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### Camp-Meeting Information.

The Conference Committee were in session two days last week and made arrangements for the camp-meeting as far as is possible to be done in advance. The following are the actions taken at that time:

1. The Conference Committee will take general oversight of the entire camp.
2. The Committee together with the Conference Secretary will act as locating committee.
3. The reception committee will consist of Elder J. M. Wilbur, chairman, Mrs. Cleora Green, secretary, and the Conference Bible workers, together with such others as may be added to the number at the opening of the meeting.
4. The price of tents for use during the meeting will be from \$3.50 to \$6.00, according to size, location and the conditions. In order to get the best service all should send in their orders to the Conference Secretary at once.

5. The price of lumber for rental will be 75 cents per 100 feet. The lumber that is cut will be \$3.00 per 100 feet.
6. The camp will be located about four miles from the center of the city, and the regular rate for carrying baggage is from 75 cents to \$1.00 for each article, but by special arrangements we can handle baggage on the 12th, 13th, and

8. The grocery tent will be in charge of Fred Green and Roscoe Garrett, and the usual articles will be on sale.
  9. Straw ticks will be filled for 25 cents each.
  10. The President and Secretary of the Conference will arrange for a competent cook.
- Eld. S. D. Hartwell, Secretary of the Conference Committee, will



Partial view of the Camp at Hastings, 1907.

- until noon the 14th, for 25 cents per trunk or box, and 10 cents each for suit cases and valises. On returning we have arranged for the same rate Monday, the 24th. Those going at any other time will have to make special arrangements or take care of their own baggage. On the above dates we will have a committee at the various stations who will arrange for the transfer of your baggage.
7. Meals will be served in the dining tent at the following prices: breakfast, 20 cents; dinner, 25 cents; supper, 15 cents.

- correspond with individuals to help in the dining tent.
12. Brother J. Drury Reavis has been asked to act as leader of the music.
  13. E. L. Richmond and S. D. Hartwell will constitute the editorial bureau.
  14. The subjects to be presented at the meeting will be arranged for by the President and Secretary.
- As announced two weeks ago the camp will be located on the Sunday School picnic grounds at Reed's Lake. The street cars from the railway stations are as follows:

Union Depot (P. M., M. C., and G. R. & I.) Take the Wealthy Avenue car going south in front of the station.

Grand Trunk Depot. Take the Wealthy Avenue car going east in front of the station.

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Depot. Take the Butterworth car going east, at the station, and when paying your fare ask the conductor for a transfer to Wealthy Avenue car. The Butterworth car runs down to Monroe street where you will transfer to any Wealthy Avenue car going to Reed's Lake.

Interurbans. Get a transfer to Wealthy Avenue and the conductor will tell you where the transfer point is.

The grounds are at the terminus of the Wealthy Avenue car line.

August 12th and 13th, and the forenoon of the 14th we will have individuals at the railway stations to direct you in case you need help.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.

E. L. RICHMOND, Sec.

### A Call to Immediate Action.

In no less than five months Congress will again be in session, at which time the Johnston Sunday bill, which passed the Senate on May 16, 1908, may be brought before the House at any moment for final action. This fact should not be lost sight of by those who comprehend what it means should the House of Representatives pass this bill. The bill would then only lack the signature of the president to make it a law. This could be quickly affixed and then it would become a law in the District of Columbia. The next logical step for the champions of Sunday legislation would be to prevail upon Congress to enact a national Sunday law. This all can see would be easily secured in view of the fact that Congress would then have committed itself fully to the question of Sunday legislation by the passing of the Sunday bill for the District of Columbia.

There should be delay no longer on the part of our conference officers and ministers in doing what they can to enlighten the people on this subject, with the hope of holding in check a little longer this proposed legislation. This can be done by securing appointments with the United States Congressmen in each of our respective conferences, and placing before them the dangers which lie beneath this whole scheme, to which they would commit themselves in favoring the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill.

Much depends upon our activity and earnestness whether this bill will become a law or not. We are confident, however, that many of the Congressmen have very little, if any, true conception of what is involved in this proposed measure. But if they could be so approached upon the subject by representatives of their own constituency before Congress convenes, they might be convinced of the dangers attending it.

The forthcoming issue of LIBERTY will be especially designed for our people to use in the present campaign in enlightening the people upon the subject of religious liberty, and preventing, if possible, the passing of this bill. This number of LIBERTY will be on the subject of the United States in prophecy. The Religious Liberty Leaflets should be used in large quantities, and also the Religious Liberty souvenir postal cards.

A copy of this forthcoming issue of LIBERTY, a set of the Religious Liberty Leaflets, and a set of the Religious Liberty postal cards should be placed in the hands of every state, county, municipal, and town official. The same should be placed in the hands of attorneys, educators, and other public men, besides sold as far as possible to all classes of people.

