

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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### EDITORIAL

#### THE MAGNETISM OF BEULAH CAMP

On the western bank of the beautiful St. John river, about twenty-five miles from its mouth, there is a secluded, scenic, and sanctified spot that has become a Bethel to many people. Those who were inspired with the idea of securing this "parcel of ground" for a holiness campmeeting centre, must have visualized its present beauty when they chose the name that is most befitting and appropriate to the place, the name that is familiarly dear to a host of the sanctified, "Beulah Camp."

Each year about this time this trysting place begins to exert a magnetic influence toward those who have formerly visited it. Young and old, preacher and laity, those at school and those at home, begin to think, talk, and plan for "Beulah." Some count the weeks, then the days, and finally the hours intervening before the opening of the great annual campmeeting. From other sections of the Dominion, from various points in the United States, from nearly every locality in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the State of Maine, where our churches are located, hundreds of people, crowds that increase with each passing year, are strangely drawn to this place of annual visitation.

What is the cause of this stir? Why the keen interest in and the intense place that may be equalled in scenic beauty by many other camps and resorts of the country? Perhaps from our experience we may suggest some reasons:

First, the sacredness of the place. Beulah is not just another summer resort that was planned and established for the purpose of profit and pleasure. It is beautiful, delightfully so, but its greatest attractiveness is not physical but spiritual. It marks the location where many a battle has been fought and many a glorious victory won! It is to many, the hallowed spot where the Lord issued a call to personal salvation or service, where He saved, sanctified, and fitted for usefulness many a precious life. Many a time the glory of God has settled like a thick cloud over this hilltop until those present were lifted into the heaven of heavens to enjoy memorable communion with their Lord. A monument to the glory of the Lord Jehovah, existing for the single and most glorious purpose of "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands," Beulah Camp is enshrouded with sacredness.

Second, the privilege of fellowship with the redeemed family of God. Not all the attractiveness of Beulah emerges from the past. Every year presents another opportunity of renewing and making new friends in Christ. No friendship can be compared with that of the children of God, and we are sure that the harmony of such spiritual contact is nowhere more beautiful and refreshing than at this annual reunion. How the soul is strengthened and encouraged with the victorious testimonies of those who through another year have kept the faith. Yes, the privilege of spiritual fellowship that Beulah affords is a "pull" to the heart.

Third, the ministry of the Word. The Word of the Lord is precious at Beulah. Each year our campmeeting workers committee secures a man of God for the specific purpose of ministering unto us in holy things, and how our souls have

been enriched under the Spirit-inspired messages of truth that have been delivered from the Tabernacle pulpit. Perhaps if an older person were writing this editorial they would refer back many years, but since my privilege in this respect has covered only the recent years I can only speak of them. But I am sure that all agree that we received invaluable help through the ministry of the Word these past few years by such godly and capable men as Dr. Butler, Dr. Wiseman, and Rev. John Owen.

Yes, there is a magnetism about Beulah Camp and at this season it is drawing us very strongly. We feel the pull of its influence, we hear the call of its invitation, and we eagerly await the time when "all roads lead to Beulah." Let us come in the fulness of the blessing.

#### THE CHILDREN FOR CHRIST!

By Margaret Tedford

Environment has always been an important factor in character building. Its influence has a great deal to do in shaping the flexible young life. One can almost judge the home influences surrounding the child by his actions and speech.

The early years are so impressionable. Things learned in childhood indelibly print themselves upon the memory. How essential it is then that the child be placed in an environment that will develop the best qualities and noblest instincts. Too many lives have been marred and broken because early influences have been detrimental to that which is pure and good. The evidences of this are astounding. Parents have you realized that your children are an HERITAGE OF THE LORD? Mothers, fathers, you are primarily responsible for directing those young lives into a true knowledge of Christ. Are your own lives governed accordingly? May God enlarge your vision and inspire you to seek "that wisdom from above"—so necessary in rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

In the majority of homes today the sacredness of the home and family altar has been forgotten. Parents themselves are the ones who lead their children into the pleasures of sin. God help them to perceive their blindness for "if the blind shall lead the blind they shall all fall into the ditch."

These children are the men and women of tomorrow! If these young lives are allowed to attain manhood and womanhood without a saving knowledge of God what does it mean for the future—men and women without Christ having no hope. How sad their fate! unless some hands out the life-line to them. Shall it be us? God grant that it may. Are we going to wait until these lives have been ruined by sin then endeavor to save the wreck of humanity? How much more humane and blessed to teach them of God's love that they may respond by yielding their young life, free from sin's power and dominion to God! Too many testimonies there are today with the plaintive note: "If I had only begun to serve Christ earlier and not wasted so many years in sin!"

True this is always a bright and optimistic side to the most depressing problem. We are grateful to God for the homes where children have Bible truths instilled into their hearts. God has promised that to honor the Word and it shall bring forth fruit, yea in godly lives. Jesus said:

### BOOKS TO READ

#### "Streams In The Desert"

If we successfully develop the good practice of reading good literature, we cannot afford to be without a book written in the form of a daily devotional work. How our minds are enriched and our souls influenced to dwell on things profitable throughout the day, as we receive from the experiences of other saints helpful thoughts of truth. How often we are prepared to meet some peculiar experience of testing by reading of the victory of another, and sorrow is turned into rejoicing, complaining into thanksgiving, discouragement into hope, as we hide away in our hearts some gem of truth that has been mined in the fields, valleys, and hills of experience. Such a helpful book is Mrs. Charles Cowman's "Streams In the Desert." From the pens of scores of authors Mrs. Cowman has gleaned some of the most beautiful thoughts in print and she presents them for our good in this volume of daily readings.

Suffer or allow little children to come unto me, i.e., do not place a stumbling block in their way. Now friends, let us go one step further—let us "invite them" to Christ.

#### RALLY DISTRICT NO. 1

The Young People's Rally of District No. 1 will convene with the church at Perth, May 21st to 23rd.

The opening service will be conducted by the special speaker Saturday, social service in the morning. The regular business session in the afternoon and preaching in the evening by the special speaker. We are expecting Sunday will be a day of special blessing. Preaching morning and evening, baptismal service in the afternoon. We would urge the young people to come.

Note: This reached us too late for last issue.—Editor.

#### "PERPLEXED, YET NOT UNTO DESPAIR"

And when we turn to Christendom, that is, the whole field of the Christian profession, what do we see? Formalism, ritualism, sectarianism, criticism, bitter controversy, heresy, and a vast amount of frank indifference.

Not ten per cent of London's population of eight million attend church; and only about six per cent of the population of Scotland. Church membership and Sunday-school attendance are declining, and I do not hesitate to say that Institutional Christianity has failed. The world knows this, if the Church does not.

You may think that this is a very pessimistic view to take of things in general, so let me say two things more: first, I would rather be an open-eyed pessimist than a blind optimist; and second, the views just expressed do not report the whole of the truth.

As new shoots may be seen on dying trees, so there is manifest the world over the breaking forth of new life.—W. Graham Scroggie, noted English Clergyman.—Wesleyan Methodist.

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.—James M. Barrie.