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## EDITORIAL.

### LOYALTY.

There are some questions which are very difficult to discuss. One has been suggested to us many times, viz.: Should our church members and our ministers attend other church services when there are services in our own church at the same time? This question may be partly answered if we turn it on ourselves, viz.: Should members of other churches attend our services when there are services in their church at the same time? It would be exceedingly easy for us to say an emphatic No! to the first and we naturally feel like saying yes to the second. There are special occasions when we would be generous enough to say yes to both questions. We always greet people cordially and give them our hand in glad welcome when they attend our services. On the other hand we must confess that we feel grieved when members of our churches pass their own services to attend others, and it has a special depressing effect upon the pastor, and also an unpleasant feeling when a brother minister passes by to attend another service. He is not "loving his brother as himself" unless he has a special reason for attending the other service, then he will go to his brother and state the reason of his absence and ask to be excused. Every resident pastor has a right to expect the the visiting brother to attend his services and give his assistance whenever he can.

No reasonable pastor nor church should find fault with members who occasionally leave their own services to attend some other church, or to hear a new pastor, or a special speaker, but when it is done frequently, there is reason to feel that the person or persons absenting themselves are putting a discount on their pastor, or the church, or are being won away as a child following a band waggon, attracted by outward things rather than the spiritual fellowship of those with whom they have covenanted in holy fellowship and

love. This would occasion greater grief to the true pastor and spiritually minded members of the church, than of their absence. Not by absence from the services only, but the things indicated—the loss the person has evidently sustained.

Then there are those who hold church membership very lightly as there are people in the world who hold family ties and home very lightly. They lack real natural affection. These people never feel any responsibility for the success of the church; they never get away from themselves and the things which contribute to their happiness and consider it a compliment for them to attend the church. Such people fail to comprehend the true spirit of Christ "who came not to be ministered to but to minister."

There is no difficulty on these lines if one loves their church home, and get the right view of their relation to it, and a true sense of the obligations they enter into when they unite with the church. It must be heart attachment to give true loyalty. This far exceeds denominational loyalty, which may exist without a trace of true brotherly love.

### BE COURAGEOUS.

There are circumstances frequently recurring in connection with the life and labour of the Christian ministry as pastors and as evangelists, when to be true to their trust they must be courageous. Courage must frequently be exercised in this day of compromise and of condoning wrong, to be true to his conviction in his preaching, and in the stand he takes in his daily life, but he must not forget the exhortation to "preach the truth in love." There are men of courage who spoil their work by a severe spirit. We recently heard members of a church say of their pastor, "we like him much, but he is unduly severe in denouncing things he considers wrong. We find no fault with him speaking against wrongs of all kinds, but he hurts himself instead of the wrongdoers, and only angers them, and loses his opportunity to help them." An evangelist spoiled his opportunity for work in a town and with people who might have employed him in many meetings by his severity in speaking to a half witted girl who came to the penitent form a few times without appearing to be benefited. Another evangelist made himself appear ridiculous while preaching of the peaceful and undisturbed state of those who obtained the blessing of entire sanctification, when a giddy girl and a few children turned to look at those entering the church. He with a severe tone of voice called out as though these constituted the whole audience, "You are the worst people to look around I ever saw!"

So we must distinguish between these and men of courage in their pastoral and evangelistic duties, for under these trifling circumstances it requires courage and ordinary good judgment and self control to keep still. But there are times when there are people that for some reason which we do not wish to undertake to name, will break in on a meeting assuming superior knowledge and experience, and manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit and undertake to wrest the service out of the

## THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CAMP MEETING.

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them who had warned them to flee from the wrath to come?—Matt. 3-7.

Frequently people who are petted and pampered in their home church find out their true character at the camp meeting and repent.

7th. John the Baptist taught a second blessing, subsequent to repentance.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather the wheat into his garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."—Matt. 3-11-12.

(The second blessing properly so called)—Wesley.)

8th. A perfect cleansing—taking away all chaffy lightness and affectation, and vain frivolity.

"He will thoroughly purge his floor." Jesus sanctioned the meeting; he came himself, hallowed the ordinances, and set the example of humility and revealed the supernatural.—Matt. 3-13-16-17. The Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost were manifested at John's Camp Meeting.

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."

"And lo, a voice from heavens saying, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."—Verses 16-17.

hands of the leader, or forestall the person who is to speak, to take more than their share of the time in a testimony meeting, or diverging from the line of thought introduced by the leader in charge, and such like. Under such circumstances whether in church or convention, or camp meeting, the leader needs not only the grace of forbearance but the kindly firm courage to insist that such persons are abusing their privileges, and trespassing on the time belonging to others.

These dear people will of course accuse the leader of putting on the brakes and grieving the Spirit, and will go off in a pout, or assume a martyr spirit, but the leader should have the courage to relieve the people of these unpleasant things even if it is unpleasant to himself. A careful study of the admonition of the Apostle, "Be courteous," by all, would obviate these objectionable and injurious occurrences, at the same time we are not unmindful that the correction of a fussing child may have a worse effect on the spirit of a meeting than his fussing.

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