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## At Our Coming Camp-meeting.

PREPARE FOR HAPPINESS AND COMFORT.

The following suggestions are not all original, but quotations from some of our old pioneers in this work:—

“Our camp-meetings are important auxiliaries connected with the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and all who attend these convocations should regard themselves as tributaries to their success. In getting ready for the camp-meeting, there are essential considerations that demand proper attention. The tent and its equipments, the food supplies and their preparation, the clothing to be worn and the care that should be given to it, articles to take, and things that should not go—all may be studied with profit.”

Our camp meetings continue from ten days to two weeks, a period of sufficient length to sub-

ject campers to a variety of conditions in the matter of weather and health. Take your rubbers, your wraps, and an abundant supply of bed-clothes, because the chances are that all these will be needed at times during your stay in the camp. Provide well for rest, so that when the time comes for retiring, you may lie down on a bed with a mattress and springs arranged as homelike as possible. Sleeping apartments should be separated from one another and also from the sitting-room of the tent by curtains or screens. All details in regard to convenience, comfort, good taste, and propriety should receive attention, in order that our camp meetings should prove to be occasions of helpfulness and good schooling to us. The clothing should be well kept. In fact, it should be religiously clean. Anciently when the Lord advised his people regarding their sanctification and readiness to meet him, he said, “sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes.” Ex. 19:10,14.

We do not go to our camp-meetings to feast, yet we must eat food of good quality that has been properly cooked, else we cannot get the benefit from these occasions that the Lord desires us to receive. We must eat for strength, clearness of mind, and sweetness of disposition. If the camp boarding-tent furnishes such food, it is better to patronize it than to take time and trouble of providing meals in the living tent. However, this question should be left for the various families to settle for themselves. The details of preparation are many, and of course these will need

to be considered by the many who prepare to go. It should therefore be understood that some careful forethought is necessary if only sweet memories of the camp-meeting are to abide in the mind.

“Take to the camp Bible, hymn-books, Sabbath-school helps, and such other books as may be needed for reference while there. Provide the camp home with chairs, tables, rugs lamps, cups, pails, basins, toilet supplies, pins, needles, thread, scissors, mirror, and various other articles that persons and conditions may demand.”

“Take as many members of the family and as many friends as may be induced to go. But worldly cares, perplexities, criticisms, unbelief, hardness of heart, and such like have no right to a place where God’s people convene.”

Attend these meetings with courage in the heart, and with confidence in the third angel’s message. Before going, decide to be present at as many services as possible, and to have good words for every good thing. Be assured that those who do these things will become fruitful in good works, and in due time have a home in the kingdom of God.

Still our camp-meetings have another object. The spirit of prophecy has so much to say along these lines, that it is only possible to mention one or two in this article: “We should feel that we are representatives of truth of heavenly origin. We are to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We should ever bear in mind that angels of God are walking through the encampment, be-

holding the order and arrangement in every tent. To the large number of people who come to the ground, all the arrangements are an illustration of the beliefs and principles of the people conducting the meeting. It should be the best illustration possible. All the surroundings should be a lesson. Especially should the family tents, in their neatness and order, giving a glimpse of home life, be a constant sermon as to the habits, customs, and practices of Seventh-day Adventists."

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these 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!"

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS in "Progress."

### The Work at Otsego.

No doubt our brethren and sisters throughout the conference are expecting to learn more of the particulars about the new buildings we have under construction.

The work is nicely begun on the school building, which will be 30x57 feet, one story, and a high basement. The wall is cement, with a frame structure above covered with wire lath and cement plaster, finished with a dash of fine gravel and cement thrown on by hand. The interior is to be finished in natural wood, the center of the building being occupied by a main hallway and coat rooms. On either side of the hallway is a schoolroom with a total seating capacity for 65 pupils in the two rooms. The basement will contain a fresh air room with connections to the air shafts for securing ventilation in the rooms above. There is also room for manual training, storage room, etc. What wood work there is outside will be painted dark green with white window sash, and the shingle roof will be stained dark red. An

ample supply of blackboards has been planned, and should occasion ever require, additional seating capacity can be obtained by extending a wing on the north side.

The office building, 28x43, will follow the same general style of construction, but the basement will be enough deeper to allow the installation of a steam-heating plant sufficiently large to heat the school building also. The main entrance to the office on the main floor will open directly into the office of the secretary, and contain display cases and other necessary office fixtures for handling the business, for waiting on our brethren and other customers who may have occasion to visit us. At the right of this office will be that of the president, in the rear of which will be the stenographers' room. At the left of the entrance will be the treasurer's office, and in the rear will be a room for storing our books, tracts and other supplies. The basement will also contain storage room for packing cases and extra supplies of books. In addition to the heating plant we will have sufficient room to hold one or two cars of coal. Work on the office building has been nicely started.

