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THE INDIANA CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE



ANY inquiries have been made regarding our annual camp-meeting and conference, and when it will be held, and where.

DATE OF THE MEETING

For several reasons it has been thought best that our meeting be held later in the season than we have been holding it in the past. When held the last of July or the first of August it breaks into our tent efforts, if our workers leave their interests to come to the camp-meeting; and in about nine cases out of ten the effort before camp-meeting is nearly a failure. While our laborers are at camp-meeting, Satan is busily engaged through the usual channel creating prejudice, and when they return to the field it is almost impossible to again awaken the same interest. It is usually too late to enter a new field and fully develop an interest, and so the summer's work accomplishes but little.

By holding the camp-meeting later in the season, it gives ample time to fully develop an interest, and, if a company has been brought out,

thoroughly instruct and prepare them for organization. If the first pitch with a tent does not awaken an interest, there is time to enter a new field without being interrupted by the camp-meeting. These are very important considerations in connection with our annual camp-meeting, and have much weight in deciding the date, and especially as we have been considering the most favorable location that has yet been presented for this annual gathering.

The date that has seemed the most favorable for securing able speakers, and with the least interruption to aggressive work in the Conference, is September 7-18. We trust that this date will meet the minds of most of our brethren and sisters in the Conference, and be a convenient time for all to attend.

PLACE OF MEETING

While several places have been suggested, there is one place that seems especially prepared, we believe, by the Lord, for this meeting. That place is Connersville, Indiana. There are several reasons we will give why the camp-meeting should be held this year at Connersville.

The city has never been thoroughly warned, although a series of meetings was held there. A few embraced the faith, and the citizens donated \$1,700 toward erecting a church building. There has been a debt of several hundred dollars on this church ever since it was built, and the few members have been unable to pay it. For this reason meetings should be held there and other souls be gathered in to help bear these burdens.

A camp-meeting has never been held in Connersville, and at the present time there seems to be no prejudice, but nearly the whole city is very favorable to our work. I suppose that most of our brethren and sisters are aware of the fact that the people of Connersville have raised over \$3,500 to equip our Sanitarium

there. This with what they gave to assist in building our church, makes over \$5,000 that they have kindly and willingly given us. And this is not all; they are willing to do still more, and with the present feeling that exists there I think that all can readily see that we will never have a more favorable time to preach the message to the people of Connersville. Then too, our people should become acquainted with the Sanitarium and the work it is doing. Doctor Worster, who spent ten years in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, is now in charge of the institution; and it is not only doing good work and holding up the light of present truth, but it is on a safe and paying basis, and has been equipped without our own people investing a dollar in the enterprise. This is a remarkable instance, it seems to me, of God's providence, and we would make a great mistake by not stepping into the opening and take advantage of the present situation and use it to enlighten the people regarding the special message for this time.

Another consideration in holding our meeting in September and holding it at Connersville, was that if the weather was bad so that the interest could not be followed up in the tent, we could hold meetings in our church building there. Other reasons might be given why our camp-meeting this year should be held at Connersville, but we think sufficient reason has already been given.

LOCATION

Some may think that Connersville is not centrally enough located for our camp-meeting, and that we ought to hold the meeting where it will be the most convenient for the greatest number of our brethren and sisters to attend. But if this thought is in our minds, let us ask the question, What are our camp-meetings for? Should they be held for our convenience, or to carry the message to the people, and seek the location

where there are the best prospects of doing the greatest amount of good? Self and selfish interests should not enter into our consideration of this question. The distance for many of our brethren in Indiana is not great compared with the distance some have to travel in some of the large western states; and so many can come over the interurban lines for one and one-half cents per mile that the railroad fare is a small item. I trust that all will become so imbued with the missionary spirit that their only thought will be the carrying of the message to the most favorable places where the greatest number of souls can be reached and the greatest good be accomplished.

We trust all will begin to prepare for this annual gathering. Good help is promised, and as we near the closing years of the message, every gathering becomes more important. Important matters will come before the Conference for consideration,—future plans of work, who shall be in charge of the work; also the spiritual interests of the meeting will receive most careful attention. The work is onward, the message is rising; and while we are in the shifting time, and some who have been bright lights are dropping out, others are filling the gaps; the message is going by leaps and bounds, and soon the work will close. May we in God's strength be numbered with the victors. Your fellow servant,

W. J. STONE.

THE BEATH SCHOOL HOUSE

ACCORDING to previous appointment, I went to this neighborhood June 9, and remained Sabbath and Sunday. Elder Young was also present, and we held several meetings while there, to profit, and I believe encouragement, to the brethren and sisters. On Sabbath several came from Hartford City, all bringing lunches, and during the intermission at noon all seemed to enjoy partaking of these refreshments; after which a short discourse was held, and the company all retired to a very pleasant place about one-half a mile from the school house, where baptism was administered to two persons. Several others are awaiting baptism, who were not ready to go forward at this time. There were between seventy and eighty persons, including the children, pres-

ent at the meeting on Sabbath.

