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The Allegan Camp-Meeting.

There was a good response on the part of the conference workers to meet at Allegan to pitch the tents and complete preparations for the camp-meeting. The Lord prospered the workers and preparations were very satisfactorily completed in time for the opening of the meeting as advertised, August 17. Three tents were pitched and seated for public services,—the large pavilion and two other commodious tents—one for children's meetings and one for the young people's services. The last named tent was also used for workers' meetings and other services. One hundred twelve family tents were pitched, all of which were taken by the brethren and sister in attendance. Quite a number of the brethren occupied rooms in homes of the near-by residents. The 24x36 tent was fitted up for the display and sale of books, making convenient quarters for that part of the work. The arrangements were very complete, giving opportunity for a sufficient number of attendants to

wait upon people as they gathered for the examination and purchase of the printed matter.

The arrangements for supplying meals were very complete and convenient, consisting of the dining hall on the fairground.

The first meeting was held on the evening of the 16th, consisting of a social service conducted by Elder A. G. Haughey. The first service in the pavilion was held at the beginning of the Sabbath. At 7:30 o'clock the campers all gathered in the large tent and listened to a very profitable and interesting discourse by Elder I. D. VanHorn on the finishing of the mystery of God—the closing work of the gospel. This discourse struck a grand key note for the entire camp-meeting. The discourse on Sabbath forenoon was given by Elder N. W. Kauble, and was a fitting complement to that of the previous evening; dwelling upon God's classification of humanity, particularly as shown in the sealing work.

The membership of the Sabbath-school in the afternoon was 397 and the collection \$19.54.

At 4:30 o'clock Elder S. M. Butler gave a discourse in which he emphasized the great and excellent privileges of believers in the third angel's message,—the opportunities for service in connection with the work of that message, and the preparation that is needful. In the evening Elder I. H. Evans spoke of God's manner of recognizing and blessing the labors of his faithful servants and of the kind of service that he desires them to render. Elder Evans also took the 8:30 a. m. service Sunday morning upon the subject of missions. He gave a brief and quite comprehensive review of the rise and progress and development of the cause of the third angel's message, referring to

the different parts of the world where the work has been established. He spoke very touchingly of the needs of the different fields and of the large number of workers who are anxiously waiting for the supplying of means with which to send them to the regions beyond. At the close of his discourse a collection amounting to \$72.26 was taken up as a first-day offering for missions. Elder M. N. Campbell spoke at the 10:15 a. m. service from the text "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The discourse was very timely and especially applicable to our people at this time. In the afternoon Elder Kauble spoke to the largest audience of the day, there being a number of people present from the immediate vicinity. His discourse was based upon Christ's reply to the young man, "If thou wouldst enter into life, keep the commandments." The conditions of the plan of salvation were made very plain and emphatic.

On Sunday evening Brother E. F. Collier spoke to a large audience on the abundance of God's grace and the universality of its application in behalf of humanity.

At 8:30 o'clock Monday morning district meetings were held for the first time throughout the camp. At these meetings there was a very general spirit of earnestness and consecration. The ten o'clock service was devoted to reports from laborers. Those who had been holding tent meetings at Kalamazoo, Berlamont, and Sturgis gave very interesting and encouraging reports.

At two o'clock Brother Blosser spoke to the people concerning the canvassing work. At three o'clock Elder Evans gave a discourse upon the need of a deeper consecration to the service of the Lord and

greater activity in the Christian life. This was followed by very profitable services with the children and young people in their respective tents and by a devotional service of the older ones in the pavilion. At this meeting there were many very earnest and heartfelt testimonies given, all showing that the people were quite fully alive to the times in which we are living.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.

Tuesday, August 22, was devoted to the young people's work. At 10:00 a. m. Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Superintendent of the Lake Union Conference, spoke from Malachi 4:6. At 2:30 a Young People's Convention was held. The following subjects were discussed: Relation that the Young People Sustain to the Message; Purpose of Young People's Societies; Opportunities for Work; Necessity of Introducing Lines of Home Work; Department of Seventh-day Adventist Young People; Young People and the Foreign Work. Many important points were presented on each subject. At the close of the convention the young people held a very interesting meeting. In the evening Elder F. C. Gilbert gave a very instructive and interesting discourse.

EDUCATIONAL DAY.

Wednesday, August 23, was devoted to the educational work. Elder N. W. Kauble spoke at 8:30 a. m. on the subject of Christian Education. He said that the Lord had told us that our young men and women should have a Christian education, and the very fact that the Lord said that this should be done was evidence that there is power enough in that word to do it. No matter how poor we are, we can educate our children if we have faith enough to take God at his word. We need to have faith enough in God to see that our children are educated for God. He spoke about the work that they desire to do at the Emmanuel Missionary College. The object of this school is to fit young men and

women to work for the Lord.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth spoke at 10:00 a. m. He based his remarks on Malachi third and fourth chapters. He said, "The King is at the door and Seventh-day Adventists should not have anything to do but to clear the King's highway and prepare to meet him."

