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EDITORIAL

"THOSE WHO STAY BY THE STUFF"

The brethren of the ministry will all be leaving their churches and fields of labor next week, to attend the meeting of our alliance which will be held at Beulah camp-ground at Brown's Flats, Kings Co., N. B., on June 27 to 29, just preceeding our camp-meeting. And also many of the lay-members of the churches will go as delegates. Most of them will be away over two Sundays during the camp-meeting time, June 29 to July 8, inclusive. Those left at home will feel their loss because of the absence of their pastors, and so many of the brethren and sisters. But we trust that they will also feel that this is an opportunity for them to take on a little more responsibility in the various phases of church work, and be sure to be present at all the services of the church, and Sunday School, and to see that these are all well sustained. And remember that the Lord has promised to 'always meet with those who meet in His name, which will, of course, be an incentive to all lovers of Jesus to attend worship. And furthermore remember that a long while ago God's servant, David, established a law in Israel that provided that those who remained at home by the stuff, and guarded the king's interests, were to receive the same rewards as those who went out to battle. This law, he said, was to be a statute forever, and seems to apply in a spiritual sense even today. There are many of our good brethren and sisters who would like very much to go to Beulah this year, and would no doubt be profited by going. The change of environment, freedom from regular home duties for a few days, the inspiration that they would receive from the preaching and singing, and also of meeting old friends, and renewing acquaintances and making new ones, would all contribute greatly to their joy, and spiritual life. But because of financial conditions and home ties, and with some infirmities of age, and illness, etc., many will feel that they must remain at home. My sincere sympathy goes out to these faithful ones, as I think of them this morning, while with my mind's eye I can see them in their various homes and churches. I often receive letters from them, telling me how they would like to meet with us again at Beulah this year. Well, if they cannot come, of this they can be sure, that faithful service done for Jesus' sake, especially when it involves sacrifice,

will not go unrewarded, by Him who said, "Even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward." Let all those who go to camp-meeting remember those who cannot, in prayer that they may be blessed, as they carry on in the Lord's work at home. And let us endeavour to take back home to them some spiritual refreshing "from the presence of the Lord" which we received at camp-meeting.

EVANGELISM

True and False Preachers
By Rev. John Clement

The devil tries to counterfeit God's plan and thereby deceive His people. To this end he has his preachers and churches at work right here on earth. We read in the Bible of "the synagogue of Satan" and of Satan's ministers who make themselves as "ministers of light."

1. What is a false preacher? A man who tries to make God's plan fit into the nation's programs without a conflict. Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and all the prophets were unpopular because they condemned the programs of the nations and spoke out boldly against their sins and warned them of coming doom. I believe in having tact and using wisdom, but I detest a compromising, time-serving preacher that is in harmony with all worldly movements. Some have actually spoken in favor of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, just because the nation went back one hundred years and did its worst day's work. Our nation is patterning after Russia and leaving every principle of liberty for which our forefathers fought so nobly. If we do not pray and work we will lose that for which our boys died in France—freedom and liberty.

2. A false prophet cares nothing for the people to whom he ministers. He only works for his own selfish interests. God says that they are blind. (Isa. 56:10-12). They cannot see the condition of their people. They can not see God's plan for the world. They say: "Tomorrow will be as today." They scatter the flock (Jer. 23:3) and are shepherds that cause the people to go astray. (Jer. 50:6) They prey upon the flock instead of feeding the flock. (Ezek. 34:2 and Zech. 11:17).

3. There are false teachers as well as false preachers. (Matt. 5:19; 15:9; I. Tim. 1:7 and 4:2). The man who twists the truth out of its true place and fails to teach God's Word just as it is laid down in the Book, is a false teacher.

4. God says that the false preacher fails to visit the flock (Jer. 23:2). So many preachers fish and hunt and visit the business part of the town instead of visiting the people. If our pastors would visit and pray with the people, go to the hospitals and prisons and be on the lookout for an opportunity to do something for God, there would be doors open on all sides for them. This would open doors to homes otherwise closed to them. Some of the greatest spiritual awakenings that I have ever seen have come about through visiting and praying with the people. Some pastors act as if the church had hired them to be a domestic servant to their wives instead of a leader to the congregation, and a shepherd of the flock of God. I contend that if a pastor would work as hard in his church work as he would at the carpenter's work or in the store or shop, he would be well supported and would see his church prosper.

Preachers, let's be careful that we do not get associated with the wrong crowd and be branded among the false prophets that God has so much to say about in the good old Bible. Study, pray, and work so that you will be labeled "a good minister of Jesus Christ." "Preach the Word" and be "instant in season and out of season." "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and love." "Feed the flock of God." Feed them the truth. Tell them: "Thus saith the Lord." Don't strive to be popular but strive to be faithful. Never court men for their favors, but tell every man the truth as it is in God's Word. Remember that we must answer to God some day for all we preach.—Wesleyan Methodist.

DIVORCES IN CANADA INCREASE

Divorces have increased rapidly in Canada as in other countries since before the war. In 1913, there were only 60 divorces granted in Canada, while in 1933 there were 923. The increase is partly accounted for securing divorces through the courts instead of by private Acts of Parliament. It is noteworthy that the 1933 figure shows a decline of 72 from the revised figure for the record year of 1932. A decline was also noted in the United States between 1930 and 1932, there being 160,329 divorces in that country in 1932 as compared with 191,591 in 1930. In both countries it is probable that the depression is a factor in this connection.

Whereas formerly most of the divorces granted in Canada were granted to husbands, since the passage of the Divorce Act of 1925 removing certain inequalities which formerly operated to the prejudice of wives, the majority of divorces have been granted to wives, 58.9 per cent. of the divorces being granted to wives in 1933. In the United States, over 70 per cent. of divorces have been granted to wives in recent years.

The remarriage of divorced persons would appear from the available statistics to be the rule rather than the exception, the aggregate number of divorced males marrying in the seven years from 1926 to 1932 inclusive being 4,664 as compared with 5,519 divorces in the same period, indicating that about 5 out of every 6 males remarry. The correspondence between these figures, however, is only very approximate because persons divorced in previous years may have remarried during this period, while other persons divorced outside of Canada are doubtless included in these marriages. Nevertheless, there is a general correspondence. Divorced women to the number of 4,311 were remarried in the same seven year period, or about 78 per cent. of the number who were divorced in these seven years, though, as previously stated, these were not necessarily the same persons.—Moncton Times.

BROKEN HOMES

One of the practical problems of our day, and especially in America, is the integrity of the family. Homes are being broken up by separation of parents at a greatly increasing rate year by year. Legislators and social experts do not seem to know what to do about it. Jesus laid down the fundamental law about divorce and any people that ignores His law in the matter must suffer. Jesus also gave children their rightful place in the home and in the church. God's program can never be carried out by trying to bless adult humanity only—the children must be blessed.—Selected.