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Camp-Meeting.

It has now been definitely decided to hold the camp-meeting in Grand Rapids, August 13 to 23 inclusive. The importance of this meeting can hardly be overestimated. The following is taken from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, pages 38-40:

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of the truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say 'it is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among

the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial services which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

"In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended,

in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

"This is a time for everyone to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and the cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go

with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honor His cause and advance His work."

If we begin early enough, and lay our plans broad enough, exercising faith in God, He will help us to be in attendance, and if we are careful in making the arrangements we need not come empty handed. The cause of God needs our support. When we bring into the storehouse of God an honest tithe and the offerings of a grateful heart we have the promise of abundant blessings. Let us meet the requirements and claim the promise.

E. L. RICHMOND.

IS IT TOO MUCH?

Is WHAT too much?

Why, ten cents a week.

Ten cents for what?

Well, is ten cents a week too much to spend for tobacco?

Why, Brother Jeys, you know I don't use tobacco.

O, don't you? Well, how did that happen? I notice that most of the people use tobacco, and ten cents a week is not regarded as a large amount to spend for it. Since you don't use it, I suppose you don't buy it. Didn't you ever use it?

O yes, I once did.

How did you happen to quit?

Well, the truth of the third angel's message found me a few years ago, and of course you know well enough that I could not hold to both. So I gave up the tobacco.

Praise the Lord for that. I'm glad you let go of that which harmed you, and held on to that which is good for you.

But now about the ten cents again. What do you think? Is

ten cents a week too much? Did you use ten cents worth of tobacco?

Yes, I think I did.

Now do you love the third angel's message better than the tobacco?

Certainly.

Do you think there might be some others who, like yourself, would love it if they heard it?

Yes, I think there must be.

Do you think, then, that ten cents a week is too much to give to the work of pushing this blessed truth in the regions beyond?

Why, Brother Jeys, I many times spent that much for cigars some days in town. It seems a very small sum surely.

Well, now take your pencil and do a little figuring quickly for me. How many Seventh-day Adventists are there in the world?

Wait a minute till I go to the library for the Year Book. Here it is. The 1907 enumeration gives 87,311.

For convenience call it 80,000. Now suppose you should give ten cents a week to foreign missions, how much would that be in a year?

Since there are fifty-two weeks, the entire year would bring \$5.20.

Good! Now if each one of 80,000 Seventh-day Adventists should give ten cents a week, how much money would the mission board receive with which to push the work in all lands?

It would be 80,000 times \$5.20, or \$416,000.

Correct. Now is the third angel's message worth ten cents a week? Is it too much?

T. H. JEYS.

War Preparations and Their Meaning.

The leading topic in the August number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES Magazine will be on the development of war preparations. Facts in this field are most striking. Occurrences within the last five years, and particularly within the last

year, show most tremendously that we are hastening on to the "war of the great day of God." (Rev. Ver.)

The illustrations in connection with this article will show the development of the battleship and the gun during the last half century. This development brings to view a most remarkable advance.

The meaning of these war preparations will be shown from the prophecy, in order that the attention of the world may be directed to the great fact that the second coming of Christ is near at hand.

The promises of Christ's second coming will also be presented in a brief article.

There will be other articles on the following subjects:

- (a) Immortality through Christ.
- (b) What of the dead? Where are they?
- (c) The resurrection.
- (d) Sabbath reform in the light of prophecy.
- (e) A Bible reading, subject: "The New Earth."
- (f) Man's condition and need.

The Home Department will give useful and helpful suggestions for the family.

An article from Elder Spicer presents the significance of the great speed with which the world is doing things in this time, and most striking of all the rapidity with which the message is going to all portions of the world.

Religious Liberty as taught in the Bible will be presented in a brief and pointed article.

These are only a few of the good things that will be laid before the reader. The whole magazine will be filled brimful of short, striking articles covering the various phases of the message.

READY JULY 15.

Agents wanted in every city and town in the United States and Canada. Who will respond? For prices see the paper of last week. Address all communications to this office.

