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THE INDIANA CAMP MEETING AGAIN.

BY W. J. STONE, CONFERENCE PRESIDENT.

In the last issue of the Reporter there were two articles regarding our coming camp meeting and conference. We trust that all our brethren and sisters read these articles carefully, and that impressions were made in favor of laying aside the cares of life for a few days, and seeking for that "heavenly anointing" that is so important, and which we must all have if we are prepared to do the work that God has given us to do, and which we must have to form characters for translation when Jesus comes.

I trust that all read Sister White's article especially. It will bear re-reading and studying. In her article is found this statement: "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."

How true this is. We face a world, with all the influence of learned men, the majority of whom are opposers of the truth. They point to our numbers and look upon us as an insignificant sect, doing nothing in the world but to proselyte a few from other churches. How necessary, with this great army to meet, that we present as strong a front as possible. If you can do no more than simply to number one in the army of the Lord, you should be present to cast your influence on the side of truth. God has spoken; will we heed it?

Individually you need the benefits of the meeting. What if the Lord, at this gathering, should give us showers of the "latter rain," and you are not there to receive your portion, what a loss you will sustain! It may be that just the words will be spoken, by some of God's servants at this meeting that you need for your soul's salvation. How can you hear or receive the blessing if you are not there, with your heart open and ready to receive the message.

There are many more points to which I would be glad to call your attention in the article mentioned, but I ask again that all look up the last reporter and read again the article by Sister White on "Attendance at Camp Meeting." I am writing this article on my back in bed, and know you will excuse me if I am brief. The Lord willing, and I believe he is, I expect to number one at the Indiana camp meeting. I shall make the effort; will all the readers of this article do the same? God grant it, that we may have the most glorious meeting ever held in Indiana. While in affliction, I am rejoicing greatly in my Maker. Pray for me.

AN OUTING

A very pleasant occasion was enjoyed Sunday, June 21, on the Industrial School grounds at Boggstown. The Sabbath school and some from other schools near

met for a social recreation. An interesting program was carried out, bringing prominently forth the principles of true education.

The building work is still progressing favorably, although the money still comes slowly. Those present at this outing were very much pleased with the site and with the outlook for the educational work. The Boggstown church is alive to the interests of this enterprise, and I trust they may have the co-operation of every church in our conference.

Prof. Machlan and family will spend some time at the summer school in Berrien Springs, leaving Prof. Boyd with Thomas Hubbard and Edgar Myers to carry on the industrial work during vacation.

Brethren, do not forget our school; it needs your prayers, your children and your means to make it what God designs it to be.

DO YOU WANT A TEACHER?

We are anxious to know how many of our churches expect to conduct a church school the coming year. I wish to request every church that desires a teacher to make application to Mrs. I. J. Hankins, the educational secretary, addressing her at Berrien Springs, Mich., care of college. Please do not neglect this.

Churches that have already secured teachers should report, giving names of teachers, so we may avoid appointing them to other schools. With application for teacher, mention salary offered by your church, and whether room and board is included. Where there is preference for lady or gentleman, please mention.

I hope every teacher who expects to teach the coming year will also let Mrs. Hankins know at once. These teachers ought to be in the Berrien Springs Summer School during the next ten weeks. It may be that circumstances prevent some from attending. Let us hear from every one at once. If we can do anything to help you, let us know.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS

Please send us a complete list of your church membership, giving the address of each member as far as possible. The Conference Secretary has called repeatedly for this, but many of our church clerks have failed to respond to the call. Please let us have list at once, that the Master's work may be prospered as He would have it. Please report to Indiana Tract Society, 1311 Central avenue, Indianapolis.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Our educational secretary and several of our church school teachers are attending the summer school at Berrien Springs, which began at the close of the institute, June 30th. Are there other young persons, or possibly public school teachers, who ought to attend this summer school?

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OUR CAMP MEETINGS.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

I have been shown that some of our camp meetings are far from being what the Lord designed they should be. The people come unprepared for the visitation of God's Holy Spirit. Generally the sisters devote considerable time before the meeting to the preparation of garments for the outward adorning, while they entirely forget the inward adorning, which is in the sight of God of great price. There is also much time spent in needless cooking, in the preparation of rich pies and cakes and other articles of food that do positive injury to those who partake of them. Should our sisters provide good bread and some other healthful kinds of food, both they and their families would be better prepared to appreciate the works of life, and far more susceptible to the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Often the stomach is overburdened with food which is seldom as plain and simple as that eaten at home, where the amount of exercise is double or treble. This causes the mind to be in such lethargy that it is difficult to appreciate eternal things, and the meeting closes and they are disappointed in not having enjoyed more of the Spirit of God.

