

AT THE CAMP MEETING.

Pleasant Weather and Large Crowds in Attendance.

INTERESTING HOURS YESTERDAY.

Enthusiastic Young People's Service Opens the Day, and Eloquent Sermons at the Other Meetings—Rev. Dr. McFarren on the Ability to See Aright—Dr. Stuart's Characteristic Eloquence.

Although the country in the vicinity is suffering much from dry weather, the camp ground is remarkably free from dust. The cutting of the trees back has stimulated the grass, and while the shade is not so dense as in the past, this is more than compensated for by the increased vitality of the grass.

The largest and most enthusiastic service of the season was that in the young people's temple yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, under the leadership of Mr. Miller, of Wheeling, and it gave promise of another good day.

The general class at the same place was also the largest of the season thus far, and the many earnest prayers and testimonies bore witness to the good work that is being done.

It was with genuine pleasure that the audience that gathered in the auditorium at the 10:30 service learned that Rev. Dr. McFarren was to address them, and if ever a preacher had the sympathy and attention of an audience he did, and as a result many friends were added to the host he already had. He selected 2 Kings 6:17 as his text: "and Elisha said, Lord, open his eyes that he may see."

He preached a sermon that will linger in the minds of his hearers long after he has departed, stating that the great difference between the prophet and the young man, and in fact between men of all ages, was not due so much to wealth, position or education as to the ability to see and grasp the hidden truths of God's universe and the deep spiritual meaning of God's word. He proceeded to apply this to practical life.

The young man, though smart and capable and quick to discern the temporal things of life, was filled with fear, while the prophet looking forward through the apparent difficulties, saw the hosts of God arrayed on the side of truth and right, and grasping the situation, the prophet prayed not for more power, but that the young man might see the things that were already prepared for their defenses.

This prophet prayed—that man with such a past as he had, who had raised the dead, filled the widow's cruse with oil,—God be thanked for the emergency that drives men to pray to God. What we need is the ability to see. Lack of sight causes fear and trembling. Fear throws us off our guard and renders us an easy prey to the enemy. We fear the difficulties of life, which are often more apparent than real. No two persons see just alike, as witness the difference of testimony of sworn witnesses who are desirous of telling the truth. What we need is spiritual sight; to correct the impressions that are made on us by the false appearances of the world. We see the temporal and fleeting things of life, and they make such an impression on our minds that we lose sight of the far more important things of eternity.

Electricity, gravitation, force are unseen, and yet upon these unseen agencies depend the world. God help us to see. Help the youth of the land to see that the glimmer and tinsel, the beautiful adornments of fashion and the seductive and enticing pleasures of life end not in the realization of the dreams and ambitions of childhood, but in disappointment, distress and despair. Satan does not adopt the hideous and frightful dress and manner in which he is supposed to appear, but dresses in the latest and most fashionable manner, and assumes the most polished and enticing conduct in order to deceive us.

The Lord helps us to open our eyes and places our feet on the top of the mountain of faith and looking through the fogs and mists that surround us here view the glories of eternity in all their grandeur and sublimity. Help us to rightly appreciate all the beauties and blessings of life provided by a kind Father for our good; use them as we should, but do not forget that while they perish in the way, we shall go on if we use them aright to an eternity of joy and peace of which these things we now see are but the promise.

The services in the children's meeting at 2 p. m., under the leadership of Mrs. L. M. Bell, of Wheeling, were very interesting and largely participated in by the children themselves.

When Emma Gatch gave the recitation, "How the Question Came Home," in a manner that elicited much praise. The young people's meeting at 4 o'clock, under the leadership of Miss Wray, was a surprise even to its friends, for every seat was taken and some were turned away, notwithstanding the fact that a meeting for the old folks was going on at the same time in the auditorium.

It is the design of the leader to make this meeting of especial benefit to the young people, and she is meeting with marked success, and laying a good foundation for future work.

The first old people's meeting of the afternoon was held in the auditorium at 4 p. m., and led by Miss Carrie S. Fuller, of Moundsville. It was well attended and showed deep spiritual interest.

The largest and most attentive audience in this campmeeting greeted Rev. Dr. Stuart as he stepped to the front of the platform and announced as his text Psalm xci: "Surely his shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler."