Elder U. S. Anderson had arranged for a grove meeting on the farm of Brother Powell, on Sunday the 11th, and all of the brethren and sisters gathered together and enjoyed a very pleasant occasion. We had a service in the forenoon to consider the matter of erecting a church building. The brethren and sisters here seem very anxious to have a permanent place of worship, and I think it was fully decided that they would go forward at once and begin operations for the erection of this building.

Brother Anderson had planned for a service in the afternoon, in which many of the children and young people were to act a part. This meeting passed off very pleasantly; and, taking it altogether, it was not only an enjoyable occasion, but one of profit to all those assembled.

I was very deeply impressed with the company of new Sabbath-keepers at the Beath settlement. Their Sabbath-school numbers about forty members, and the prospects are bright for the establishment of a good healthy church. There is noble talent which, if consecrated to God, will make this church a bright light in that community, and will develop talented workers to carry the message into other fields. Brother Anderson expects to hold a tent meeting at Eaton, about five miles from the Beath school house, as there seems to be a call there for labor, and this will give him an opportunity to still have a watch care over this work and fully develop it. May God greatly bless the work in that part of his vineyard.

W. J. STONE.

THE KEY IN THE POCKET

DID you ever hear a man remind the Lord of his promise in Mal. 3:10? I have many a time. I have heard men really yell to the Lord to open those windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing. It would seem as though they would break the glass out of those windows or have the Lord tear the frames to pieces, they were so anxious for the blessing; but the windows did not open, the blessing did not come, and they felt a little hard toward the Lord for the failure. But all the time they had the key in their pockets, and did not use it.

How does the promise read? Look

sharp: "Bring ye all the tithes [tenth of your increase] into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith [that is with the tenth] saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The tenth is the key to the windows. Apply the key. Bring the tenth into the storehouse. Take it out of your pocket and give it to the Lord. Then what will happen? Why, he says he will open the windows and pour out a blessing. You can't keep the key in your pocket and get the blessing. How much noise is wasted over this text, and it is called prayer. Fulfill the condition, and God will fulfill the promise. J. A. DEMMING.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LITERATURE

I BELIEVE that the placing of literature in the hands of the people should not be left entirely to our canvassers, but that all of our Conference workers should labor earnestly to place our literature in the hands of those with whom they labor. Now, as our tent companies are soon to begin work, I trust that every tent company will supply itself with small tracts, pamphlets, and other literature, and urge those attending the meetings to purchase it and read for themselves, and become acquainted with the principles of truth, as they are presented from the desk. When our laborers go into a new field and present the truth from the desk without placing the literature in the hands of the people, the people generally get but a superficial knowledge of the truth; and they are very liable to become converted to the minister who preaches the truth more than to the truth itself; when, if literature had been placed in their hands, and they had read and become thoroughly instructed in regard to the truth, they would have had a much better understanding of it, and those who take their stand for the truth will be much firmer and less apt to backslide.

In the early history of the message, our ministers supplied themselves with literature, and always at the conclusion of a discourse would offer the literature for sale upon the subject that had been presented, and during a series of meetings would sell many dollars worth of literature.

Many of our laborers, in more recent years, have failed to do this; and I believe this is one reason that they have not been more successful in their labor and in establishing the people fully in the message. Not only should our small tracts and pamphlets be sold, but as soon as persons begin to keep the Sabbath, their subscriptions should be procured for our church paper, the *Review and Herald*, that they may obtain a knowledge of the extent of the message throughout the world, and may keep informed in regard to the progress the message is making. All ought to be able to see at a glance that their work will be made much more successful if they can get the people to reading and getting a thorough knowledge of the truth by studying it for themselves.

We earnestly desire our laborers to supply themselves with literature at the beginning of their meetings, and make a special effort this season in disposing of the printed page in connection with their work. May the Lord especially bless our tent companies and give much fruit as a result of the labor the present season.

