

DOUGLAS CAMP MEETING.

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It was the writer's privilege to attend the camp meeting just closed at Douglas, Mass., and to share the great spiritual feast prepared by God for his people.

This camp ground is a historic place, having had an existence of 45 years. Here have preached such notable men as Inskip, McDonald, Gill, Carradine, Fowler, Morrison and many others, the old truths of regenerating grace and complete sanctifying power. The judgment alone will reveal the far reaching influence of Douglas Camp Meeting. Here thousands of sinners have been converted and a multitude sanctified wholly. Here a host of young men and women have received a call to their life's work as preachers of the gospel, foreign missionaries or laborers in other fields of religious activity.

In the early days the camp meeting was distinctly Methodist, but in recent years it has become interdenominational in name at least. But few preachers outside the holiness denominations attend now for holiness is less popular than ever before. The Pentecostal; Nazarenes are the great moving power in the camp with a sprinkling from the other churches.

The leading evangelist this year was Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, D. D., of Oskaloosa, Iowa. For many years Dr. Whitcomb was a leading Free Methodist and president of Greenville College. For many years he believed in holiness and preached about it, but three years ago he received the real baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. He preached twice each day of the meeting great heart-searching messages. Many who had been professing holiness felt their confidence slipping away under the Holy Ghost anointed truth. There was a great going down time on the part of God's people. The result was, God sent down the old-time glory. Victory came in answer to importunate prayer. Many were at the altar as definite seekers and seemed to be happy finders. Those who have been attending the camp meeting since its inception claim the last was the best of any.

We were glad to hear of the old time glory at Beulah this year. May the good work go on. As holiness people we must have the glory on our souls or dry up and have a name to live and be dead in heart separations, compromise or worldly conformity grieve the Spirit of God and hinder the power of his grace.

We never sat under the ministry of a preacher we enjoyed more than that of Dr. Whitcomb. He is mighty in the Scriptures and combines the doctrinal, practical and experimental in proper proportions. He makes sin hideous and holiness attractive. We came from the camp meeting greatly refreshed and more fully resolved than ever to live in the center of God's will.

"Church cook stoves help support many a fireless preacher."

"When it takes pie to run a church, piety is at low ebb."

"When church members dance, the devil shuffles his feet with glee."

A TENDER CONSCIENCE.

A number of ladies took tea with a deeply spiritual lady friend. A neighbor, knowing that she was to have company, and wishing to help her, made her a very fine cake for the occasion. During the meal the visiting ladies praised the quality of that particular cake, and the hostess for her skill in making such lovely cake. This lady, being very diffident, did not explain about its origin, but afterward it came to her that she allowed those guests to praise her for a thing that was not really hers. She felt so deeply that she felt she would have to make a public confession of it, which she did.

A BORROWED SERMON.

At a revival meeting the evangelist assisting the pastor sat in the pastor's home all one day memorizing a sermon of a greater preacher, and in the evening preached it as his own, and at the close of the service the people gathered around him and told him that was a great sermon, the best they had heard during the meetings, he received the praise with a beaming face and with many thanks, but there were three persons present who knew he was accepting praise for that which did not rightfully belong to him. He knew it, and the pastor and his wife knew it, for they lent him the book from which he memorized it. He borrowed the cake, and accepted the praise for making it.

A RATHER EMBARRASSING SITUATION

Two ministers were on their way to a service some years ago, when one asked the other what he intended to preach from in that service, and he gave him the points of his sermon from beginning to end. At the opening he asked the other minister to pray, and he prayed the whole sermon through, and left the brother who was to preach to change his subject, or let the people get the impression he had preached the other brother's prayer. Ever since that experience, when that minister is asked what he is going to preach, he replies in brief—The Gospel!

IMITATION.

In a certain New York city is a very tall and proportionately large minister who sometimes does evangelistic work. He has the habit when he rises to speak of kicking out his pant legs. An evangelist whose calls reached from Maine to California, told the writer in speaking of the tendency to imitation by smaller lights that all along that large minister's pathway that it was most amusing to see the young men of comparatively diminutive bodily proportions as they stepped forward to speak kick out their feet like their big brother.

Imitation may be commendable and beneficial if we imitate the right things. Paul recommended it, "Be ye followers of me," viz., "Even unto the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted and have no certain dwelling place. And labour, working with our own; being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defrauded we intreat; we are made the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all

things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. Wherefore I beseech you be ye followers of me."—I. Cor. 4:11-16. Mark 5-34.

ENFORCEMENT BILL PASSES THE HOUSE.

The Prohibition Enforcement Bill was passed by the lower House of Congress Tuesday of last week by a vote of 287 to 100, with three members voting "Present." The bill defines intoxicating liquor as a beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol—a clean cut victory for the drys. Any house boat, vehicle or other place where liquor is manufactured or sold is declared a nuisance. No person shall manufacture, sell, barter, give away, transport, import, export, deliver, furnish or receive any intoxicating liquors. Liquor for non-beverage purposes and wine for sacramental use may be sold under specified regulations. Denatured alcohol medicinal preparations (including patent medicines) unfit for beverage purposes, toilet articles, flavoring extracts and vinegar are exempted. Registered physicians are authorized to issue prescriptions under strict regulations for the use of liquor in cases where it may be considered necessary as a medicine.

Liquor advertisements of all kinds are prohibited. Sale, manufacture or distribution of compounds intended for use in the unlawful manufacture of liquors is prohibited, together with sale or publication of receipts for home manufacture. Under the bill, as amended, the sanctity of the home, about which the pro-liquor advocates are just now so deeply concerned, cannot be invaded unless the home is being used for the sale or manufacture of liquor in violation of the law and not then without a search warrant being first obtained from a court of record. The effect of this provision is simply to carry into the prohibition enforcement act the principle of search applied to private dwellings in which other illegal practices are being carried on.—Wesleyan Methodist.

EMBARRASSING GROWTH.

When I was a boy I grew so fast it was all my mother could do to keep me in clothes. But that was the fault not of weakness but of vigor. It was the penalty of growth and health. If any are inclined to find occasion for faultfinding in the fact that the work of our missionary societies expands so as to exceed its income, I could take such to see a mother whose boy, though twenty years old, is still an infant and can wear the same garments as ten years since. But what mother would not gladly exchange such a poor cripple for a healthy, roystering boy that it is impossible to keep in trousers and shoes? Never let us complain because God's work perpetually demands larger supplies. That is the grand evidence of its divine progress and success.—Arthur T. Pierson.

I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor. 6-18.