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Cause and Prevention of Sickness at the Camp-meeting.

We, the people having the truth for this time, may expect that Satan will work by every means possible to discourage and afflict us and especially at camp meeting time, to prevent us from getting the spiritual blessings from attending the meetings.

I find in looking into the causes of diseases at camp-meetings, that there are two classes of causes with reference to time: Those that are brought about several weeks before camp meeting as the result of exhaustion of vitality from over doing in preparing for camp-meeting; and those that are brought about by disregarding the laws of health during camp-meeting.

With a little timely thought, both of these causes may be entirely done away with, and sickness entirely prevented during the camp-meeting. So this year let us be-

gin early to prepare for the camp-meeting, in the first place by preserving our strength and vitality so that, if anything, we will be stronger and feel better, than at any other time. And then by a little care we may avoid all the causes brought about by the conditions of camping.

That the first causes may be removed we are assured by a quotation from Test. Vol. 2, p. 602. "I am convinced that none need make themselves sick preparing for camp-meeting if they observe the laws of health in their cooking." And then we find that, by observing the following paragraph, the second causes may also be done away with. "Brethren and sisters must not be sick upon the encampment. If they clothe themselves properly in the chill of morning and night, and are particular to vary their clothing according to the changing weather so as to preserve a proper circulation and strictly observe regularity in sleeping and in eating simple food, taking nothing between meals, they need not be sick." And on the next page, "If a proper course is pursued at these important gatherings they can be made a blessing to the bodily health as well as to the health of the soul."

It will be worth your while to look these quotations up. There is much more to the same effect. But it is barely possible that some of these causes may be unavoidable, in which case, all should go prepared to meet the disease at its first manifestation. Have a pair of good fomentation cloths and a fountain syringe. These used at the commencement of any of the ordinary sicknesses, bowel disturb-

ance or otherwise, will stop the trouble right there.

Briefly then, we will sum up the causes to be avoided.

1. Exhaustion in preparing for camp-meeting.

2. Possible causes of infection which of course we should avoid at all times, as impure water, or contaminated food.

3. Take sufficient clothing to be prepared for changes in the weather and temperature.

4. Eat less than when at home doing your regular work.

5. Eat no fruit that is not thoroughly washed and properly pared.

6. Eat only at meal time.

7. Go to bed every night at 9 and arise at 5.

And remember above all else don't fail to be prepared to meet sickness at its first appearance with a little of the simple treatment with which this people have been blest.

DR. L. J. OTIS.

Mission Notes.

In a recent communication, Doctor Selmon mentions a bit of interesting experience concerning the death of one of our believers in inland China. He says: "One of our oldest Sabbath-keepers in this section died the other day. He was over sixty years of age. He had always been a faithful Christian. He was at the mission a short time before his death. He sickened very suddenly, and, living over twelve miles from us, his relatives, who were all heathen, did not notify us, and we did not get to see him, or we might have given some treatment that would

have saved his life. The people are fatalists, and when an old person comes down with a serious illness, it is not uncommon for the relatives to place him on his deathbed, or even in his coffin."

In a letter mailed at London Mrs. Edith E. Bruce, who left the position of head nurse at the Washington Branch Sanitarium, in answer to a call for help at the Mussoorie (India) Sanitarium, writes:—

"We reached Liverpool in time Friday for me to get on to London before Sabbath. I found that the other nurses had already sailed for Bombay; so I am obliged to make the trip alone. It will be just a little lonely. But I am sure the dear Father's protection will always be mine, and I have nothing to fear."

Brother J. L. Shaw, speaking of the publishing work in India and of their plans, says: "Our publishing work is destined to occupy a very large place in the evangelistic work in India. Our little press at Karmatar is altogether inadequate to the needs of the work. It is impossible for us to have workers canvass for our literature unless we can supply them with what they need. We need another press, and Marathi and Urdu type, for printing tracts and pamphlets, in addition to the other literature that we are planning in other languages."

Of his recent visit to Burma, Elder J. L. Shaw, in a recent letter, says: "I had an interesting trip to Burma, and found the work going forward in that field in a very encouraging way. The message is really getting root there, and some time I hope that a conference may be organized in Burma. I visited Rangoon, Moulmein, and Meiktila. In all these places a short series of meetings was held, and in all eight souls were baptized. The workers in Burma are an earnest little band. Our prayer is that God may double the number of Sab-

bath-keepers there this year. This is rather a large request, but it shows the faith of the workers in that part of the vineyard."

Let all join with them in prayer that this addition may be made in the land of Judson.

Brother L. J. Burgess, who has recently passed through a serious illness of typhoid fever at the Mussoorie Sanitarium, says of the work in that institution:—

"The sanitarium work here is going on well. They are full to overflowing, and are having good results. They are not only giving treatments to patients, but also give Bible studies. As a result, some are accepting the message. Doctor Menkel seems to be doing faithful work. I can say that during my illness he was very attentive, and I appreciate his prayers and advice very much.