Albion.

July 4, I visited the Albion church, at its regular meeting at the home of Brother Steinkraus, about six miles from the city of Albion. This church membership is so badly scattered that it is almost impossible for them to begin their services before 12 o'clock noon, as some of the members live ten miles from the place of meeting.

After a discourse in which the principles of "present truth" were set forth, Brother A. L. Curtis was ordained as local elder, and Bro. Steinkraus, Sen. was ordained as deacon. Five persons presented themselves as candidates for admission to the church by baptism; they were publicly examined, and admitted to membership. The company then repaired to a beautiful little lake about three miles distant and these dear souls were buried with their Lord beneath the yielding wave, and arose to walk, we trust, in newness of life. Some of these candidates were of tender age, and the church in thus admitting them to membership takes upon itself a great responsibility, which can only be discharged by setting them an example of godly living, and by their prayers and watch-care, help them to develop the Christian character they have undertaken to demonstrate.

The church is of good courage, and I firmly believe will have a part in the closing work of the Gospel. There are a few others whom I expect will soon desire to identify themselves with the people of God who are preparing for the soon appearing of their Lord.

S. D. HARTWELL.

Union City.

The Union City church has purchased two lots upon which they purpose to erect a church building at an early date. The lot has been paid for and the deed is now in the hands of the West Michigan Conference Association. The

church has also subscribed \$100.00 or more toward the building, and a goodly number of friends have promised financial aid at the proper time. They expect to start building after the harvest season.

In addition to the many privileges that the writer has enjoyed in meeting with the sick, and those interested in present truth, we have met with a number out on the Tekonsha Township road, and with the Coldwater and Quincy churches in a union service at Quincy; Sabbath Eve at the tent meeting in Grand Rapids; Sabbath morning with the Grand Rapids church, Sabbath afternoon with the company at Wayland where we learned that one dear sister had stepped out as the result of the tent meetings and Bible work done there. We also had the precious privilege of meeting once again with the Battle Creek Academy before its close, and twice with the dear old people in the James White Memorial Home. Our people everywhere are of good courage and have taken advanced steps. Let us all praise God.

J. E. HANSON.

Meetings in Wilson, Mich.

After attending the camp meeting in Gladstone, I spent six days in Wilson, Mich., held meetings in two school houses, visited several families, and spoke nine times to large and very attentive audiences. The Lord helped in presenting the truth in a clear and forcible manner. The brethren and sisters were cheered and encouraged, the attendants from without became deeply interested in the truth, many hearts were filled with tenderness, and, on Sunday, July 5, at 4 p. m., seven willing souls were buried with Christ in baptism. The people were glad to hear the word spoken in their own tongue. They have commenced to build a house of worship, and they are of good courage in the Lord.

A. C. BOURDEAU.

Grand Haven.

Sabbath, July 4, the members of the Scandinavian church of Grand Haven and the Agnew church celebrated the ordinances together. Brother W. Emery who is the elder of the Agnew church officiated.

The Spirit of the Lord was near and all present took part. We must say it is good for brethren to dwell together. Remember us in your prayers.

J. RYERSON, Clerk.

Obituaries.

Sister Will Taylor of the Trufant church died June 17, 1908, at the home of her daughter near Lakeview. The funeral was held the 19th at the Baptist church in Spencer, where a good congregation gathered to pay their respects to an old neighbor and friend. We laid her to rest in the quiet little country cemetery and believe she sleeps in Jesus. Text, Eccl. 12:13,14.

W. R. MATTHEWS.

Godfrey—Sally Ann Hartshorn was born in Danville, N. Y., June 18, 1832, and died at her home near Rothbury, Mich., June 13, 1908, aged 75 years, 11 months, and 26 days. September 10, 1851 she was married to Leander Godfrey, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are still living. Nearly 41 years ago they moved from Pennsylvania to Michigan and were among the early pioneers. For more than 30 years she had been a firm believer in the doctrines held by Seventh Day Adventists, and was a faithful follower of her Lord until her death. Twelve years ago she buried her husband, and she had been an invalid for many years. Three daughters and one son are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. She also leaves a large circle of relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at Rothbury church conducted by the

writer. We laid her to rest beside her husband until the coming of the Life-giver when the sorrows of earth shall be ended.