David was a poet and looked at his God through a poet's eyes, and his writings abound in beautiful figures of speech. I once read the Psalms through to see how God looked to David, then I read them again to see how the devil looked.

At this point the preacher gave an example of good order by calling down some young men who were standing, talking and smoking at the rear of the auditorium, promising them that if they would come in and take seats and behave themselves he would get down where they lived before he got through.

Saying that "He" in the text meant God, "thee" meant himself and all humanity, and that the "fowler" meant the devil, he proceeded to deliver another matchless sermon for the good of the congregation at large and especially inconsistent Christians.

As the fowler uses the decoy, so does the devil. One is painted to resemble the duck and floated in the stream to decoy the innocent game. What is the devil's decoy? I'll tell you. It is the nominal member of the church without spirituality. The old wooden decoy

had no fear; neither has the devil—he don't fear the dance or cards or drink. "They don't hurt me." A genuine conscientious Christian is afraid of the very appearance of evil.

The nominal Christian who enters into the frivolities and amusements of the world is the greatest curse the church ever had. Professed friends are often the worst of enemies. I will give you a picture—A dusty saloon with greasy cards and bloated bums; an elegant parlor of a respected Christian, with all the appointments of refinement and culture, noble, pure-minded young men and women, white silk cards, playing progressive euchre for an elegant vase—which is worst? I say the last, for it is high up in life and ruins the noblest and best, who would soon to enter the saloon. If there is any difference there is less harm in playing seven-up for a quarter than progressive euchre.

Another: An old saloon—for it is hard to get anything worse—a few old bums, an old banjo and two or three dancing to its discordant tones; then an elegant tea party—invitations issued in style—everything to please the most fastidious taste—a beautiful woman at the head of the table with an elegant decanter and glasses filled with ruby wine—which is worst? The latter! for this is the place of matriculation, the other of graduation. I tell you the saloon will never be banished from this land until the wine is banished from the houses of the worldly church members.

Another decoy of the devil is the dancing church member, who pilots the innocent and unsuspecting from the path of purity to the giddy whirl of the devil's dance, and sits at his table while they are pushed off into the mouth of hell. I once saw an educated turkey, a fine fellow of the bronze variety, and his keeper used to send him into the woods to gobble, and when the wild turkeys began to gather around he would call him back. Did you ever see the devil's gobble? He has several. There is old Colonel Gobbler; I've seen him, so have you. He lives at the social club. Do you know what that is? It is the enemy of the home and of every boy and girl in the land.

I preached this sermon once and at its close Colonel Gobbler came to me and said, "Stuart, you have misrepresented us. Come with me and I will show you." And I went. It was a beautiful building, and on the outside was the stone figure of a woman with her face hid in her handkerchief. I said, "That is a very appropriate ornament for this club room will cause many a mother and wife to weep bitter tears." We went up to the third floor, and there were billiard tables and church members, some that I knew, who were playing billiards, and at one side was what they called a buffet, fitted up with glasses and bottles with liquors of all colors, and I said, "What is this? You have taken me into a saloon. Take me out of this." And then he began to gobble, gobble. "I think a man can take a glass of liquor once in awhile and it don't hurt him, and it is no harm to play a game of billiards, and gobble, gobble." And so he went on gobbling for the devil while he claimed to be a friend of Christ.

Did you ever see Sister Gobbler? She is about. I saw her at the sea shore sitting at a wall flower and watching the devil's dance, while her pure young daughter was being swung in the dizzy whirl, about which she knew nothing, and if she had had the whole truth about her she would have taken her home and saved her from a terrible fate.

And that is not all. When she has collected a few of the pure and innocent about her, she commences to gobble: "I don't see any harm in the dance or in cards. I have danced all my life and—gobble, gobble, gobble," and some innocent girl is lured into the range of the devil's guns and shot to the death.

But you say your church does not forbid dancing. Either you are ignorant of the facts or you are a liar. Do you belong to the Episcopal? Hear Bishop Cox. "The line I would draw would be total exclusion." Are you a Baptist? John the Baptist lost his head on account of a dance, and the Baptists have never forgiven it. Are you a Presbyterian? There has never been a convulsion of that church that did not thunder against it. A Catholic? It is fought by them continually.