With a vigorous campaign along this line engaged in by all of our church members throughout the

United States, we can little comprehend what great good might be accomplished in enlightening thousands and thousands of people concerning the dangers of religious legislation which threaten us so seriously at the present time, and too, in this way we might be able to defeat the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill for the District of Columbia now pending in the House of Representatives.

The time before Congress convenes is rapidly passing. What we do must be done quickly. We would urge that the officers of every church call a meeting at once, and plan for a vigorous religious liberty campaign in their respective communities. LIBERTY, the Religious Liberty Leaflets, and the Religious Liberty postal cards can be ordered through your tract societies. Begin at once to pray and work while you have opportunity to do so.

K. C. RUSSELL.

### Hard Times.

There is never a time that the canvasser has not heard the cry of hard times. Some of these persons have a good bank account but it is an excuse always at hand and we are not supposed to know whether it is a valid excuse or only a subterfuge, but in either case it has to be met. As a rule when the canvass is given the hard work is only begun. All sorts of excuses, reasonable and unreasonable, are offered, the latter often predominating. Admitting the times are hard the actual necessities of life must be met and the mind must be fed as well as the body, and pure material only should be selected for either body or soul. In character building as well as all other structures, the foundation should be of rock, and the Word of God is the only safe foundation for any human being to build upon. To meet the hard times cry let the canvasser draw an argument from Matt. 6:25-33. "Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment?" The Bible must be

studied and from this draw an argument to meet all valid objections. Many subterfuges can be entirely ignored, and some questions and excuses can be kept off with the final result that they will be forgotten. The object of the work must never be lost sight of, and that object must be kept before the one interviewed, or the effort will fail of its desired result. There are things that would be desirable and some that seem necessary that might better be left out, than that which is being presented. One lady in taking "Object Lessons" said, "It means going without something that seemed necessary—but this I must have." In this case there had been the real desire created, and every effort must tend in that direction in meeting objections as well as in giving the canvass.

The only excuse for offering these thoughts is the hope that some inexperienced soul may be benefited.

"Sow thy seed, be never weary,  
Let no fears thy soul annoy;  
Be the prospect ne'er so dreary,  
Thou shalt reap the fruits of joy."

A. B. C.

During the last week's run of the June number of LIFE AND HEALTH, the publishers received one wire order for 2000 copies, another for 1500, and a third for 500 copies. A letter order for 1000 copies reached the publishers every day throughout the week. Orders for 500 copies were frequent. Orders for 100 copies, with comparatively few for less, swelled the output for the week to over 15,000 copies. There are now over 1200 persons who sell LIFE AND HEALTH by single copies as they find time and opportunity. Some of them are devoting their entire time to the sale of the journal. These are averaging from \$3.50 to \$7.00 per day profit.

"A man is known by the book he reads."

### Junction City, Ky.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." We have found this true in our experience. On our way to this needy field, the train had a narrow escape from going over a large trestle. On nearing the trestle the engine was running a little slower than usual, and soon after crossing one of the large drive wheels broke off from the axle. The engineer said "The good Lord was with us, or we would all have been killed." We thank God for his great goodness.

We visited in Indiana, and went down one of the coal mines. While in the mine, and about three hundred feet from the bottom of the shaft, the superintendent extinguished all lights, and how great was that darkness! The sun had not shown upon those large seams of coal since the days of the deluge. The whitest article can not be seen any more than that which is of the blackest material. The darkness reminded us of the record given of the dark day of 1780.

"Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." This text describes, in a remarkable manner, the condition of the people as we find them. We arrived in McKinney, and found six families endeavoring to uphold the light of truth before the people of this place. Two of these families are from Ohio who have come that they may live the message, and tell of the soon coming King.

While staying at McKinney, one of our brethren had occasion to go into the country about seven miles, and we had a desire to see Kentucky as it is so went along. We saw what the people call the "knobs" mountain country. Before we had gone far we had to confess it was the roughest road we had ever seen. In order to reach our destination it was necessary to follow the bed of a creek for a distance of about three miles.

It being in the hill country we

had to keep climbing over ledges of rock from five to eighteen inches in height. Many times it would seem as though we could not retain our seats in the spring wagon in which we were riding.

Night drew on and being far from home we stayed at the home of a tobacco planter,—a typical southerner. We were treated more kindly at this place than we have been in the town.

Our tenting outfit not having arrived, we pitched a large tent for meetings at McKinney, Elder Burrill in charge. The meetings were opened with a goodly number in attendance, but as soon as the testing truths were presented the people showed a lack of interest until the meetings were no longer attended by any one; yet many were convinced that the things that were spoken evening after evening were Bible truths.