The warehouse 20x80 ft., is nearly completed, and we expect to put in our camp-meeting equipment as soon as we are through with it this season. One end has a room especially adapted for giving our tents better care than we have been able to do heretofore. The main portion of this building, however, will be used for poles, stakes, seats, ropes, etc. The whole building rests on cement piers, and is constructed with a view to sustaining considerable weight. The floor is on a level with the wagon-bed so as to facilitate handling the equipment both going out and coming in.

The old barn that was on the place when it came into our possession has been moved to a more desirable location and now rests

upon a good cement wall and has been re-sided and painted. The upper portion is filled with hay and the lower part is being used for caring for the teams at present. It is designed to be used for a sheep barn this fall.

The new barn is 36x60 feet. The basement is eight feet high and will contain stalls for horses and cattle. A cement retaining wall has been built for a driveway to the main floor. This barn has 18 foot posts and will, with the gambrel roof, hold at least 60 tons of hay. The frame work is all up including the rafters, and by the time this paper reaches our readers the siding will be all on and possibly the roof. Commodious yards will be arranged to the south of the barns.

The conference committee had an opportunity to purchase 125 acres adjoining the present farm at what they considered a reasonable figure and finally did so. This farm is principally valuable for meadow and pasture. About 85 tons of hay have been cut on it this year and stored mostly in the barns. We have about thirty-five head of cattle in the pasture and over 80 sheep and lambs.

The wheat this year was not as good as we might wish, still the crop was perhaps as heavy as could be expected under the circumstances. The corn is doing nicely, and unless the weather should be continuously dry from now on it will be a good yield.

The conference committee have taken steps to incorporate the school, and when this is done the firm property will probably be deeded over to the new corporation.

Taking everything into account you can readily see that these are busy times in Otsego. It keeps us going from morning till night, but we are glad to work long hours and push things forward as rapidly as possible. We extend an invitation to any who can do so to call on us and we will take pleasure in

explaining everything more in detail and going over the ground with any who may find opportunity to visit us. Possibly some can do so on their way home from the camp-meeting, though we cannot all be here for several days after the camp breaks up.

E. L. RICHMOND.

### Is Life and Health Important.

"The light that God has given us on health reform is for our salvation and for the salvation of the world."

"The people are in sad need of the light shining from the pages of our health and temperance journals. God desires to use these journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light which the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance and of social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people."

"Let none think that the circulation of the health journals is a minor matter. All should take hold of this work with more interest, and make greater efforts in this direction. God will greatly bless those who take hold of it in earnest; for it is a work that should receive attention at this time," (Mrs. E. G. White.)

Address this office for sample copy and special rates to agents.

"I feel that the work is fast closing up, and O, how I long to be in the kingdom! I can truly say that I am of good courage, and I long to see more laborers in this line of the Lord's work."

"God helps them that help themselves."

### Tent Meeting Sermons.

Every lover of present truth always manifests much interest in a series of tent meetings where the complete Third Angel's Message is preached with earnestness and power.

The splendid series of tent meeting sermons which have been running through the WATCHMAN for more than a year have been concluded. The entire set of back numbers of the WATCHMAN from the first of this series to its close, including the good special number and several hundred pages of other choice matter, may be obtained for only seventy-five cents.

This series has been of unusual interest and merit, and is well worth preserving for study and future reference. This set of the WATCHMAN would be especially good to place in the hands of interested friends. If desired, it can be bound in substantial covers, at a nominal cost, at any book bindery. Cash should be sent with each order. Order through this office.

All of our readers will desire to circulate a large number of LIBERTY No. 3, now ready to mail, for it contains the straight Third Angel's Message associated with the act of the United States Senate passing a District Sunday Bill during its last session.

It presents the true principles of Religious Liberty upon which this nation was established, and through which it has been prospered; the history of the church of Rome and the formation, and the work of the Papacy is portrayed in contrast with these principles; the image of the Papal government being developed in the United States government in fulfillment of Prophecy, is clearly set forth. It reveals the meaning of present movements, and clearly places the issue between the law of God and the commandments of men.

In the glaring light of prophecy and present developments, this na-

tion is shown to be rapidly developing an image of the papal government and making enforced Sunday observance the mark of loyalty. It is a timely issue and all of our people should unite in giving it a large circulation.

Send to us for circulars containing prices and special rates to agents.

### Traverse City.

Doubtless you would like to hear about the work in Traverse City. Several months ago I joined Elder Guild in this city to hold a series of meetings.

