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THE MELBOURNE CAMP-MEETING.

Time.—This meeting is appointed to begin Thursday evening, November 18, and close Monday morning the 29th. This date is just right to meet Cook's cheap excursion from Adelaide and Sydney. The weather should be beautiful at that season—not too warm nor too cold.

Ground.—The camp ground selected for this meeting is at Balaclava, five miles from the General Post Office, on the Brighton railway line. Eighty-six trains each way daily, and thirty-three on Sunday. Return fares 7½d. first, 6d. second.

This is the finest camp ground we have ever had in Australia. The ground is level and has a good turf. There are between thirty and forty large pine trees on the block. It is a secluded spot, yet close to an immense population.

Tents and Furniture.—The following is the scale of charges for the use of tents, floors, and beds :—

Tents.	Flys.	Floors.
10 x 12 ft., 10/-	10 x 12 ft., 5/-	10 x 12 ft., 5/-
12 x 15 ft., 12/6	12 x 15 ft., 6/6	12 x 15 ft., 6/6
12 x 18 ft., 15/-	12 x 18 ft., 8/-	12 x 18 ft., 8/-

Wire Mattresses single 2/6, double 3/6.

Instead of paying large prices for flock or kapok beds we will furnish straw at the rate of one shilling per bed. By sewing two sheets together, as described elsewhere, and filling with straw, a good bed at small expense can be provided.

By adding together the cost of the different articles which you may want on the camp ground, you can tell very easily what the expense, except board, will be. Each one can use his own judgment as to whether he will have a fly or a floor. The tent and bed are necessities. From two to six persons can occupy one tent, and thus divide the expense. Much expense can be saved by bringing pillows and bedding.

Labourers.—We are not able to say definitely at this writing just what public labourers will attend this meeting. Besides the regular ministers of the Conference we expect to have the presence of Sister White, and Elders Haskell, White, Farnsworth, Robinson, and Hare. These labourers will all attend the Sydney

meeting, and we hope it will be possible for them to come to Melbourne. Brother Robinson and family have just arrived from South Africa to connect with this Conference. Besides these ministers we expect that Dr. E. J. Caro and a number of other physicians will be with us.

During the past year our American brethren have been helping us to plan large things for the medical work and health foods business in this country. We look forward with deep interest to the arrival of these medical workers. At the Melbourne camp-meeting all these plans will be laid out and fully explained. We would that every member of the Conference could be with us, to catch the spirit of this very precious work.

Delegates.—We hope that every church will be fully represented at the Conference by delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members. We would advise every church to elect its full number of delegates at an early date. Some do not elect delegates because they feel sure none, or at the most one or two, will go. This is a mistake. Do your part to appoint them, and then let all pray the Lord to open the way for them to go.

COME TO THE CAMP-MEETING.

THE following appeal from Brother Baker to the brethren of New South Wales to attend the Sydney camp-meeting is good for our brethren in the central Conference :—

“No doubt many reasons will be urged for you to remain away from this meeting; but, brethren, you cannot afford to be without the blessings of this feast. The time is rapidly coming when our work will be over, and we shall be deprived of these gatherings. Let us make the most of the opportunities now within our reach.

“Three times a year the ancient Israelites were required to leave their homes, and in many instances travelling long distances, to assemble in holy convocations for religious exercises. And besides this, none were to appear before the Lord empty-handed. All were to bring Him a gift. Just prior to these convocations, from different directions happy bands of pilgrims might be seen on their way to Jerusalem.

The Lord had said, 'I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders; neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year.' Ex. 34:24. What a wonderful promise.

"What may we learn from this instruction to ancient Israel which the Lord has graciously recorded for us? We can at once see the great importance which God attached to these annual gatherings, by the miraculous provision which He made for the protection of their property, while they were absent from their homes. Surely our spiritual advancement should be the one great concern of our lives. Do not permit anything, therefore, to keep you away from the coming camp-meeting. Come with your heart set on obtaining the blessing of God. Come breathing a prayer that God may bless you and make you a blessing to others."

Brethren, begin now to prepare to come to the feast at Melbourne. A. G. DANIELLS.

WHAT TO TAKE TO THE CAMP-MEETING.

THE tendency of many in going to a camp-meeting is to take too little rather than too much. Be sure to take all that you will require to make yourself as comfortable as possible. For the sake of those who have never attended a camp-meeting, we will make a few general suggestions.

Food.—It is designed to secure the services of T. W. Skinner, who has had charge of the culinary department at the Avondale School, to do the cooking for the camp-meeting. We do not hesitate to say that a good supply of food, of nourishing quality, and at a moderate price, will be provided on the ground. Hot food will be furnished direct from the kitchen, and can be obtained at the time of breakfast and of dinner. The campers will need to take all the dishes, knives, forks, and spoons that they will require.

There will be a grocery from which supplies may be obtained in the way of bread, milk, fruits, and other things usually sold at a grocery.

