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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8

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## Recollections of Beulah

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As we are nearing the time of our annual "Alliance and Camp Meeting" at Beulah, the years that have elapsed since first we met there, seem to pass in review before my mind.

I recall the event that led to the establishment of a permanent meeting place for our Alliance. From the first of our organization there was a divine energy that permeated the ministers and people and they quickly sought to find some way to spread holiness through the surrounding country. Like the verse of a hymn

"As Jacob in the days of old,  
He wrestled with the Lord,  
And instant with a courage bold,  
He stood upon His word.  
He would not be denied,  
He would not be denied,  
Till Jesus came and made him whole  
He would not be denied."

So that same spirit enabled the brethren to find a way whereby we could have a yearly Camp Meeting that would reach the people with the message of full salvation. Like William Carey, who said, "Expect great things of God, Attempt great things for God", and later went as the first missionary to India, and accomplished great things. We had problems to face, the building of our churches, the work of the Highway, our missionary work, and the carrying out of the regular services in the churches and the

### "SELF-PITY"

Most of us are tempted to pity ourselves when things seem to be going against us; those who are carnal will usually yield to the temptation. There is a difference between being tempted and yielding to the temptation.

There are reasons why we should fight against this sin:

1. Self-pity is very childish. I remember as a child that other children had toys that I was not able to have, enjoyed pleasures that I was not able to enjoy, and went to places that I was not able to go. When these conditions would arise, I would very often sit around and be sulky. I did not try to hide my injury from others, but contrarily, I wanted them to see it. I wanted others to pity, as every one that pities himself wants every one else to pity him.

What right have we as professing Christians to sit around like a little baby and pity ourselves? Do we testify to being rich in grace, though poor in worldly goods? Why, then, should we condescend to pity ourselves as little children? person who pities himself; we would rather not be near a person of that sort. If there is a person I get thoroughly disgusted with, it is one who is given to self-pity. I remember a young man in Pittsburgh that attended the same Mission that I did. He was continually getting sav-

Sabbath Schools. It takes the same courage today as it did forty years ago.

I wish those of you who attend Beulah this summer could see, as I do, our first gathering there; very few who came that first year are living now. But some are left who remember that happy time and the company of people who came full of joy and praise to God. I think we felt as though we had reached "home" and how the people rejoiced.

The Lord has permitted me to be at Beulah every year but one since our first meeting in 1894, for which I praise Him.

There were no complaints about the hard mattresses (although they were very hard) or fuss about the straw pillows, for they were at "Camp Meeting" and did not expect home luxuries. If you had come the first year to Beulah you would had only one rough road from the gate to Cedar-dale and no drinking fountains or avenues through the grounds. Only a small tent for the meeting place, one hotel and dormitory combined. But there was generally some one to meet the different steamers and to take the people to their rooms carrying their suitcases, etc., so the service was not too bad. The fellowship of the people was sweet. We recall many evidences that God was with us and to Him we must give all the glory for the growth of the work that has taken place during these years. I can scarcely realize that I have been permitted to see the changes during the entire period of our denomi-

If we condescend to self-pity we are yet babes in Christ and carnal.

2. Self-pity is disgusting. There is nothing manly about a man who pities himself. Christians are supposed to be real men and real women, but there is something disgusting about a ed and backsliding, and I discovered that self-pity was the cause of his repeated backsliding. He would keep company with different young ladies, and fell in love with each of them, but it seemed that they did not keep company with him very long, in other words, they did not "stick". Of course this wounded him, and as a result he would give himself over to self-pity, and grow very melancholy, and backsliding was the next item on his program. He was always, I confess, somewhat disgusting to me and my friends. You, who pity yourself and sulk, you are very disgusting to those around you.

3. Self-pity is very characteristic of those who have been spoiled by their parents. They have been over-indulged, and when they are not treated the same in the world outside of their family, and of course they won't be, they get pouty about it. It is a tragedy that young people are spoiled. If their parents only realized how disgusting they are to the outside world! Spoiled children have it inculcated in their brain that the world turns around them because their parents treat them so, and when they are not treat-

ed the same way by those outside, it hurts them very much. It is always hard to get a spoiled child established in the grace of God.

4. Self-pitying people are a problem on the preacher's hands. Isn't it too bad that the pastor has so many forty-year-old babies to deal with! Every time he is around them he has to have care that he doesn't hurt their feelings. Brother and sister, you shouldn't have your feelings sticking out so far that they can be easily hurt. It's too bad that your pastor has to have a baby bottle along with him every time he comes to see you, and has to treat you with kid gloves to keep from wounding your feelings.

5. Self-pitying people will excuse breaking God's commands. "The Lord is too good to punish me for doing a little thing like that", says one; "the Lord does not expect me to pay tithe when I have such a large family to keep", says another, who has been robbing God of His tenth; "the Lord will not condemn me for using tobacco. I have used it so long, and can't get along without it now", says a self-sympathizing tobacco user; "the Lord will understand that the reason I sell beer is so I can stay in the store business, and have money to support His work. He knows that the sinner would buy it anyhow, whether I sell it or not, and I only sell it to sinners", says a beer-selling church member, not a

"When you roam with friends  
Across the heavenly fields,  
Ever finding treasures new  
When you stand in rapture  
On some starry height,  
Gazing on some glorious view,  
You may look for me, for  
I'll be there, I'll be there  
You may look for me for  
I'll be there, Glory to His Name."

I trust this coming Camp Meeting will be one of the best in history, for God is still with us and "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

We are looking forward to hearing Dr. Butler, who gave us such wonderful truths the two previous years that he has been with us, and we cannot afford to miss this privilege of hearing him again.

Let us make a special effort to get to Beulah this year and help to make it a success.

In Christian love,  
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