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## THE MICHIGAN CAMP-MEETING

It is our privilege to say of this meeting, that it was good to be there. Although unable to be present during the entire meeting, we are able to say, to the praise of God, that, like other meetings held this season, it was a profitable occasion. From all the reports we have, it appears that our camp-meetings are being unusually blessed of God; and the spirit of consecration and power is being placed upon the people. This is a very encouraging omen; for there is nothing that we need as much as to be owned and blessed of the Lord.

The first part of the meeting at Owosso was noticed last week. The first Sabbath was a day of light and blessing. During the former part of the following week there did not seem to be that life and power in the meeting that many desired. The details of business claimed a good deal of attention, and the spiritual interest slightly waned. But the enemy was not permitted to gain the advantage. The preaching was on the timely points of present truth. Righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and the last call were fundamental truths. The Spirit of God coming in, soon dispelled indifference. During the meeting a special interest was aroused in old and young relative to education and the work of the College at Battle Creek. A large number of youths who were at the meeting intend to be in our school the coming year. The project of purchasing a farm for the College

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was placed before the congregation and one half of the necessary shares were taken to secure this desirable addition to the educational facilities of the College.

The spiritual interest of the young people was good. While some seemed careless and unaffected, the most part were seriously seeking for a place in, and a preparation for, the work of the Lord. No feature of our work is more encouraging than this. When we can see our sons and daughters coming gladly and earnestly forward to give themselves to any work that the Master has for them to do, then surely the Spirit of God is at work. And this we now see.

The attendance at the meeting was much better than last year. The number of tents pitched was about two hundred and fifty. Quite a good many lodged in adjacent houses, so that during the last part of the meeting, there was probably a regular congregation of from twelve to fifteen hundred, which was considerably increased by transient comers, especially in the evenings. The weather is a very prominent consideration in the success of such a meeting, especially on an open ground. In this case there was but little to be desired that we did not enjoy.

The meetings were under the charge of Elder J.H. Durland, assisted by the conference laborers. The visiting ministers were continually changing. Among those who were present at least a part of the time were J. H. Morrison, W. W. Prescott, E. A. Sutherland, A. F. Ballenger, Dr. Paulson, Luther Warren, Mrs. S. M. I. Henry,

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and A. T. Jones. The power and spiritual interest deepened to the close. On several occasions extensive movements were made for seeking a special blessing from God. On the last Sunday of the meeting, Brother W. S. Sadler and Mrs. Macky, laborers from the Chicago mission, were in the demonstration of the Spirit.

There were two baptismal occasions, when about eighty were buried in the likeness of Christ's death. The various business meetings were full of interest, and harmony prevailed throughout. Elder Durland was chosen president of the conference and tract society. The details of the business will probably be given by the various secretaries in their published reports. It was decided to hold the meeting again in August, the place to be determined.—George C. Tenney, Review and Herald, September 7, 1897, Vol. 74, No. 36, p. 568.