Clothing.—All who come should make provision in the way of clothing to protect themselves from extremes of heat and cold. The time selected for the meeting is such that in all probability the weather will be fine. But notwithstanding this, in case of a sudden change, as frequently occurs, all need a supply of warm clothing.

Bedding.—Arrangements have been made to secure the use of woven wire stretchers, both double and single. These will be rented at a figure designed only to cover their actual expense to the Conference.

A very good temporary substitute for a flock or kapok bed may be provided by bringing with you two sheets which have been sewed together at the sides and across one end, and filled on the ground with straw,

which will be provided for the purpose. When filled, the other end can be closed, and a good bed, at small trouble and expense, obtained.

Everyone who comes should bring a good supply of blankets, sheets, and quilts, for these cannot be obtained on the ground. A good supply of bedding is always in demand on a camp ground. You will need equally as much as you require at home.

If it is desired to have the tents partitioned off into compartments, it will be well to bring some kind of curtain cloth, or extra sheets, which may be used for that purpose. Rugs or strips of carpet could also be used to advantage for the floor.

OUR CAMP-MEETING.

LET all who possibly can attend these meetings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privilege which He has provided for them to become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to Him. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast; He will be present, and will do for you that which you need most to have done. A strong, clear sense of eternal things, and a heart willing to yield all to Christ, are blessings of more value than all the riches, and pleasures, and glories of this world.

These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but very little importance. Let all who profess to believe the truth respect every privilege that God offers them to obtain clearer views of His truth and His requirements, and the necessary preparation for His coming. A calm, cheerful, and obedient trust in God is what He requires.

Come to these meetings prepared to work. Leave your home cares, and come to find Jesus, and He will be found of you. Come with your offerings as God has blessed you. Show your gratitude to your Creator, the giver of all your benefits, by a freewill offering. Let none who are able to give, come empty-handed. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."

The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord. We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.—September, 1897.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS	TOTAL VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—											
Downs, Mr. J. B. ... Heathcote, Vic. ...	14	96	111	34	3	6	24	1	—	£2 5 11	£25 5 11
—READINGS—											
Thom, Mr. W. N. ... Korumburra Vic. ...	13	91	—	50	9	12	20	9	—	12 0	35 12 0
Reeie, Mr. P. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	9	63	85	18	2	—	6	10	—	1 9 0	12 4 0
Chickman, Mr. T. A. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	13	86	113	39	1	6	7	25	—	1 15 6	24 3 0
Insp, John ... Wynyard, Tas. ...	2	9	19	21	2	6	10	3	—	10 0	14 15 0
Innes, Mrs. K. ... Wynyard, Tas. ...	1	6	10	3	1	—	2	—	—	10 0	2 15 0
Purssin, Mr. J. L. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	3	17	27	5	2	—	—	3	—	—	3 10 0
Johnann, Mr. J. ... Perth, W.A. ...	12	96	—	39	9	3	12	11	4	—	25 3 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3 15 0
Johnson, Mrs. F. ... Perth, W.A. ...	9	50	—	18	9	3	3	2	1	1 4 0	15 11 0
Buhler, Mr. C. ... Korumburra, Vic. ...	9	63	—	37	4	2	20	11	—	13 6	24 3 6
—GREAT CONTROVERSY—											
Masters, Mr. F. ... Northam, W.A. ...	—	—	—	14	2	1	4	7	—	—	8 15 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blunden, Mr. G. H. ... Beeac, Vic. ...	12	85	57	25	3	20	—	2	—	—	46 0 0
Currow, Mr. A. ... Longreach, Q. ...	12	144	67	50	4	37	—	9	—	—	86 12 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	4 10 0
Diverall, Mr. J. C. ... Tallangatta, Vic. ...	17	175	140	52	4	9	—	43	—	3 7 0	78 4 6
Currow, Mr. L. ... Longreach, Q. ...	10	64	31	16	4	10	—	2	—	—	31 5 0
Michaels, Mr. C. P. ... Brighton, Vic. ...	18	—	—	46	—	10	—	36	—	—	67 0 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	17 6
Hindson, Mr. J. ... Coolgardie, W.A. ...	—	—	—	8	—	1	—	7	—	1 10 0	12 17 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	6	5	—	1	—	—	—	5 12 6
Reekie, Mr. F. W. ... Clermont & Cottesloe, W.A. ...	—	—	—	39	1	7	—	—	31	1 0 0	58 12 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	7 6
LADIES' GUIDE—											
Gooding, Mrs. C. ... Adelaide, S.A. ...	11	75	59	16	2	3	—	11	—	7 0	15 17 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1 7 6
Hewitt, Mrs. A. J. ... Glamorgan Vale, Q. ...	3	19	25	15	1	7	—	7	—	19 0	15 16 0
Johnson, Mr. J. ... Perth, W.A. ...	2	16	—	6	—	—	—	—	6	—	5 5 0
Johnson, Mrs. F. ... Perth, W.A. ...	9	50	—	17	12	2	3	—	—	—	21 4 6
Ackary, Miss A. ... Charters Towers, Q. ...	5	—	—	11	3	2	—	—	6	—	11 9 6
Rudge, Mrs. I. ... Zeehan, Tas. ...	14	66	135	43	8	4	—	31	—	—	42 6 6
—MAN THE MASTERPIECE—											
Masters, Mr. F. ... Northam, W.A. ...	2	—	—	15	2	3	—	—	10	—	14 13 0
Currow, Mr. L. ... Longreach, Q. ...	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	5 3 6
Currow, Mr. A. ... Longreach, Q. ...	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	4	—	—	5 12 0
SUNBEAMS—											
Stoate, Mr. R. J. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	3 0	2 13 0
Totals	200	1271	879	665	94	151	124	237	59	16 5 11	728 19 11

