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Dear Sister Thompson:

Mrs. Quinn came to us this morning, thinking that we might be able to furnish some information which would help you in the line of presentation which you wish to make in your camp meeting Sabbath school report. It is a little difficult to place our hands on that which might be the most helpful to you. However, we have found a number of reports which you may be able to glean some items from, which will help you in your present plan.

I will say first that in the beginning days of our camp meetings, the part of the Sabbath morning service which is now used for Sabbath school was devoted to a social meeting or to other general meetings of the camp meeting. In 1879 the idea of holding a large camp meeting Sabbath school seemed to get under way, and my father, Elder W. C. White, who was leading out prominently in the Sabbath school work at that time, took a great deal of pleasure in conducting model Sabbath schools at the camp meetings which he attended.

With this we shall send you several reports from the Review, one or two on Sabbath schools which were held in camp meetings at about that time, and another article from the pen of W. C. White on the camp meeting Sabbath schools in general. I shall also send you a report of the Kansas camp meeting for the year 1879, and although there is no mention made of the Sabbath school at this camp meeting, yet we would judge from the general statement made by my father, that such a meeting was held in Kansas.

I trust that this information, together with what you may be able to gather from such books as "Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," may be of some service to you in the project which you are directing your attention to at this time. Mrs. Quinn may choose to add something to that which I have written this morning. This, however, fulfils the historical side from early sources as far as we feel it can be given in the time we have to devote to it.

I remember with a good deal of pleasure the few days I spent on the Kansas camp ground in 1939.

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary  
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## MINNESOTA SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Minnesota Sabbath schools will recite the following lessons at camp meeting, June 22: 1st Division, Lessons 7 and 8 in Bible Lessons for Little Ones; 2nd Division, Lesson 17, for first Sabbath in May, in Instructor; 3d Division, Lesson 43 in the same number of Instructor; 4th Division, Lesson 28 in Supplement for May.

Questions will be asked on previous lessons, to see which schools are most thorough in teaching and learning the lessons. The Kingston school will have a map recitation.

We know you will come prepared to recite well.

W. B. Hill, Pres.

L. A. Curtis, Sec.

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## THE MINNESOTA CAMP MEETING

At 9:30 A.M. Sabbath, an immense model Sabbath school was held, with thirty-seven classes and over three hundred scholars. W. C. White assisted in organizing; the arrangements were splendid considering the very limited time to prepare. Quiet and order prevailed. One little boy, not three years old, sat in his mother's lap and answered the questions in a clear, audible voice; and one young girl, fourteen or fifteen years old, repeated the entire synopsis of the lesson, without a break, in a voice so distinct as to be heard by the whole school. Several others stood up, prepared to repeat it; but she was the only one called upon. The whole exercise was very interesting.

After this came a forcible and impressive address from Sister White, urging on parents the duty of studying the Scriptures themselves and teaching them to their children, as the best means of excluding the light and frivolous reading of the day, which is ruining so many. Bro. White then followed with a sermon, presenting the truth, in a grand and clear manner. He had help from the Lord to bring forth, out of the Scriptures, things both new and old.

J. S. Olive.

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## VASSAR, MICHIGAN CAMP MEETING

It is important that this Sabbath school should be well attended; and we urge upon all who attend the camp meeting to come prepared to take part in the Sabbath school.

Those studying prophecy will take Lesson 42; the youth, Lesson 6; the children, Lesson 35; and the little ones, Lesson 36, in the book prepared for them.

We are anxious to see the Sabbath schools of eastern Michigan well represented by officers, teachers, and scholars. Do not neglect to bring the children! We want to see their happy faces, and have a talk with them.

W. C. White.

J. Fargo

C. E. Bell

(In Review & Herald, August 28, 1879)

### OHIO CAMP MEETING

The second annual Sabbath school of Ohio was held Sept. 18, 1880, at 9 A.M. After the opening exercises, the teachers appointed to take charge of the different classes entered into the work with earnestness. All seemed deeply interested in their own lessons. One hundred and sixty-eight took part in the school, and fifty or sixty looked on and enjoyed the scene very much. The class of small children, which numbered fourteen, gave very good attention, and answered well the questions given them by their teacher, who made the lesson very interesting. All the lessons in each class were well learned and recited.

After twenty minutes had been occupied in class exercises, the school listened with marked attention to remarks by Sister White. She said that this work will be a means of doing much good, if those who engage in it will realize its importance, and enter into it with zeal. Much depends upon parents and teachers in training the young minds under their care, and fitting them for usefulness in the future, and for Heaven. Children should be educated to have sweet dispositions, and to love the word of God. The remarks made were very instructive, and made a deep impression on the minds of the brethren and sisters.

Ida Sharpe, Sec.

(In Review & Herald, Oct. 14, 1880)