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EDITORIAL.

RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING.

Fifteen years have swiftly gone since the Reformed Baptist Alliance agreed to take the responsibility of improving Riverside Camp Ground and conducting an annual camp meeting there.

In reviewing those years we can recall many dark clouds which threatened to break upon us. Friends complained and foes beset us in many ways, and every year we had problems to solve which made some feel faint at heart, and we have found faint hearts within worse to bear than foes without. But God was with us and gave victory after victory, and beat out our foes and girded up the feeble knees, and success has crowned our work materially and spiritually.

AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

One day the writer was passing the Riverside Camp Ground in a train. Opposite to us were some gentlemen that we learned at that moment were clergymen, for as the train passed the camp ground one of them spoke out with considerable force and said, "That is Riverside Camp Ground that those holiness people stole from us!" and continued for some little time to say very uncomplimentary things about the men connected with the transfer of the ground, and as he warmed up in his talk, our feelings were rather complex having the elements of peace, for my heart said, not guilty. We felt somewhat amused that we should get so much information about oneself that we had not known before. This was mixed with curiosity to hear the whole budget when suddenly a gentleman stepped up to the loud speaker and said, "The gentleman sitting opposite to you, Sir, is one of the men you are speaking about. Then judging by the confused look upon the gentleman's face who was doing the talking that he had suddenly found himself in a very embarrassing situation, not only because of the writer's presence, but the presence of the gentlemen to whom he was giving the in-

formation about the wickedness of those holiness people, who were absolutely innocent of the charges he was making.

Of course, the writer was busy reading a paper and made no reply. The man had spoken as one knowing whereof he spoke, but by his embarrassment we saw that the boomerang hit the man who threw it.

During these fifteen years we have become so accustomed to difficulties in our way that we would be surprised should we have a meeting without some new obstacle to overcome, some unthought of thing. We have also become so accustomed to victory in the meetings and financial success in meeting all financial demands, so that we just feel assured that all things will work together for the furtherance of the work of holiness. Riverside Camp Meeting has got a grip on the hearts of the people; they like it in spite of all their declarations against holiness, the old, middle aged and young. Thousands come just because they want to. They like the songs we sing; they buy hundreds of holiness song books and sing many of the soul stirring hymns in their home meetings and in their homes all over the country, and long after the meetings close we send them by mail to many who fall in love with our songs. Many got the idea that it was the evangelist who drew and held the crowds, but we have proven that the crowd has been fully as large, and the attention just as marked, and seekers for holiness and conversion as earnest, and in as large numbers with local workers. It is not man but God who draws and blesses the people. Jesus said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

When Jesus is preached as the Saviour of men and the only one who can meet man's need, men's hearts are touched.

The one supreme object of Riverside Camp Meeting is the salvation of sinners, and entire sanctification of believers, and as long as we stand unwaveringly on these great essential doctrines, Riverside will succeed, but as soon as we allow non-essential doctrines to be preached, the decline will begin, no matter how dear these things may be to some good people.

Beloved, let us keep heaven's brass band playing the music of full salvation, and let others play tin whistles of physical things. It is extremely sad that so many good people get turned away from the boundless spiritual blessings for the souls of men to things that are purely temporalities which bring no real benefit to themselves nor any person else. We once saw a large man with a mind of a three year old child, who spent his time sitting in a corner playing with some little sticks and a few pieces of leather. So it seems that some who are posing as holiness people get together and haggle over non-essential things and remain children in spiritual things.

Many camp meetings have been ruined by these things, but the camp meetings which stand for the great essentials of salvation and keeps humble before God and obedient to Him will continue to succeed until the coming of their great leader, Jesus Christ. So far no weapon that has been used to defeat Riverside Camp Meeting has prospered. It has had a straight record of successful years with-

out a single failure, so let us believe God will wonderfully carry us through Aug. 3-13, 1917.

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