"We have our first Hindustani gentleman nurse in training at the sanitarium. He is an earnest young man, and we hope he will in time become well prepared for that line of work."

Dr. A. C. Selmon has recently found it necessary to change his location in the province of Honan, China. They are now at Cheo Chia K'ou. Their entering a new place has caused something of a stir. Doctor Selmon says:—

"We all feel confident that it is the Lord's leading, and that we have located in the right place to look after the work in Honan. We have been so busy that we have not had much time to work with the literature or to get the preaching work started, but of course our presence here brings people to look around and enquire who and what we are. It has led the China Inland Mission people to declare a boycott against any and all of our literature. None of their people are allowed to have or read anything that has our stamp on it. Of course in all this they are doing the very thing that will make

people want to see this literature all the more. We are anxious to get settled down as quickly as possible, for we feel that there will be a good harvest throughout this section just as soon as we make known the truth. The thing we want to do is to give the message straight, and leave out nothing essential; for if the Lord could make apostles out of the poor fishermen, he can make full-fledged Adventists out of some these Chinese."

The Bermuda Islands, just off the southeastern coast of the United States, afford a desirable climate. The present season their crops have suffered somewhat, because of a lack of rain and because of a disease affecting the onions, so that the residents will realize but little from that product this year. Brother and Sister J. A. Morrow and Brother and Sister M. Enoch are at present engaged in the work there. Brother Morrow is conducting evangelistic work, holding meetings in different places. Brother Enoch is doing self-supporting missionary work. They are endeavoring to support a school, but very much need a teacher. Brother Morrow writes:—

"A young man and wife, the latter to take the school, and the husband with musical talent, so that he can give music lessons, or able to engage in some other self-supporting work, would fit in very nicely in assisting them in the work."

Things Worth Knowing.

- How to enjoy hot weather.
- How to maintain that cleanliness which is next to godliness.
- How to utilize nature in the restoration of health.
- How to prevent and cure neuralgia.
- How to treat a patient suffering from summer diarrhoea.
- How to cook without fire.
- How to preserve fruits and vegetables in the most hygienic manner.

How to resuscitate a drowned person.
 How to leave off drugs.
 How to adopt rational home treatments for common diseases.
 How to treat hydrophobia.
 How to eat in hot weather to insure good health.
 How to feed babies.
 How to live twice as long and twice as well.

Read the August number of LIFE AND HEALTH and get the answer to the above "things worth knowing," together with a volume of other important matter essential to health and happiness during the heated season.

Write for special rates to agents. Address this office.

Financial Report.

June Receipts 1908.

Tithe.

Allegan	-	18	70
Bangor	-	14	20
Battle Creek	-	818	61
Belding	-	40	05
Benton Harbor	-	20	18
Berrien Springs	-	77	10
Bloomington	-	29	16
Buchanan	-	3	99
Burlington	-	14	50
Byron Center	-	3	85
Carlton Center	-	18	60
Carson City	-	51	20
Cedar Lake	-	41	62
Charlotte	-	30	26
Clifford Lake	-	4	87
Covert	-	9	54
Decatur	-	4	05
Denver	-	2	61
Glenwood	-	28	65
Gowen	-	20	20
Grand Ledge	-	12	85
Grand Rapids	-	135	11
Hastings	-		58
Horr	-	22	70
Howard City	-	10	00
Kent City	-	20	82
Mendon	-	7	02
Muskegon	-	33	78
Otsego	-	232	01
Palo	-	22	35
Rothbury	-	22	19
Shelby	-	46	01

Sturgis	-	16	24
Trufant	-	31	00
Union City	-	66	67
Urbandale	-	62	00
West Leroy	-	43	77
Wright	-	110	12
Individuals	-	41	35
Money returned	-	2	00
Total		2,190	51

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	-	\$2,190	51
Sabbath School Of'gs.	-	106	56
Weekly Offerings	-	30	55
One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund	-	54	81
Mission Board Offerings	-	63	72
General Fund	-	16	15
Bills Payable	-	1,651	83
Orphans and Aged F'd.	-	11	60
Missionary Volunteer Educational Fund	-	85	95
Educational Dept.	-	21	32
Money Returned (George Crafts)	-	1	80
Bills Receivable	-	15	00
Otsego Academy	-	144	45
Birthday Offerings	-	63	
Chinese Mission	-	4	44
Southern Field	-	70	
Self-Denial Fund	-	6	54
Clifford Howell's School	-	2	88
Jewish Work	-	5	00
Religious Liberty Offerings	-		25
Colored Work	-		75
Expense	-	5	00
Total		4,420	44

West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	-	\$244	00
Merchandise	-	57	30
Herald	-	6	77
Total		308	07

Publishers' Notes.

One day last week over three tons of books were shipped from the Book Department of the Review and Herald, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

We are not keeping many books on our shelves these days, but we can report that we have thus far

been able to fill our orders promptly.