At 3:00 p. m. the educational work was continued. Professor B. E. Nicola, principal of the Battle Creek Industrial School, made a few remarks about the importance of parents giving their children the proper home training, and then when they are old enough to enter our schools they can be a blessing to the school and not a detriment.

Elder S. M. Butler and wife spent a few moments in telling about the work at Cedar Lake Academy. There were several young people present who had been students at the Academy and they were called on to give their testimony. Some of these young people are book-keepers, stenographers, church-school teachers, and ministers.

At 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Georgia Burgess, who has been a missionary in India for ten years, occupied the hour in telling about the work in that great field.

PIONEER DAY.

Thursday, Aug. 24, at the 10 a. m. service, fourteen pioneers related some of their early experiences, and all praised the Lord for the way in which He had led them. There were about twenty-five over seventy years of age. Free dinner was served to about forty pioneers. At 3 p. m. Elder I. D. VanHorn preached a discourse on the Pioneer Work of the Third Angel's Message. At the close opportunity was given for speaking and many gave clear, ringing testimonies.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder F. C. Gilbert gave an interesting discourse on the sanctuary. He had a number of charts to illustrate the subject.

The time was fully occupied the last few days by Elders Evans,

Moon, Gilbert, Farnsworth and Curtis. The Lord blessed in a special manner on the last Sabbath. The Spirit of God was present and hearts were touched. May the blessing of God rest upon the good seed that was sown and may it spring up and bear fruit for the kingdom.

Witness of the Three.

"For these are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one." I John 5:8, Revised Version These three witnesses agree in one, who is Christ, and this witness is within the true believer. The witness of the Spirit is clearly set forth in the following scriptures: Rom. 8:17, John 14:26. The blood that bears witness is the blood of Christ. I Peter 1:18, 19; I John 1:7.

Since the Spirit, the water and the blood bear witness, in Christ, and this witness is the witness of God to the believer, it follows that the term "water" as here used cannot refer to that element in general, but to its specific use as a witness to spiritual truth. It may refer to water in baptism, but a more obvious meaning of the term may be indicated by comparison of the the following scriptures: John 10:17, 18; and 19:33-35. The water witnesses that Jesus died of a broken heart for the sins of the world.

A. SMITH.

Obituary.

Miss Bessie Sidler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sidler, was born the 15th day of October, 1882, at Parkville, where she lived until her sickness which resulted in her death. She was taken ill the 17th day of February at Prattville, Hillsdale county, where she was engaged in teaching church school. She passed away Wednesday evening; August 9, at six o'clock, being 22 years, 9 months, and 24 days of age. She leaves a father and mother, two sisters, and a brother

to mourn their loss. She sleeps while they mourn, but not as those that have no hope. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." The life of Sister Bessie Sidler was especially characterized by a disposition to serve others. She often said that her chiefest joy was to teach little children the love of a Saviour. Even to the good-bye smile her gentle, Christlike nature was manifest. Well might it be said of her, "None knew her but to love her."

The writer, assisted by Elder W. C. Hebner, conducted the funeral services at the M. E. church at Parkville, basing his remarks on the words recorded in I Corinthians 15:25, 26.

E. F. COLLIER.

Life and Health.

The September LIFE AND HEALTH contains practical information applicable in every day life in treating upon,

The Use of Flesh Foods, The Daughter in the Home, Giving Up Tobacco, The Progress of Medicine Away from Drugs Toward Hygiene and Rational Methods, Cheerfulness, Useful Hints for the Household, Preserving Our Children Pure, Questions and Answers, The Cause of Physical Degeneration, Sanitarium Treatment of Epilepsy, Fresh Air for Surgical Tuberculosis, Medical Inspection of Schools, Health Foods, How Much Water to Drink, Lung Affections, etc.

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"Be not simply good; be good for something."

Educational.

Mission Talk Given by Elder I. H. Evans in the Sabbath-school at Allegan Camp-meeting August 19, 1905.

Our Sabbath-schools have proven themselves an important financial agent in the raising and securing of funds for carrying our work to foreign lands. There is no other factor more important for the extension of our work than the inflow of means through the Sabbath-school. The Sabbath-schools contributed last year throughout the world about \$61,000.00. Out of this fund there was about \$44,000.00 given over to foreign mission work. That is about one-third of all the funds that the Mission Board has to use in carrying this work throughout the world. The Sabbath-schools have given, since they have begun raising funds for mission work, over \$600,000.00. That is a handsome sum, isn't it? It has been able to support probably at least from one-fifth to one-sixth of all our missionaries that are trying to carry our work in the regions beyond. We believe that this work has not reached its climax, that we have not strained ourselves, we have not embarrassed ourselves, and that if the Sabbath-schools should set themselves persistently at it, they could raise and turn over to the Mission Board this very year from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 for mission work. So you will understand that the Sabbath-schools are closely allied to our mission fields. They are an important factor in sending workers abroad and in maintaining those that are abroad, and of course the Mission Board management feel very much interested to foster and encourage and up-build our Sabbath-school work everywhere. I know that our children, our youth, as they grow up into manhood and womanhood have received a large impetus in mission work and many

of them have given their lives to this work from the influence of the Sabbath-schools. We wish you God's blessing and Godspeed, and may we as Sabbath-school workers and church workers do our best to carry this truth to the world in this present generation.