NEW SOUTH WALES AGENTS—Aug. & Sept.											
LADIES' GUIDE—											
Gregg, Mrs. M. A. ... Cooks Hill, N.S.W. ...	32	221	356	89	1	16	—	72	—	£3 11 0	£84 14 6
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—											
Carswell, Mr. W. R. ... Liverpool, N.S.W. ...	22	137	256	12	—	2	5	5	—	2 13 0	9 15 6
Carswell, Mrs. ... Liverpool, N.S.W. ...	21	128	146	14	2	4	5	3	—	1 18 0	11 10 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2 15 0
BIBLE READINGS—											
Hoskins, E. A. ... Goulburn, N.S.W. ...	8	54	118	5	—	2	2	—	1	5 0	3 4 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	7	3	1	—	3	—	—	7 16 0
Totals	83	540	876	129	6	25	12	85	1	8 7 0	119 16 0
Grand Total	283	1811	1755	794	100	176	136	322	60	24 12 11	848 15 11

BIBLE ECHO SALES during September, 1897.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES.	ECHOES
Adelaide	149	2,037	Brought forward	11,191
Ashfield	66	772	Bendigo	1,212
Avondale	50	224	Brisbane	664
Ballarat	42	236	Charters Towers	864
Bismarck	53	48	Croydon	192
Brighton	20	72	Geelong	160
Broken Hill	15	672	Ipswich	60
Hawthorn	47	164	Kalgoorlie	96
Hobart	95	552	Kangarilla	48
Kellyville	16	148	Kadina	24
Latrobe	10	24	Launceston	120
Melbourne	209	782	Melrose	288
Malvern	23	96	Townsville	776
Parramatta	70	1,924	Traralgon	48
Perth	29	620	Zeehan	96
Prahran	47	644	New Zealand	8,416
Prospect	12	48	Miscellaneous	2,711
Rockhampton	63	392		
Sydney	84	1,288		
Toowoomba	28	208		
Williamstown	63	240		
Carried forward		11,191	Total	
				25,966

NOTES.

REMEMBER that the Melbourne camp-meeting is to be held from November 18th to 29th.

THE camp ground is a beautiful secluded spot, where we may worship in quietness and peace.

BROTHER E. R. Palmer is conducting a canvassers' institute at the Avonvale School in New South Wales.

ON the 8th inst. brethren Hare, Hindson, and Jeffries passed through Melbourne on their way to attend the Union Conference. They will represent West Australia.

PASTOR and Mrs. Starr spent Sunday the 10th in Melbourne on their way to the Union Conference. Bro. Starr preached in the North Fitzroy Church Sunday night.

SUNDAY the 10th, Pastor A. T. Robinson, wife and little girl, Gladys, arrived in Melbourne from Cape Town. Sister Robinson is a sister to Pastor E. W. Farnsworth, of New Zealand. Brother Robinson has come to connect with the work of God in the Central Australian Conference. We shall be glad to add the names of these dear friends to the list of our workers.

THE German Mail boat, *Prinz Regent Luitpold*, on which Dr. and Mrs. Caro were to come to this country to connect with the medical work, reached Adelaide the 12th inst. We shall be glad to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Caro to our ranks.

ON Monday the 11th, a company of eight delegates left Melbourne to attend the Union Conference at Sydney. And on Thursday the 14th, five more will leave for the same meeting. The Central Australian Conference will be represented by a full list of delegates, namely fifteen.

ACCORDING to arrangements, Brother and Sister Farnsworth, of New Zealand, were to have reached Sydney the 12th. They come to represent New Zealand at the Union Conference.

WE are requested to state that those in charge of the Health Home in Sydney are so busy in their medical work that they will not be able to care for any who may attend the Sydney annual meetings.

ALL business communications should be addressed to our office, notwithstanding the absence of the managers during the Union Conference meetings.

PREPARATIONS FOR CAMP-MEETINGS.

THERE is a work for families to engage in before coming up to our holy convocations. Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let deep 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 the 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 the sake of others, work at home. Pray as you are not accustomed to pray. Let the heart break before God. Set your house in order. Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes as that they appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remove every obstacle that may have been in their way,—all differences that may have existed between themselves, or between you and them. By so doing you will invite the Lord's presence into 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 you will enjoy! It will be to your soul even the gate of heaven.

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