

labors of the disciples. We need our days of tarrying today. If we are to reach others our hearts must be fervent with Pentecostal fire. The camp meeting, if rightly appreciated, is a means of grace indispensable to the Christian Church. As it was on the day of Pentecost when the multitudes came to gather to investigate the rumors of drunkenness amongst the disciples and found them filled with the spirit, so it is today that great crowds gather around the camp grounds. There are two things that will bring the people, viz., froth and fire. The worldly church resorts to the former. The spiritual church must have the fire. If the camp meeting is what we say it is it should be carried on. The question is who shall support it? We cannot think of the world sustaining it. No, it must be sustained and supported by the Christian. This then is one reason for attending.

One thing that hinders the growth of the camp meeting spirit of prayer is the thought that we must go to the camp meeting to visit our old acquaintances. Too much visitation will rob the person time for prayer, and hinder the holy Spirit in his workings.

I am of the opinion that many folk go to camp meeting with their thought centered more on what they think they will hear from the evangelist than on the throne of Grace for a spiritual uplift in their soul. This is proven from the fact that in order to get some folks there must be an evangelist of national repute. Evangelism is in God's order, but I am getting tired of evangelists who think more of what they are getting than of what they are going to get in remuneration than of the cry of souls getting through to God.

Think with me on a few facts why Christians should attend camp meetings.

(1) From the fact that the camp meeting is promoted for spiritual uplift to the soul.

The apostle urges Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. There are many things that we as Christians can never attain, but it is worth all the sacrifice that we make in attending camp meeting to have our spiritual nature blessed, our vision enlarged, and our faith strengthened.

(2) From the fact that our lives are often enriched by coming in contact with the class of people who do attend.

I have spoken against too much visitation as it often hinders the spirit of prayer, but whose soul has not been enriched with the fellowship of some of the outstanding giants of the holiness movement? As a young Christian, and often isolated from the brethren from one year to the next, I often wished the time away that we might meet again at Beulah. Our memories often picture some of the dear ones that have gone to their heavenly homes. It was a blessing to be in their presence, to hear their songs, to see their shining faces aglow with Pentecostal fire. The sad part of it is that we do not see many filling their places. They took advantage of these spiritual feasts; Beulah was one place they planned to attend. Today I am afraid we are getting caught in the suction of the tide of worldliness. Let us break away and get back to old time camp meeting

experiences.

(3) From the fact that the camp meeting has a tremendous influence on the surrounding country.

I am sure that our name as Reformed Baptists would not be known to such an extent if it were not for our camp meetings. Our denomination has the credit for having the best camp ground on the North American continent. With this advertisement there certainly goes the news of the gospel we preach, and the souls who get through at our altars. We have been told again and again of the influence on the country surrounding our camp grounds. Like the strangers from Rome who were at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost they go home to tell the story of their new found joy, and start a Church where the gospel is preached and souls get saved so that the apostle could say of them, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, etc." Well could he say of them, "Your faith is spoken of throughout the world." Beloved, our camp meetings have had such influence. The entrance of thy word giveth light.

The salvation of souls is the biggest business in the world. If our camp meetings have done what we claim for them, then every Christian should support them with their presence, as well as their means. Let us rally to the camp meetings this year. You perhaps have seen the folly of hiding the Lord's money in the earth, as the farmers have, without much success. Take time to be holy.

Let us prove to the world that we have the best thing in the world, when the alliance opens this year may there be the best delegation at Beulah that has ever been there.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Jonesport on May 7th, 1925.

Thursday evening Brother H. C. Mullen brought us a good message from Numbers 14:30 and 31.

Friday afternoon Brother L. J. Sears gave us a good talk from I. Cor. 9:13.

Friday evening Brother H. E. Mullen brought an excellent message from III. John, showing the three church members, Gaius, Diotrephes and Demetrius. He also stated that God still had a few folks like Gaius left in our land and churches.

Saturday 2.30 p. m. business meeting opened with Scripture reading by Brother S. A. Mullen.

Roll Call found the following pastors and delegates present: Revs. H. C. Mullen, L. J. Sears, H. E. Mullen and S. A. Mullen.

Delegates:

Beals Island—Mrs. Fannie Alley, Mrs. Cora Lowell.

Calais—Vera Gaddis, Mae Smith.

Jonesport—Mrs. Newbury, Lucy Smith.

Election of Officers:

President—S. A. Mullen.

Vice-President—H. C. Mullen.

Secretary—Mae A. Smith.

Asst. Secretary—L. J. Sears.

Highway Agent—H. E. Mullen.

Treasurer—Mrs. Newbury.

Devotional Committee—Mrs. Fanny Alley, Mrs. Lowell, Lucy Smith.

Devotional Committee report read and

accepted. A vote of thanks was extended to the church at Jonesport for the kind hospitality extended to pastors and delegates.

Report of Churches:

North Head—Services well attended, enjoying good sermons, and the Lord's blessing is on the Sunday School and Mission work. Many were helped in the special meetings of H. S. Mullen held in February.

Calais—Meetings well attended, deep spiritual interest and a very faithful pastor. Twenty-five have recently stood for prayer showing that conviction is on. Trusting God for these souls.

Ally Bay Mission—Good interest in both church and Sunday School work and souls are being blessed.

Seal Cove—Pastor reports church in a real good condition, and spoke especially of the meetings held by H. S. Mullen. Many folks came forward, and are holding true and are enjoying the blessing of God on their souls. The meetings were a great help to the church.

Saturday evening a large crowd came from Seal Cove and Wood Island, and were a great blessing to the meetings.

Saturday evening—Preaching by Brother L. J. Sears from Heb. 6:19, "Which hope we have as an anchor both sure and steadfast," reminding us that we must have our anchor firmly fastened in the things of God, so that nothing will cause it to drag, and we become ship-wrecks in our Christian experience. This was a profitable sermon and God honored the message with one soul at the altar, who prayed through to victory.

Sunday morning, 10.30—Love Feast led by Mrs. Fannie Alley. Scripture reading from Luke 23, followed by a good number of testimonies.

Sunday Morning, 11—Preaching by H. C. Mullen from Matthew 5:28. We must have a pure heart if we expect to get into the kingdom of God.

Sunday School 11.45 a. m.

Sunday 2.30 p. m.—Brother L. J. Sears brought the message from Acts 27:25: "For I believe God." A very helpful message showing us that God poured out his blessings on those that really believed and trusted.

Sunday 7 p. m.—Preaching by H. E. Mullen from Jude 1:11, "Woe unto them for they have gone in the way of Cain." An excellent sermon thus closed the quarterly meeting. God was speaking through the meetings, but souls were rejecting. But we feel to thank the Lord for the blessings received in the meetings and especially for the soul that prayed through. When we stop to think of the value God puts on a soul, we feel a great deal was accomplished. Special singing by Brother and Sister Sears was enjoyed by all.

MAE A. SMITH.

May 20th, 1925.

"It is the quiet worker that succeeds. No man can do his best, or even do well, in the midst of badinage or worry or nagging. Therefore, if you work, work as cheerily as you can. If you do not work, do not put even a straw in the path of others. There are rocks and pebbles and holes and plenty of obstructions. It is the pleasant word, the hearty word, that helps."