

NOTE.

In the last issue the article by H. C. Mullen, contains a sentence which was not in the manuscript, "They met friends that are not of value."

Also in the article of L. J. Alley, there appears a line not in the original article, "Of what they are getting bla sPnhu s,"

That the rooms in Riverview Dormitory are all engaged.

The hotel at Beulah will be open Monday, the 29th, so that anyone going on that date will be able to get board.

We have been waiting for your renewal to the King's Highway. Do not disappoint us.

Let us all pray for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Camp Meeting.

THE LAYMAN'S PLACE IN CAMP MEETING.

Not having the privilege of attending many camp meetings, therefore it may not be wisdom for me to say but little in reference to this subject for I overstep the mark.

What is a Layman? was the first question that confronted me. I found that a layman was one in distinction from the clergy. Considering this. I was impressed that a layman had a place, a very important place, and he should know his place, keep his place, and not take the clergy's place, nor have the clergy leave their place in order to do the work that the layman should do.

Some folk in the church shirk responsibility, and rest more on the "hold backs" than they pull on the "tugs," and thus hinder the work.

In the little I have attended camp meetings, I have noticed our dear Brethren in Ministry at work and filling places that the layman could and should fill, and by so doing leave the ministers to look after the more important matters. It just comes to my mind now that in the beginning of the church, when secular work began to press, the twelve Disciples called a special meeting of the other Disciples (Layman—not worldlings) and said unto them: It is not reasonable that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables, wherefore look ye out among you men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

Would it be unkind or out of place for me to say that it would be a good thing for the church if she would go back to the early days and take on some of the rules, and insist that laymen and all have the experience in grace that made her a real soul-saving institution. Laymen in church or camp meetings should not be of the "Soubattet" and "Tabial" spirit, but be like Nehemiah and his servants, all to work, half wrought in the work, the other half holding the spears and shields and bows and the habergeous, and the rulers behind pushing the good work.

"Now we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

We are labourers together with Him. Now if we laymen are truly *created*, we will be true labourers and not shirkers. I remember reading a sign in an office, something like this: "If you have nothing to do, don't do it here." This



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Daily at Beulah.

might be a very good sign for our camp ground. "Layman, if you have nothing to do, don't do it here."

To the layman and all concerned in the work at Camp Meeting, I would advise as Paul did: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world."—Phil. 2-14-15.

J. A. J. WARD

FIGHTING HOLINESS

By David Morton Smashey

The dead sea of want in the modern churches demonstrates that that class of preachers who fight holiness and drive it out of the church have given the people cheap palaver, and their promises for something better are below par. Preachers or laymen who fight holiness and drive it out of the church are like a poor breed of crows fouling the eagle's nest. That class of preachers who fight holiness are the despoilers of the church, and by analogy they will not protect their flock from the moral wolves. That class of preachers who mock at holiness insult God and drive the Holy Spirit from the Church. That class of preachers who fight holiness represent the voice of the serpent instead of the voice of the shepherd. Those propagandists who deride holiness smirch the memory of Him who died on the cross. The great majority of these holiness fighting preachers are not only half-baked, but they are not even brown on top.

Intelligent reflection or careful consideration of this vital question is sufficient in itself to convince any rational mind that holiness of heart and of life is essential to man's well-being. Holiness is the deep need of the Church. "Christ... loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27). For the church to be holy must necessarily be the unchanging purpose of the Divine will, else Christ would not have given Himself for it that it might be holy.

BIRTH OF CHRIST.

By James Stolbert.

Jesus Christ was born according to promise and prophecy at Bethlehem of Judea. He had a divine and human birth so he could intercede with God the Father for man the sinner, and thus reconcile man to God. Wise men came from the East to worship Him; at Jerusalem they inquired "where is He that is born king of the Jews?" This very much troubled Herod, the king, who pretended to be interested in the case, and desired the wise men on their return to bring him word. However, Jehovah knew the foxy, treacherous, cruel Herod and so arranged that the wise men should go back another way. Thus showing that while man proposed, God disposed. So we learn that Christ had enemies at His birth, who plotted to slay Him, but their plans were interfered with.

As the wise men went in search for Christ, they found Him to the joy of their hearts, and rejoiced and worshipped Him. So all people everywhere who seek for the Christ can find Him who is their only and personal Saviour, who saves to the uttermost, for He is mighty to save and strong to deliver. He is reliable and dependable and those who put their trust in Him will never be disappointed.

Shepherds on the plains heard the heavenly announcement, as the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," and as they went to find Him, they found Him, who was the great Shepherd; let us join His flock and be His sheep for ever. Amen!

THE PASSING OF JOHN WESLEY.

John Wesley's death-scene was one of the most peaceful and triumphant in the annals of the Church. Prayer, praise and thankfulness were ever on his lips. Many golden sentences worthy to be had in everlasting remembrance were uttered during his last hours. He sees only the shadow of his friends around his bed.

"Who are these?"

"We are coming to rejoice with you; you are going to receive your crown."

"It is the Lord's doing," he calmly replies, "and marvellous in our eyes. I will write!" he exclaims, and the materials are placed within his reach—but the right hand has forgot her cunning, and "the pen of the once ready writer" has refused to move.

"Let me write for you, sir," says an attendant. "What would you say?"

"Nothing but that God is with us!" Now we have done all, let us all go." And now with all his remaining strength, he cries out, "The best of all, God is with us!" And raising his fleshless arm in token of victory, and raising his failing voice to a pitch of holy triumph, he repeats his heart-reviving words, "The best of all is, God is with us!"

A few moments before 10 o'clock, on the morning of the 2nd of March, 1791, he slowly and feebly whispered, "Farewell, farewell!" and literally, "without a lingering groan," he calmly "fell on sleep, having served his generation by the will of God."

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