What You Need.

If your school has never held a Sabbath-school convention, you will need the "Convention Number of the WORKER."

If your school held a convention some time in the past, and it was not wholly successful, you will surely need the "Convention Number."

If your school has already held many successful conventions, you will appreciate the value of such a help and will know that you will need the "Convention Number."

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Report of the Sabbath-schools for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1905.

No of schools	-	79
Membership	-	2,897
Average attendance		1,977
Donations	-	\$677.19
Expenses of schools		239.51
Amount donated to Missions		285.65
Amount donated Orphans'		
Home	-	9.35

Elder W. E. Videto and family have moved to Berrien Springs.

News and Notes.

Brother Ezra Brackett will spend September 8-10 with the church at Agnew.

The camp-meeting Sabbath-school donations amounted to \$42.97.

Brethren Hofstra and Klooster had charge of the Holland work at camp-meeting.

Forty-one precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism at the Allegan camp-meeting.

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Brother J. B. Blosser attended the camp-meeting in the interest of the book work in the Lake Union Conference.

Those who worked in the dining hall at camp meeting did good service, and it was appreciated by the boarders.

Elder J. E. White attended the camp-meeting a day or so. He is working in the interest of the colored people of the South.

The book-stand was well patronized at the camp-meeting. We are not able at this writing to give the amount of book sales.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth delivered the closing discourse at the camp-meeting. The subject was the seventh chapter of Daniel.

Miss Margaret J. Bilz occupied the hour at vesper services at the camp-ground Sabbath, August 26. She gave a Bible talk on quietness.

Mrs. E. A. Merriam and daughters returned last week from Ohio, where they have been spending some time visiting relatives and friends.

Elder C. A. Hansen and wife at-

tended the camp-meeting. They will sail for India in a few days. May the blessing of God be with them.

Miss Lillian Smith has taken a position as stenographer with the Good Health Pub. Co. in Battle Creek.

The attendance at the camp-meeting Sabbath-School Aug. 26 was 453. Elder E. W. Farnsworth gave a very interesting missionary talk.

Brother S. D. Hartwell will have charge of the canvassing work in the West Michigan Conference. He attended the camp-meeting and assisted in the book-stand.

Elder W. D. Parkhurst of Grand Rapids did not attend the camp-meeting on account of illness in his family. All the other conference laborers were present.

By the time this issue of the Herald reaches its readers the camp-meeting will be a thing of the past, but we hope its influence will be as lasting as eternity.

Elder F. C. Gilbert's sermons were enjoyed by all. Sunday afternoon Aug. 27, he gave a discourse on the Passover and gave an illustration of the Passover supper.

We are glad that Elder Allen Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, was able to attend the camp-meeting. Although he is compelled to use crutches he is of good courage.

A good brother called at the office as he returned from camp-meeting and he said, "I want to renew my subscription for the HERALD for I think it is worth looking after."

Sunday afternoon Aug. 27 Mrs. Georgia Burgess gave an interesting talk to the children. She told

them about the work that is being done for the children of India. She said that twenty-five dollars would room, board and cloth a child in India for one year. The children were much interested in her talk and they concluded that the children of the West Michigan Conference could raise enough money to keep one child in India for one year. They all said that they would begin now to save their pennies for that work.

"Mark the features of Christ's work. He moved in the greatest simplicity. Although his followers were fishermen, he did not advise them to go first into the school of the rabbis before entering upon the work. He called his disciples from their fishers' nets and said: 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. He called Matthew from the receipt of customs, and said, 'Follow me.' All that they were required to do was to follow Jesus, to do as he commanded them and thus enter into his school, where God could be their teacher. As long as time shall last we shall have need of schools. There will always be need for education, but we must be careful lest education shall absorb every spiritual interest."

Sometimes.

BY MARY E. POHLMAYER STRATTON.

Sometimes so dark our pathway seems,
Sometimes with doubts our garden teems,
And in the waves from sorrows land
Our feet will slip from off the strand.
And then kind fate will to us fling
A meed of hope to soothe the sting.

Sometimes from out the path we stray,
Sometimes desire will cloud the way,
And in the realm of after years
Regret will gather up the tears,
Remove the stain with gentle hand,
Stamped on our hearts from unknown land.

But sometime, when from hence we go,
Our hearts shall learn why this is so.
And why a greater hand than ours
Doeth turn the glass and count the hours,
And in the bowl of heavenly gain
Wash out the hurt and rinse the pain.