E. A. MERRIAM.

Shall the Liquor Curse be Continued?

This is the title of a new four-page leaflet which has just been published by the Southern Publishing Association. It gives facts and figures for honest inquirers. It compares the amount of liquor used per capita in the United States from 1840 to 1906, showing that in this time the increase has been over five hundred per cent. Nine reasons are given for the suppression of the liquor traffic; besides other important matter.

This leaflet is envelope size, and is therefore convenient for use in correspondence, or to carry in the pocket. The price is only \$2.00 per thousand copies.

Address this office.

"The mind is the standard of the man."

"Our place is kept ready for us to fill."

"Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company, and reflection must finish him."

"If you allow yourself to rest satisfied with present attainments, however respectable they may be your mental garments will soon look threadbare."

Battle Creek Notes.

Elder W. A. Colcord was in the city last week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Dunlap have gone to California on a visit.

Prof. W. J. Blake, of Huntsville, Ala., and Prof. Rowe of Hazel, Ky., were here over the Sabbath.

Walter Hastings has been elected chairman of the Young Peoples' Society of Missionary Volunteers.

Elder W. H. Heckman was in the city a short time Friday. He

went on to Grand Rapids to visit his parents.

Prof. M. E. Cady of Walla Walla College, stopped over for two or three days on his way home from the Educational Council in Cleveland.

Elder O. A. Johnson, who has been in Scandinavia for several years occupied the pulpit last Sabbath, speaking on the Gospel of the Kingdom, from Matt. 24:14. He is on his way to connect with the school at Walla Walla, Wash.

A farewell reception was tendered Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden, at the Tabernacle on Saturday evening. A very pleasing musical program was rendered which was as follows:

Piano and violin solo.....
.....The Misses Edwards
Prayer.....Elder Miller
Double Quartet
Address.....Elder Hartwell
Vocal Duet.....Misses Cobb and Staggs
Solo.....Prof. Newton
Piano Duet.....
.....Mrs. Howe and Miss Howe
Male Quartet

Presentation.....Elder Hartwell
Response.....Mrs. Harnden
Song, God be with you till we meet again.....Congregation

It is with a feeling of regret that we see so faithful a worker go from our midst, but we feel sure that our loss will be another's gain, and we trust that the friends in Iowa will appreciate the coming of such an efficient laborer in their midst.

M. H. WHITE.

News and Notes.

Camp-meeting, Grand Rapids, August 13-23.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Chicago last week on business.

The address of John E. Hanson for the next two or three weeks will be Ludington, La.

Our lumber for the new buildings has begun to arrive and the teams have been busy hauling it from the cars.

The Conference Committee met Sunday and Monday to lay plans for the camp meeting. Full particulars will probably appear in the paper next week.

We recently procured an individual communion set for one of our smaller churches. They report that they are well pleased with it. Are there not others who wish to get such a set?

We have received an advance copy of the new "Christ in Song" and expect our regular supply in before camp meeting. Orders will be filled as fast as possible. The prices are 40 cents, 60 cents, and \$1.00.

An inquiry has come to this office for a dressmaker. If any of our sisters who are qualified to cut and fit, are out of employment and will write to us we will put them in communion with a party in need of such help.

"The Medical Evangelist" is the name of the last new publication we have received. It is published monthly at Loma Linda, Cal., and is an exponent of the work of the College of Evangelists in connection with the sanitarium at that place. Price 25 cents per year.

W. C. Mathewson, at Cossackie, N. Y., says: "The work here is moving very encouragingly. Our audience which has been as small as two or three has increased to 35 or 40. Among them is the Methodist minister and wife, and two merchants and their wives. Those who attend seem very much interested. We praise God for these favorable omens. This town is beautifully situated on the west shore of the Hudson, twenty-three miles south of Albany. Population, 3000."