A Methodist? They have been clanking the devil on these grounds for generations. Then taking the other implements of capture used by the fowler, with forcible and apt illustrations the speaker sent the shafts of truth to the hearts of his audience with such force and rapidity that some almost held their breath in anticipation of what was coming next.

In closing he related in a very touching manner his own conversion and the conversion of his father in old age, and the recital touched many hearts, as was manifested by the impressive silence and the unbidden tears; and amid the hush that followed he thanked God that he had the power to deliver any one from the dominion of sin. His invitation to the altar was answered by a number who came either for themselves or for friends, and the services were closed with prayer by that old soldier of the cross, Mr. Dun, of Moundsville.

THE EPWORTH ASSEMBLY Now in Progress at Burr's Mills—Success Assured. The Epworth Assembly, which opened at Burr's Mills Monday night, is now well launched and everything is moving finely. The services yesterday were opened with matins at 6:20 a. m., led by Rev. O. H. Pennell, of Bealsville. The eight o'clock devotional meeting was well attended and was conducted by Dr. J. P. Mills, superintendent of instruction. At nine o'clock Dr. J. E. Gilbert, of Indianapolis, conducted the Sunday school teachers' normal. The morning lecture was delivered by Dr. Gilbert, his subject being "Bible Study and Christian Character." Class work was begun at one o'clock in elocution, physical culture and kindergarten. Prof. J. W. Van de Venter, of Braddock, delivered his first chalk talk at 2:30. Classes in stenography and microscopy were scheduled for 3:30, but the latter was not held owing to the absence of Dr. E. L. Eaton, of Milwaukee, the conductor.

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All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Seymour Dunlap was caught yesterday morning and locked up with his companions, Jack Gallagher and Scott Laville, charged with the brutal assault upon M. D. Reader. Laville was sent to the penitentiary about two years ago and got out this spring, having finished his term of fifteen months and several times since he has had narrow escapes, but this is the first time he has been arrested since his long term. Seymour Dunlap is already under bond for his appearance at court upon a charge of felony. He is frequently engaged in brawls. Neither man ever pretends to work. Jack Gallagher is not a troublesome man when not in liquor, but is very ugly when drinking. He was away from here for a long time, but came back about a year ago, accompanied by a woman, and is said now to be living with her, so that he is amenable to the law at any time the officers might desire to go after him. The man whose three assaulted did his best to get away from them, but they beat him up terribly, until Casper Gilles, pilot on the Benwood ferry, put a stop to it. The mayor is holding them until the injured man is able to make his appearance. His home is in the lower end of Wheeling, near the Benwood line. It depends largely upon the judgment of the mayor as to what penalty will be inflicted upon these chaps.

It is rather cheerful to note in these days of general complaint that some manufacturing concerns are able to pay handsome dividends. The Enterprise Window Glass Company, at its annual meeting here yesterday, paid a fifteen per cent cash dividend, and the statement showed also that their surplus fund amounted to more than the capital stock, which is \$43,500.

Miss Jesse Jackley, of the Deconness' Home, Cincinnati, gave a pleasant talk to the South Bellaire Epworth League last evening. Miss Jesse was a former teacher in the schools here and has a host of friends in the city.

The Novelty Stamping company does not intend to entirely close down this season unless some unforeseen thing occurs. Part of the force has been cut off, but a number are still employed.

Messrs. E. J. Lewis, Tony Williams, William Springer and John Busby, all C. & P. railroad men, left yesterday afternoon to take in the World's Fair.

Mrs. Harriet Farren, mother of W. J. Ferron, of this city, died at her home in St. Clairsville yesterday morning, in the eighty-third year of her age.

Messrs. R. Rumbach, Emil Schmidt and others leave this morning for a two weeks' fishing tour along the Gauley river.

James Rossor, one of the expert blowers in Libby Bros.' World's Fair glass factory, is visiting Bellaire friends.

Miss Pearl Chambers, one of the vicarious school teachers here, is visiting friends at Wellsburg.

Mr. Charles Hook and family came home yesterday from a visit at New Martinsville, W. Va.

Frank Purnell is home from his trip to Nebraska and the World's Fair.

The school board met last night and transacted routine business.

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