We spent some time in visiting before pitching our tent. We located our tent in the heart of the city and we began our meetings the eighth of July. As our tent was pitched in a prominent place it was quite an advertisement for us, and our attendance was very good.

Thus far several have become interested. While none have taken their stand to keep God's commandments, we hope and pray that before the meetings are over there will be several new Sabbath-keepers.

Elder Hansen joined our company and spent a week with us.

Pray for us in our effort here that the honest in heart may be converted.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

A worker sends on this good news:

"I sold over \$200.00 worth of books in three weeks. I expect to have a scholarship before another week is past. Great Controversy is a wonderful seller. One day I sold at every other house, and other days nearly as well. Surely the Lord is in the work. He sends His angels before me to prepare the hearts of the people. I know that He has answered my prayers many times, and given me orders when I otherwise would have failed. There was a failure of crops here last year, but that does

not prevent the message from going. I have had many precious experiences the past few weeks. The people are not prejudiced."

#### Camp-meeting Notes.

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

Address all mail intended for the Camp to "S. D. A. Camp Grounds, Reeds Lake Station, Grand Rapids, Mich."

Be sure to take the lesson quarterly and Sabbath-School helps. Bring the papers with the children's lessons. All the departments will be represented.

Don't neglect to take the young folks along. Some of the neighbors would appreciate the change and be glad to go with you, too. Why not invite them?

Let us all seek the Lord for a closer connection with him and go to camp-meeting and take his spirit along with us. Then we will surely obtain rich blessings.

We are advised the Elder Evans is not likely to be present, but there is a good prospect of our having Elders W. A. Spicer and E. R. Palmer. Brother D. W. Reavis also expects to be with us.

Sunday, August 16, the service at 3:00 p. m. will be a temperance rally. Temperance workers in the city of Grand Rapids will be given a portion of the time. Let us place ourselves in the right position on this question.

We have not been able to make arrangements for the care of horses. Any who drive through will have to attend to that themselves. The camp is practically in the city and board at the livery stables is high. We do not advise coming with a team.

The 14x22 tents are to be rented at \$6.00. These can be partitioned off and quite a number can be accommodated in them. The 12x16

tents will rent for \$3.50 except some which may be in the best locations will cost more. The definite price for each individual tent will be decided after it has been pitched.

Some have complained that Reeds Lake was not a place where respectable people went. In past years there have been what are termed "Summer Gardens" where liquors were sold every day in the week. On Sundays there were always some who imbibed rather freely and disturbances were the result. This will be the case as long as such drinks are sold and the location will make no difference. This year all places where intoxicants are sold have been closed on Sunday. This is the day that the largest crowds are present, and anyone who visits the place will find the same class of people they do at any of the city parks and summer resorts.

#### News and Notes.

The paper for August 19 will be omitted.

The Cedar Lake Academy board met at that place last Wednesday.

Elder J. W. Hofstra met with the church at Monterey last Sabbath, and Clifford Russell was in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McEachern are the parents of a bouncing boy. Grandpa Hartwell wears a broad smile these days.

The Battle Creek Sabbath school had an outing at Gull Lake, July 28. The day was spent in boating, swimming, and other exercises. About 400 were in attendance.

The office force will go to Grand Rapids on the 10th. Correspondence may be addressed to us there. You will find the full address under "Camp-meeting Notes."

The Otter Lake Sanitarium is

meeting with such marked success that they find it necessary to enlarge their quarters. They have a plan whereby any one paying a certain amount of money toward the work will receive more than full value in treatment. Any who may be interested can obtain full particulars by addressing the president, M. N. Dawson, Otter Lake, Mich.

Sabbath, August 1, the churches of Quincy and Coldwater met at the home of Brother N. H. Pool at the latter place. About 60 were present some coming twelve or thirteen miles by carriage. Sabbath school was held at 11 o'clock, Brother Canright of Coldwater acting as superintendent. The children had their classes by themselves, and the seniors and juniors formed one large class under the leadership of Brother J. H. Thompson of Quincy. At the afternoon meeting A. C. Haughey and the Editor occupied the time in presenting some of the present day issues and our needs as a people. Before closing opportunity was given for testimonies of the goodness of God, and nearly all took part. The exercises were held on the shady lawn away from the noise and dust. Each one present seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

"The Law and the Covenants" is the title of a new pamphlet by Eld. R. A. Underwood, president of the Northern Union Conference. "This subject embraces fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion, and shows the purpose of God as revealed to man in the law and the gospel. It also shows the relation of the law to the gospel, and the duty of man to both." It is a synopsis of Bible Studies given in Minneapolis at the Union Conference in March. Price, postpaid, 25 cents. Orders may be sent to this office.

"From the lowest depth there is a path to the loftiest height."