Your fellow worker,

W. J. STONE.

A LETTER

By permission of the writer, we give below a portion of a letter received a few days ago;

"I was a worldly girl, knew nothing of the truth, and cared but little about Christianity until last August when I met Miss — who was canvassing for 'Heralds of the Morning.' I purchased the book, and became deeply interested in it. Afterwards I met Miss — on the street and then visited her in her rooms where she told me of her religion. I believed the Truth as soon as it came to me, but I did not want to accept the Sabbath truth as it interfered with my business, and caused my worldly friends to think I was foolish. I finally surrendered, left the place where I worked and my friends, and went to obtain a better knowledge of the Truth and to get a preparation to work for its advancement. I am glad that I took this step. My sister has accepted the truth also, and we have hopes for the rest of the family. I am ready and willing to work for the Master in any way I can.

ETHEL HANES."

This sister is now working with wonderful success for the book that was the means of her conversion.

"God has ordained the canvassing

work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment."

The Lord has told us the canvassing work is the work that should be done at this time. Do we believe him? And will we avail ourselves of the opportunity of pressing into the work when circumstances are so favorable?

MIDSUMMER OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

A COLLECTION has been taken the first Sabbath in July for several years, to aid in needy foreign missions. This year will be no exception.

There has been a reading prepared and sent out to all our churches, also envelopes; and we bespeak for all our churches and church officers a lively interest in the excellent program and readings prepared for this occasion. The readings are unusually interesting and ought to appeal to the heart of every believer in the message.

Sabbath, July 1, is the date for this collection. All can have a part in this good work. W. J. STONE.

"FROM all the countries of the world the Macedonian cry is sounding, 'Come over and help us.' God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but cooperate with divine agencies, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. To the call, 'Whom shall I send?' there have been few to respond, 'Here am I; send me.'"

OBITUARIES

FATTIC: Fell asleep in Jesus at his home near Mechanicsburg, Indiana, April 4, 1905, our esteemed brother, James R. Fatic, son of Jacob and Martha Fatic, aged 52 years, 4 months, and 10 days. He was united in marriage to Martha C. Keesling, June 13, 1875. She departed this life, May 17, 1903. To this union was born four sons, three surviving the death of their father. Brother Fatic was converted and accepted the truths as taught by Seventh-day Adventists under the labors of S. H. Lane, Feb. 4, 1885, and united with the S. D. A. church worshipping at Mechanicsburg. On Jan. 3, 1898, his membership was transferred to the S. D. A. Church worshipping at Middletown. Brother Fatic loved the truths of the Third Angel's Message and liberally supported the same. He was a kind affectionate father and husband. He was an obliging neighbor and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves behind, three sons, and many relatives and friends to mourn his decease. The funeral was held at Mechanicsburg. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large congregation. He was laid away by the side of his companion in the Mechanicsburg cemetery to sleep until the resurrection morn.

P. G. STANLEY.

MONTGOMERY: Ruth, daughter of Brother and Sister O. E. Montgomery died at Terre Haute, Ind., May 27, 1905, of whooping cough, aged 1 year and 18 days. The parents and a twin brother survive. Words of comfort from writer.

J. R. MINNICK.

A MAN attracts by what is in him, more than by what he has on.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR SIX WEEKS, ENDING JUNE 2, 1905

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.	Orders from Office.
Blankenship, James.	Jasper Co	Bible Read	78	19	\$ 39 50	\$1 50		
Boggs, Mrs. Nina	Michigan City	Steps To Chri	127	59	44 85			
Browning, H. S.	Indianapolis	Miscellaneous						
Bartholomew, F. N	St. Joseph Co	B. R. & C.K.						
Bernard, F. G.	Wakarusa	Miscellaneous						
Ford, A. C.	Benton, Shelby	Bible Read	85	41	88 00	14 00	\$157 25	
Grim, Martin	Benton, Shelby	Bible Read	270	64	140 25	6 50	209 25	
Lugenbeal, Dora E.	Macy	Education	21	4	5 00	1 75		
McCaig, W. C.	Elkhart Co.	Dan. and Rev.	120	18	29 50	3 25	7 25	
Randall, Albert	Huntington	Coming King						
Young, C. L.	Putnam Co.	Bible Read						
Totals			701	205	\$617 10	\$17 00	\$373 75	

NEWS and NOTES

MANSIONS in the skies are not built, out of mud slung at others.

It takes a long while to feather a nest, on a wild goose chase.

THE devil is never afraid of the Bible until the gilt is worn off.

WORRYING over tomorrow's problems, is wasting today's power.

FEBRUARY 25 the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Cuba was organized in Havana, with 13 members.

ELDER J. M. REES expects to hold a series of meetings at New London beginning the latter part of this week.

