledge of this message. We look out upon the great field and the harvest is ripe. We are looking to our young people for help in these mission fields. There were a number of young people present who are not engaged in the work as yet, but said they were planning to go into the work as soon as they finished their education.

To be continued.

## From the Field.

### Quincy.

Sabbath, August 10, we had the privilege of leading eight precious souls into the water to be baptized. They united with the following churches: three to Coldwater, five to Quincy. Besides these, two others were added to the Quincy church, having previously been baptized. We had a beautiful day and all passed off quietly; and best of all, God came near by His Spirit. We find there are others interested. Two nice ladies are keeping the Sabbath, but are not ready for baptism just now. Another lady wished to be baptized, but was physically unable. Pray for the work here that the word of God may grow and multiply in Branch County.

C. A. HANSEN.

### Trufant.

Children's meeting was observed at the Trufant church August 3. Our exercises were opened by a song, "Mother's Love," which was followed by prayer. We then listened to a select reading, "Aim of the Sabbath-school," by our president, Sister Hammond. Brother and Lettia Medler sang a very appropriate song. The following subjects were discussed by the senior division:

"The Life of Paul before and after God called him"—Brother Medler.

"Life of Abraham"—Brother Hansen.

"Life of Peter"—Sister Hansen.

The young people's class gave essays on their subjects which were as follows:

John the Revelator—Magnus Hansen.

Life of the Children of Israel—Mares Hansen.

John the Baptist—Millie Lambertsen.

Life of Christ—Hattie Hansen.

Mary Magdalene—Willie Medler.

Israel after Crossing the Red Sea—George Hansen.

A duet was then sung by Hattie and Magnus Hansen. The kindergarten subjects were answered promptly and fully by Elsie and Lyle Melder. A few remarks on "Be a Gentleman" were given by Sister Hammond. To close the school we repeated the ten commandments.

MRS. HERMAN LAMBERSEN.

### A Change in Price.

For several years there has been a steady advance in the cost of nearly every commodity. This is felt very keenly by those who are furnishing manufactured articles of every description. Those who are engaged in the printing and publishing work find that it is impossible to produce papers and books at the prices they could be sent out at only three or four years ago. An increasing wage scale, made necessary by the increased cost of living, is another item which helps make these higher prices.

For these reasons the Southern Publishing Association is obliged to increase the subscription price of the WATCHMAN, after October 1st, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per year. The publishers of this paper appreciate the hearty patronage of our people in the past and believe the friends of the WATCHMAN everywhere desire to see this paper placed on a self-supporting basis.

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### Obituary.

MESSER—Died at his residence four miles southwest of Bloomingdale, Mich., July 26, 1907, of heart failure, Reason S. Messer in the 65th year of his age. Our beloved brother had been in poor health for some time, but it was thought by the family and friends that he was greatly improved as he was able to ride out and visit some in the neighborhood, and at the time of his death was preparing to take a friend to the village. He sat writing while the horse was being brought for him. His wife stepped into the room, and asked if he was ready. He remarked (which were his last words) "I am ready now," and passed away. His sudden death was a shock to the family. Brother Messer was one of

the old pioneers of his neighborhood and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a man of unblemished character, upright in life, pure in heart, and of deep Christian integrity. He embraced the message for this time some eight years ago, and was faithful to the time of his death. He was a member in good standing at the Bloomingdale church. He leaves to mourn their loss a beloved wife, three sons, three brothers, and three sisters, besides a large circle of friends and neighbors. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Evergreen school house southwest of Bloomingdale on Monday, July 29, at 2:30 p. m. R. C. HORTON.

### Notes From the Camp-ground.

Good meals could be had at the dining hall either on the European or American plan.

There was a good grocery where the campers could purchase anything that was good for the physical man.

Elder C. A. Hansen with his choir and orchestra did faithful service all through the camp-meeting.

J. W. Hofstra and E. A. Merriam take the places on the Conference Committee made vacant by the resignations of Elders S. M. Butler and W. H. Heckman.

Elder W. H. Heckman was on the camp-ground a short time Monday, August 19. He and his wife went to Alabama last week to visit his wife's parents. They expect to sail for England some time in September. The prayers of the brethren and sisters of the West Michigan Conference go with them as they go to their new field of labor.

### A New Receipt Book for Church Treasurers.

This new book has been prepared by the Southern Publishing Association in response to many calls for a convenient, serviceable receipt book which combines as

many points of excellence as possible in a simple and inexpensive form.

In this new book the treasurer preserves an accurate copy of the receipt without having to write the item down more than once. This is accomplished by means of a sheet of carbon paper. The original receipt is perforated and tears out readily, while the duplicate remains attached to the stub.

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Each book contains fifty receipts. It may be obtained at ten cents per copy from the conference office by asking for the "New church treasurer's receipt book made by the Southern Publishing Association." The publishers will supply sample pages on request.

A special temperance number of LIFE AND HEALTH has been prepared for September. This is now ready to mail. It is a 40-page number and will be sold to agents in lots of twenty-five or more copies for 3 cents per copy. It will retail for 10 cents per copy.

It will be a splendid number to sell, and we trust our churches will take an active interest in its circulation.

For further information concerning this special number of LIFE AND HEALTH, see the second page of the REVIEW for August 8th.

Send all orders for the temperance number to West Michigan Tract Society.