Our bindery is now running three nights a week until nine o'clock. The clerks in our shipping department are also obliged to work overtime.

Brother J. W. Mace, manager of the Battle Creek Branch of the Review and Herald, reports an increase of 60% in the subscription book business for the month of June over the corresponding month of last year. These are actual sales in the Lake Union and Ohio Conferences.

Orders were taken in the Atlantic Union Conference for \$5,217.35 worth of books during the month of June. For the same month of last year in the same territory, the orders amounted to \$2,666.56, making an increase of 95%.

The entire sale of the Atlantic Union Conference for the month of June, 1907, were \$4,601.26. This was before the division of the territory. This year for the same month, with a little over three-fifths of the territory, orders were taken for \$616.00 worth more than were taken in the entire territory last year in June.

A report just handed in of orders taken in the Columbia Union Conference for the month of June amounts to \$7,008.85. This is an increase of \$3,777.95 over the same month last year, or 116%. Surely the Lord is blessing the efforts of the faithful, energetic canvasser.

In looking over one of our conference papers a few days ago, I noticed that fully one-half of it was devoted to articles concerning the canvassing work. The report in that paper was among the largest in that Union Conference, and it showed a very large increase over the same week in June, 1907.

To-day's mail brought two let-

ters from heads of families who have recently accepted the truth as the result of reading books placed in their homes by our canvassers. One writes that he would like to canvass for the book he had purchased, and adds, "I think this truth should be in every home."

A canvasser in one of the Western Conferences writes:

"In my first three months' work, I only took one \$2.50 order. Now, my last three weeks have been 146 hours, 236 orders, \$966.50.

"I do not believe I ever saw people more anxious to get our books. Some do not want to wait until I make my delivery. Sometimes people say, 'I have pledged myself never to order another book from an agent, but I can't afford to let Daniel and Revelation go by.' I often miss some as I go through, and they will come and overtake me and order a copy. It certainly seems like the 'Sound in the tops of the mulberry trees.'

MORRIS LUKENS.

Summer school has closed, and its record has passed into eternity. Taken as a whole, the school was a success. Some things connected with the work might have been different had it been possible to have planned for the school earlier. The total number enrolled, besides the instructors was 61, 31 of whom were from the West Michigan Conference.

Examinations were held during the last three days, July 19, 20 and 21.

The last week of the session was a source of encouragement to all because of a general spiritual uplift.

Tuesday afternoon, we repaired to the banks of the beautiful St. Joseph river where two of our number followed their Lord in baptism. The rite was performed by Professor J. H. Haughey. The Summer School is over, but the camp-meeting is just before us. Let all of

our teachers plan to be present, ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Battle Creek Notes.

Elder A. G. Daniells occupied the Tabernacle pulpit Sabbath at both the morning and afternoon services. He is on his way West.

Professor H. R. Salisbury, of the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, has been visiting relatives here for a few days.

Roy Day is in Battle Creek on his way to California. He has been working in New York City but is now returning to the Pacific Press Publishing Company at Mountain View.

Evert Beuchel left Sunday, the 19th, for Washington, D. C. He reached his destination and is engaged in the office of Brother Reavis.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in the city Sabbath.

Grand Rapids Notes.

Elder Videto is quite well again and is taking an active part in the tent meetings.

Brother Adrian Benjamin had an operation for appendicitis recently but is gaining nicely.

The lady Bible workers and canvassers are having good experiences in their work. Quite a number of new readers have become interested.

On Wednesday, the 22nd, the tent was moved to the corner of DeLong and Hovey streets near John Ball Park. The audience was a good one the first evening.

Elder Gravelle spoke in the church Sabbath morning, taking Luke 15:1-7 for his text. In the afternoon Miss Almeda Haughey gave a very interesting talk to the young people, taking I Tim. 4: 12-16 as a basis.

News and Notes.

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

We will have a big assortment of Oxford Bibles at the camp-meeting.

The next number of LIBERTY will be ready in a few days. It should have a large circulation.

W. H. Edwards, the auditor for the Lake Union Conference, was in Otsego Sunday. He went to Cedar Lake from here.

John E. Hanson writes from Lake Charles, La., that tent meetings have been started. The interest is good. Their camp-meeting begins August 6.

We have the promise of Elder Allen Moon, Elder I. H. Evans, Professor Griggs, Professor Graf, and J. B. Blosser, in addition to our own laborers, at the camp-meeting.

The office of the Iowa Conference has been moved to Nevada, Ia. This was made necessary by the recent fire which did serious damage to the church in Des Moines. It is a step in the right direction.

The first number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES in magazine form has reached us. It contains 64 pages instead of 48 as promised and is filled with timely, interesting matter. The colored cover is very attractive.

Some have inquired if there would be a place for horses on the camp ground. To such we would say that there are no buildings on the grounds. Horses will have to be cared for outside. It may be that pasture can be had quite close by, but we have not yet learned.

If you find a blue mark here it means that your subscription expires this month. Be sure to renew at once.