This tent will be removed to a small town about five miles from where we are at present. Our tents are pitched at Junction City,—a place of about eight hundred inhabitants; they have the least interest in religion (that is founded upon a thus saith the Lord) of any people we have seen in our little experience.

In pitching our large tent, we had the assistance of a "Church of God" preacher. He is very much interested in the meetings, and we ask your prayers for this dear soul that God will grant him grace to step out on the promises of God and keep all the commandments. We deal with a very strange people; when we invite them to our meetings they will thank us kindly, and apparently have no idea of ever coming near the tents. Brother Avery Davis arrived the evening after the tent was pitched, and we were indeed glad to see him.

We have sold a few WATCHMAN and in selling we find it a hard matter to collect. They can not pay on purchasing so we must call again. I called at one place two weeks after selling a paper for five

cents, and was informed that they had not seen a nickel since I had been there before.

We have found quite a few people who can not read, and one man thirty years old said he could not tell the difference between a W and an M. Neither could he say the alphabet.

The attendance is fair, and some are convinced that what has been presented is truth. They can not see their way clear, and make a living for their families. Pray for us in this part of God's great vineyard.

J. M. & E. K. IRVING,  
AVERY DAVIS.

#### Obituary.

Gibbs.—My dear sister Almira, wife of C. J. Gibbs, quietly fell asleep in Jesus at their home near White Cloud, Mich., May 17, 1908, after an illness of only a few hours, aged 65 years, 5 months, and 18 days. She complained of no pain, only so weary and when breathing became difficult she said to her husband and son who were at her bedside, "Pray." Twice prayer was offered for her and natural respiration was restored. But when the third attack came on she said, "More air," and was then gently lifted up in the arms of her son where she died in a few moments. Gentle always in her life, peacefully she answered the last summons. She was brought to Covert and funeral services were held in the church of which she was a faithful member. And she was laid to rest in the Covert Cemetery beside her only daughter, who died six years ago. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband who is in feeble health, and one son, two sisters, two brothers, beside a large circle of relatives and friends. But our hope is in the resurrection.

Sleep on, sweet sister, sleep,  
And take your well earned rest.  
Though those who love you wait  
and weep,  
We know God's will is best.

Your daughter sleeps beside you,  
The parting was not long.  
Soon Jesus' voice will call you  
both

To join the ransomed throng.

MRS. R. C. HORTON.

#### Grand Rapids Notes.

Tuesday, July 14, a Sabbath School Outing was held in North Park. It was a pleasant occasion, about 150 being present. Sister Armstrong, who is 86 years old, was wheeled over and enjoyed it very much.

Sabbath morning a consecration meeting was held instead of the preaching service. Elder Videto was well enough to be present and spoke at the beginning of the meeting. Some who had been in a backslidden condition gave their hearts to God anew.

The hour at the Young People's meeting has been occupied the last two weeks by Mrs. Green, on "The Plagues."

Mrs. W. W. Robinson is visiting her parents near Battle Creek.

Friday evening Elder Gravelle spoke in the tent on "The Change of the Sabbath." The spirit of the Lord was present and four gave their hearts to Him. Others will take their stand soon.

70 John St.,  
Muskegon, Mich.

To the West Mich. Herald:

I arrived at Muskegon, Monday the 13th of July. Have been at Fremont for a few weeks. I do praise the dear Lord that He has again given me strength for it did seem as though Satan wanted to lay me down so I could not work any more for my Master who did so much for me. I know we have a prayer-hearing God. He says while they call I'll answer; while they are yet speaking I'll hear. The last two weeks the Lord has renewed my strength, and I am so glad I am here to help search out

precious souls for Jesus. I trust the prayers of my dear brethren and sisters will be for me that as I enter this new field God's Holy Spirit will be my teacher daily and prepare the way so many precious souls will be won for the Master. Only in His strength can we do this great work, and I trust that we all will be faithful in doing it, so our Saviour can say to us "Well done."

Your sister in Jesus,  
JENNIE DEYOUNG.

#### News and Notes.

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Order your tent for use at camp-meeting.

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

J. W. Hofstra met with the Douglas church last Sabbath.

Read the article by Elder K. C. Russell in this issue.

Rice Hoffmaster has bought a house in Otsego and is moving in this week.

Fred Green stopped over the Sabbath at Otsego on his way to Berrien Springs.

Some of our churches are responding to our call for subscriptions to the HERALD. Is your church one of them?

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Berrien Springs last week to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the college.

We had our wheat cut and stacked Thursday and during the night there was a hard rain. The Lord prospered us.

Who does not see that the same authority which can establish Christianity in exclusion of all other religions, may establish, with the same ease, any particular sect of Christians, in the exclusion of all other sects?—James Madison.