While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord, or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation to confess these faults, one to another, and pray with and for one another. Humble yourselves before God, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish, all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-finders. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn, and weep; let your laugh be turned into mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

The Lord speaks: enter into your closet, and in silence commune with your own heart; listen to the voice of truth and conscience. Nothing will give such clear views of self as secret prayer. He who seeth in secret and knoweth all things, will enlighten your understanding and answer your petitions. Plain simple duties that must not be neglected will open before you. Make a covenant with God to yield yourselves and all your powers to his service. Do not carry this undone work to the camp meeting. If it is not done at home your own soul will suffer, and others will be greatly injured by your coldness, your stupor, your spiritual lethargy.

Here is a work for families to engage in before com-

ing up to our holy convocations. Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let heart searching commence at home. Pray three times a day, and like Jacob, be importunate. At home is the place to find Jesus; then take him with you to meeting, and how precious will be the hours you spend there. But how can you expect to feel the presence of the Lord and see his power displayed, when the individual work of preparation for that time is neglected?

For your soul's sake, for Christ's sake, and for truth's sake appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remove every article that may be in their way, all differences that may exist between themselves, or between you and them. By so doing you will invite the Lord's presence in your homes, and holy angels will attend you as you go up to the meeting, and their light and presence will press back the darkness of evil angels. Even unbelievers will feel the holy atmosphere as they enter the encampment. Oh, how much is lost by neglecting this important work! You may be pleased with the preaching, you may become animated and revived, but the converting, reforming power of God will not be felt in the heart, and the work will not be so deep, thorough, and lasting as it should be. Let pride be crucified, and the soul be clad with the priceless robe of Christ's righteousness, and what a meeting will you enjoy. It will be to your soul even the gate of heaven.

The same humiliation and heart-searching should go on in the church, so that all differences and alienations among brethren may be laid aside before appearing before the Lord at these annual gatherings. Set about this work in earnest, and rest not until it is accomplished; for if you come up to the meeting with your doubts, your murmurings, your disputings, you bring evil angels into the camp, and carry darkness wherever you go.

I have been shown that for want of this preparation these yearly meetings have accomplished but little.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A GOOD REPORT

I. J. HANKINS.

A lone sister who has been nursing in a family for more than a year, not having seen an Adventist in the meantime, says that she has been loaning her Review and Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation and that she is endeavoring to let the light shine.

A Jew is at present reading the book, Daniel and Revelation, and is much interested in it. This sister recently received a sample copy of the Reporter and at once sent the money for a year's subscription. She was very glad to get the paper.

I hope that many are scattering the seeds of truth as this sister is doing. We shall be glad to hear from such and will be glad to send them copies of our good State paper.

A neat little sanitarium will soon be in operation in Kobe, Japan. A house has been secured, well adapted to our work. The Doctors Lockwood will be in charge. They will be assisted by Dr. Kumashiro—a native body physician—and several Japanese nurses; so that they will be able to work for the Japanese even before they have acquired the language.

NEWS AND NOTES

Elder W. D. Curtis spent last Sabbath with the Dana church.

Elder Harris has moved his family from Battle Creek to Peru, Indiana.

G. W. Lauffer and Herbert McClard united with the Indianapolis church last Sabbath.

The Indianapolis church so far reports \$32.59 for the July donations to the Australian field.

We ask for a special reading of the article by Mrs. E. G. White on "Camp Meetings" in this issue of the Reporter.

Eld. Hankins spent the 4th with the Tell City church, and expects to visit the tent company at Oolitic on his way home.

Elder A. W. Bartlett visited in the city this week. He expects to be with the Boggstown church over the coming Sabbath.

The date of the Indiana camp meeting is definitely fixed as July 30 to August 9. Let all take notice, and prepare to be present.

Dr. R. O. Ross and family are now at the corner of Capitol avenue and Pratt street, where they are ready to receive patients and give treatments.

Brethren Swarts and Anderson report a splendid interest at Oolitic, with the tent. They think some will attend Peru camp meeting from that place.

Dear co-laborer, this issue of the Reporter solicits your subscription for one year, or longer, if you desire. May we enter your name as a subscriber for it?

Elder Daniells, president of the General Conference, has promised definitely to be in attendance at the Indiana camp meeting, and other good help is promised.

May receipts on Object Lessons were \$360.20. This is a good showing, and we trust the returns will not be below that for each of the remaining months of the year.

Bro. Bliss called July 1st on his way from Farmersburg and Terre Haute. Bro. J. F. Steele was ordained as elder of the former church. Bro. Bliss reports a profitable visit.

Elder Stone has had a backset from his run of fever, but is again improving, and he expects to spend some time at the Indianapolis Sanitarium as soon as he is able to make the trip.

TENT WORK AT OOLITIC.