LET a full tithe come in this month, and send it so that it will reach the office before the last day of the month.

ELDER F. M. Roberts is holding a few meetings at Decatur where Bro. Coppock lives. He has not reported results.

THE brethren at Muncie expect to push their new church enterprise forward to completion within the next three months.

SISTER THERESA THOMPSON will continue Bible work at Franklin while the tent is there. She may after that change her field of labor.

ALL who have pledged to the tent, school or other funds are requested and earnestly solicited to send in this money as soon as possible as it is much needed.

THE *Review and Herald* will be more interesting than ever, if possible, and all will desire to follow our missionaries as they press the work into new fields.

ELDER CURTIS spent a portion of last week in Muncie assisting in soliciting for their new church and otherwise. Elder Bliss will devote some time to the work at Muncie.

ELDER CURTIS was with the Boggs-town church, June 3, and spoke upon the late General Conference, relating some of the impressions made upon his mind during this important gathering.

ELDER STONE expected to be with the new company at Medaryville last Sabbath and Sunday and organize a church there. The results will be announced in the next issue of the REPORTER.

SABBATH and Sunday, June 10 and 11, Elder Young, Elder Stone and family were with the new company at the Beath School House. The meetings were an encouragement to this new company.

ELDER YOUNG spoke at the East Side Indianapolis church Sabbath, June 3. His talk was principally regarding the General Conference from which he had just returned. His talk was much appreciated.

THERE is still a good interest at Martinsville. There are now over forty Sabbath-keepers at that place. Brother Olmstead will continue the work there while Elder Buhalts holds meetings at Franklin.

BROTHER and Sister Niehaus will spend a few weeks at Franklin, Ky. Sister Niehaus will engage in Bible work and they will hold meetings endeavoring to revive an old interest and strengthen the work there.

ELDER U. S. ANDERSON and J. F. Steele will labor together this summer, and will pitch a tent this week at Eaton, Ind. An interest has been awakened here by Brother Anderson's meetings at the Beath School House.

It has been decided to pitch a tent in Franklin, Indiana for a short time and ripen off the work of Bible readings that have been conducted there for the past year by Sister Thompson. Elder Buhalts will be in charge of the tent.

ELDER HARRIS has visited Royal Center and Radnor, holding a few meetings in each place during the past two weeks. There seems to be a favorable opening at Royal Center for meetings and a tent may be pitched there this summer.

ELDER STONE was with the 23rd Street S. D. A. church Sabbath, June 3. He had just returned from the General Conference, and his talk was about the conference. It was encouraging to learn of the rapid progress of the message in other lands.

MONDAY, June 5, Elder Stone visited the Beechwood Manual Training Academy, to attend a meeting of the board. All the members were present, and the work of making up the faculty was completed, providing the persons can be secured. The faculty will be announced later.

IN Raratonga the interest among the natives is greater than it has

been for some time. Brother Piper writes that the new church building, 20 by 40 feet, is well filled at each service. The native children in Sister Gooding's school are making excellent progress in all lines of work.

THERE seems to be quite a desire that a tent meeting be held at Attica. The Hotel Lithia and Sanitarium conducted by one of our sisters has beautiful grounds which are offered for tent services. Elder Stone was to have visited Attica last week to investigate the interest and opening.

REMEMBER you cannot be familiar with the work in the Conference unless you have the REPORTER to read. And will not all the readers of the REPORTER endeavor to assist us in procuring the subscriptions of those who are not taking it, that all may be intelligent regarding the work in the state, and thus keep pace with the message?

FROM Mexico, Brother G. M. Brown writes: "We have two new families of Sabbath-keepers in San Luis Potosi. The men are tin-smiths, and they say they posted a sign with letters five inches high, 'No work done on Saturday.' It is encouraging to see the interest springing up in different places, and to read the letters that are constantly coming in to the office."

AT THE ACADEMY

MANY precious experiences have come to us during the year. God has greatly blessed us and many souls are rejoicing in the truth.

On Thursday, June 8, Elder Curtis baptized eleven of our students. The day was all that could be desired and the ceremony most impressive.

Brethren pray for our school. It is just closing the third year and a new one soon begins. Do all you can to get our young people into the Academy. The Lord has need of them.

A number of our students expect to engage in the canvassing work during vacation. B. F. MACHLAN.

WANTED

A GIRL or a middle aged lady, who likes to care for children; and do light house work in a family of three. References required.

MRS. J. J. FELLOW,
Greentown, Idiana, R. R. No. 3.