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EDITORIAL

The Alliance and Camp Meeting for 1930 have passed and are now history. The Alliance sessions started in with a beautiful spirit of harmony, and the very first service was signally owned of God. The business was carried through in the same beautiful spirit. Rev. C. R. Hagerman, of Calais, Me., was elected President, who filled his office with dignity and grace. The attendance was not as large as last year at the beginning, for several reasons.

Rev. John E. Hewson was the evangelist, as Rev. C. B. Jernigan was on the sick list and had to cancel his engagement, and ere our meeting began he had passed to his reward. Rev. Hewson gave himself fully to the work and his messages were blessed of the Lord. There were a goodly number of seekers at the altar, many of them being young people.

The special singing was of a high order and consisted of solos, duets, trios, mixed quartettes and male quartettes; these were accompanied by piano, organ, guitars, Hawaiian guitars and violin. Prof. Garrison and Mr. Mayo, of Eastern Nazarene College, enlivened the services with their musical saws.

The attendance the last Sunday was fine—one of the most orderly and respectful crowds that ever came to Beulah. It was about the largest Sunday afternoon crowd we ever saw in the tabernacle, and they gave a very respectful hearing to the evangelist. Open-air meetings were held, near the front gate, both Sundays from 1 to 2 p. m. and were under the leadership of Rev. H. C. Mullen, assisted by a goodly number of workers. All the services were specially owned of God, conviction was on many hearts, and we trust many went away to lead different lives in the future. The finances came easy. The electric lighting of the tabernacle was a popular move, and before the meeting closed the people subscribed sufficient funds to also light the grounds for the coming year. We do praise God for so helping us through all the past years and so our faith is good for the future.

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Rev. S. H. Clark during the Camp Meeting. His funeral was held in the Tabernacle Tuesday, July 1st, and was largely attended.

They are passing, one by one; they gain their reward; we are left to carry on. May we be faithful till the end.

The next grand event will be Riverside Camp Meeting. Let there be a great volume of prayer ascending continually to God for a great harvest of souls this year.

A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

We often hear and read of the influence a good mother exerts over her family, but if we stop to think, a father's influence is almost equally important. We have all seen the small boys, and sometimes girls, imitating their father, and as they grow older they still look up to their father as a model. I know from experience what an impression a good father makes on his child. So, nevertheless, fathers have great influence over boys. Like this little story I read of a well known author who was climbing a very high mountain. When he had nearly reached the top of the high rocks, all of a sudden he heard a faint voice saying, "Take the safe path, father, for I'm coming after you." The father's heart almost stopped beating when he realized it was his own precious little boy and the danger he was in. So let every father this afternoon realize that his child is coming after him, and be sure to take the safe path for the little ones watch father far more carefully than we imagine.

It seems sometimes as if the mother receives more than her share of praise for influencing her family the right way, while in some instances we know of that it was the father who exerted the right influence and was the chief advisor and the one to whom the children went for sympathy and help. Sometimes this is done by the father because the mother is so burdened by her household duties that she hasn't the time to spare on them; while father, when he is at home, usually has leisure time to talk with them, and what he says usually makes a deeper impression on them than what mother says, because father is to be the head of his own household, as Christ is the head of the church.

God in His word represents Himself as a heavenly father, possessing these characteristics, love, patience, pity, gentleness. So an earthly father must possess some of these characteristics in order to bring up his children in the way they should go, and to be a testimonial unto his own household. One of the first commands in heaven was Order, and to have order anywhere we must have obedience. The earthly father must teach his children obedience, for a twofold reason, first, so that they will obey their parents; 2nd, when they become converted it makes it much easier for them to obey their Heavenly Father's commands.

Two notable men in the Bible we were reminded of who fulfilled a father's duties in every line, were Job and Noah, and we have an example of a just man, but he failed in his duties to be a good father, this was Eli, whom we all should know. What a fearful punishment God sent upon him and his sons, just because he failed on these lines.

Some fathers seem to think if they send their children to Sunday school they have done their duty, but God intended that fathers, as well as mothers, should set an example to their children by attending Sunday school themselves, because father's help and influence is needed as much in Sunday school work as in any other part of God's work. We are admonished in God's word to bring up the children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and Sunday school is one of the chief factors.

It is a common thing to find a man that is a good teacher, a good preacher, a clever lawyer or doctor, and a host of other things that men might aim to be, but a good father, that is another thing altogether. We have seen fathers everywhere that were good men, no doubt at all, but their children were not going their way. These fathers seemed to be going to heaven themselves, without a doubt, but going without their children. Possibly later in years, after father has gone, these same children may get converted by a desire to profess the life that the father impressed upon them.

It is not enough for a father to give his children all the money they can spend, or high educational privileges, if he fails to win their affection or to train them for the highest calling in life. It can be lamentably possible for a father to win a fortune and fail to win his own flesh and blood. We do not mean that the children are indifferent to their father, but that to them he does not occupy the place which a father ought to occupy in the life and affections of his children. On the other hand, a good father may make a failure of many other things, but if he makes a success of this, he is not to be pitied, but envied. If he wins his children he has done more than the millionaire who wins millions and loses his own child.

It is certain for a man to make a good father he must be on his job all the time. It is a sad thing for a father to be better acquainted with other people than with his own children. If a father wants a child to love and respect him when they are grown up, he must be with them when they are growing up. This takes time and patience.

A good father! How many here today are winning this distinction, or how many are failing along this line. I'm sure I cannot tell; this is an individual matter. The sad part of it is that a failure here means that no repentance can undo the work, nor remedy the neglect. Fathers owe themselves to their children; nothing can take the place of a father's own personality, and this is where the failure occurs. It is not that fathers do not love their wives and children, but they do not clearly realize the nature of their claims upon them.

Now, unsaved fathers, if there are any here this afternoon, may it be impressed upon them that their responsibility is no less than that of a saved father, because they are not in a position to be an example to them. Their influence is just as great as though they were a saved father, but it's in the wrong direction. They are not travelling the broad road to destruction alone, but taking their children along with them.

So may this group of fathers this Fathers' Day realize their responsibility in preparing their children for the coming to-morrows, and for a never-ending eternity; realize their dependence upon God, and trust Him to give them necessary wisdom and grace to do this great work.

—Mrs. Russell.

BEDDING FOR BEULAH

- Mrs. Oliver Trites—1 sheet, 2 pillow slips.
- Mrs. S. A. Mullen's Class, Marysville, N. B.—2 quilts.
- Matilda Churchill—1 quilt.
- Mrs. Otho Cheney—1 quilt.
- Fidelis Class, Woodstock, N. B.—1 quilt.
- Mrs. O. C. Cripps and Mrs. Huggard—2 pillows.
- Mrs. Allen Nason—4 pillow slips.
- Mrs. Albert Gough—4 pillow slips.