As directed by the meeting at Boggstown, we came to Oolitic early in June, and after some time we got a nice location, the Baptist brethren giving us permission to occupy the lot upon which they expect soon to build a church. It is the nicest place in the town for our purpose. So we pitched our tent, and the people were very good in helping, and it was not long in going up. The good sisters came to our assistance, as well as the brethren, and helped to fix up the pulpit. Our place of worship commands the respect of the people.

We began meetings June 14, with about 150 present, and are happy to say our congregation has been on the increase. The interest seems to be very good; people call at the tent to talk with us about the strange

things they have been listening to. I believe the Lord has some honest souls here. One lady and brother have already accepted the truth, and many more are interested. Pray for the work here, brethren.

U. S. ANDERSON,
E. C. SWARTZ.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 29, 1903.

INDIANA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the treasurer of the Indiana Conference to June 1, 1903, checking the same by original vouchers and letters from correspondents containing money, proving the cash in the safe and on deposit in the bank, and taking a trial balance of the ledger; and consider that the work has been faithfully performed, and that the books are in balance.

W. H. EDWARDS,

Auditor Lake Union Conference.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING JULY 3, 1903.

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Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Sabbath school secretary, and J. E. Dunn, State agent, have returned from Berrien Springs.—Elder Donnell has returned to Evansville, after several weeks labor and tent meetings at Henderson, Ky. A river boat company of First-day revivalists with a large brass band, monopolized the interest awakened, remaining in the field until the tents were needed by the Tennessee River Conference camp meeting.—L. F. and Mrs. Elliott are now at Peru, Ind.—The Reporter list is growing. Subscribe now. 25 cents per year.

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TEXT BOOKS USED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BY WM. COVERT.

A few words of explanation in regard to our attitude to the public schools seems to be necessary. We have no disposition to fight the public school. In fact they do a great deal of good work. When I make this statement some will ask why then do our people think it proper to establish church schools for the benefit of our children? In response, I will say that we have a good many reasons for doing this. If the only question was learning to read and write, **make calculations**, and learn scientific facts, public schools as they are operating would answer a pretty good purpose for those things.

The principal consideration is the salvation of our children. We want them to be Christians. They will never become Christians unless they believe the Bible. They will not continue to believe the Bible if they study the textbooks used in the public schools and believe the propositions contained in these books. The text books now used in schools account for the existence of things by the process of evolution and deny the Bible statement made in regard to creation. As soon as a child imbibes these propositions with reference to evolution he must in doing so learn to deny the Bible truth with reference to creation. But when this is done he has let go the truths of Christianity. He cannot longer believe the account given with reference to our first parents and the garden of Eden. In fact he has become an infidel as far as faith in the Bible is concerned. The more thoroughly a student believes the textbooks which he studies in the schools the farther he is carried away from Christian faith. If children cannot safely believe the textbooks put in their hands why do parents want them to study in the schools from these books?

Some of our people have asked if it would not be well to send their children to our church schools during the winter and then send them to the public schools during the summer. In answer to this question I would say if it is essential for the safety of our children that we have church schools, then the more we make of these schools the better. We cannot patronize the public schools if we are consistent in the matter of our church schools. If the public schools are good enough for our children in the summer then they are good enough for them in the winter. The thing for us to do is to provide church schools for our children and see that these schools are furnished with capable teachers, and then send our children to them. Some have complained of the cost of the church schools saying that we cannot afford them. It is true that they cost some money, but if our schools are needed to save our children then we should plan to have them even though there is considerable cost connected with this work. A child saved in the kingdom of God is of far more value than the cost of our schools. One reason why we accumulate property in this world is that ourselves and families may be made comfortable in this life, but what is the value of the present life compared to the life which is to come, the life we received through redemption.

This whole question needs to be most seriously and thoroughly considered. We either need church schools for our children or we do not. If we do not need church schools for our children, then we do not need colleges for our young people.

The world provides these for the more mature minds just as the state provides public schools for the children and youth. It is illogical and inconsistent to talk about the need of colleges and academies being provided for the advancement of our cause and at the same time make little or nothing of the subject of church schools. If we need any schools for any grade of work apart from what are furnished by the world, then we just as truly need a full line of schools for all grades of work. For my part I believe we need schools. We need them for our children, we need them for the youth, and we need them for the more matured of our young people; and when they are provided they should be patronized. There is no question among us that needs to be more thoroughly considered than the question of our schools. There is no work done among us that needs to have more attention than does this. Brethern and sisters, shall we give this subject the care and influence which it needs?

For a number of years Brother Henry Williams and his wife have stood as witnesses for the truth in the island of Hayti. A recent report from Brother Williams brings the good news that their number is increased to seven. A mother and four children are keeping the Sabbath with them.



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