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#### EDITORIAL

# SOME ENCOURAGING FEATURES OF RIVERSIDE CAMP-MEETING

erside this year. The preaching by our evangelist, Pocock, was inspirational and brought a response in seekers for full salvation. Our own brethren also preached well, and many people said, "Why send away for outside preachers for our camp-meetings when we have such preachers among our own brethren?" Well, we answer, many of the people like something new, and also Jesus answered that question when they asked him why he did not do the miracles in his own country that he had been doing in other places. He said, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." When we want real sound scriptural preaching, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we don't have to go outside our own ranks to get that kind. But of course we are living in an age when people are looking for thrills and when many of them come to a religious service they like to hear blood curdling, hair raising, emotion stirring stories, and see the preacher and others do the spectacular stunts, etc. They say a service like that is as good as the movies and does not cost them a cent. But beloved, as someone has said if God's truth preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven does not save men, we are sure that men's lies won't. There is a large class of people these days, which seems to be getting larger, who don't get much out of a sermon unless it stirs their emotions, and this class never gets established in the way of truth and holiness. There are others who want the preacher to preach to their reason and conscience. They want truth which goes deeper than the emotions and feeds the soul. From this latter class comes the material that goes into the building of strong Christian churches.

Of course we have all kinds of characters to work with at our Riverside camp as we do in all other places, but there were several encouraging things there this year. While the attendance was not as large on Sundays as it has been some former years, due no doubt to the extreme hot weather, it was larger and steadier at the evening services during the week nights, and many more seemed to come to remain through the meeting, hence all our rooms were pretty well filled the last few days of the meeting.

We never remember a meeting when there was more praying done on the grounds. Beginning at 6.00 a. m. there was the usual time of prayer, then throughout the day between the preaching services there were praying bands held in the dormitory and rooms and tabernacle by the young people, the older sisters, the men, and preachers.

The people up in that great country seemed

to appreciate our work and those who live near were ready to do anything to help us. The crowds on Sundays and evenings were very orderly and respectful which we appreciated very much. Several of the older people who have been attending Riverside for years were present again this year and seemed to enjoy the meetings as usual. Many testified to being converted or reclaimed or sanctified wholly, as well as being fed, and built up in their faith. Your editor had charge of the praise service the last Sunday morning, and we remarked that we never remembered hearing a larger number of people testify definitely to the experience of holiness than we did at that service. The blessing of the Lord was on the meeting in a marked way and it ran much over the time allotted for that service and then it seemed that not half of the people had taken part but we had to give the evangelist a chance to preach. A good number of strong young people were present and their meetings were well attended.

So the people in this part of the country who want the truth that converts, sanctifies, and builds up the souls of men are more and more looking to our work, and teaching of full salvation to meet their need. So let us hold steady, do our best to give people the truth, and God has promised that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

#### E. E. Shelhamer

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." (Prov. 25:11).

Why wait until a man is dead to say nice things about him? A kind word costs nothing, and often gives new inspiration to those who are tempted and weary. Many times we wait too long before dropping the bouquet of appreciation.

(1) Begin with a ragged or ignorant child. The writer was in this list, and I shall never forget the encouraging word spoken just at the right time. This had much to do with turning my feet at a crucial moment in the right direction. Since then I feel like tipping my hat to every poor boy I meet, for underneath the surface are often hidden mighty resources for weal or woe. Treat him right, for some day you may be glad to get a little recognition from him.

(2) Show kindness to obscure and humble saints. After all, they are the salt of the earth. It costs nothing to pause a moment and speak the kindly word. Their names will never appear in front-page headlines, yet their prayers may help you there. I feel ashamed now that many times in the past I have been too busy to be gracious and communicative to those who longed for a little fellowship.

(3) Be kind to those who suffer defeat. Perhaps they are to be blamed for their fate; and yet, many a man who is "down and out" has gotten on his feet again and become honorable because of a friendly word.

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore, Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,

Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

(4) Show kindness to our enemies. It does not require an ounce of grace or a thimbleful of brains to be contrary; but it does take magnanimity of soul to forget differences and to study how to bring about better fellowship. I am truly sorry that it has taken me so long to learn this. I covet ability, but I would rather have adapta-

bility to mingle freely with certain people. More than once I have failed, but occasionally God has helped me to bring about new friendship by watching to find a point wherein we could agree. If an enemy writes an article or a book, instead of passing it by, read it, and endeavor to find something worth commending. Then sit down and write him a word of appreciation. This will almost invariably bring back a letter of thanks. Thus Satan is defeated and both will feel kindly toward each other.

We read, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." How true! If one looks at the other with an iron countenance, as a rule he receives what he gave. But "a soft answer turneth away wrath."

"Withhold not good (a word of praise) from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." (Proverbs 3:27).

—Holiness Banner.

#### PERFECT LOVE

#### By L. M. Taylor

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13).

From the above verses we see that love prompted the giving of something priceless. So, beloved, will love prompt the giving first of our most priceless gift, our life, into God's hands. Second, our next most priceless gift, our service, to be directed by Him.

Love for us is what made God give His Son, and love made Christ willing to be given and lay down His life for the remission of our sins.

How easy it is to love God when we see Him as He is! Yet we do hesitate unreservedly to give Him the two things which He demands. That is why, beloved, we need to be made perfect in love. God demands that we love Him with a perfect love, and to love Him perfectly we must consecrate ourselves entirely, then throw ourselves on His Word and His mercy for a clean heart. He will not fail us. Though time should pass away, His Word will not pass away.

The basis of the whole Christian belief is love. Why, then, do we hesitate to be made perfect in love? We must believe God. Believing is trusting, trusting is faith, and with faith are all things possible.

"Perfect love casteth out fear" (fear of casting ourselves entirely on God's love).

—Free Methodist.

#### WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

John Wesley thus defined the witness of the Spirit. "By the testimony of the Spirit I mean an inward impression on the soul whereby the Spirit of God immediately and directly witnesses to my spirit that I am a child of God, that all my sins are blotted out, and I—even I—am reconciled to God."

Later he said: "After twenty years' further consideration I see no cause to retract any part of this."

A young Comanche Indian said: "Today I let Jesus unlock the door of my heart, and He let the spirit of the Great Father in. Now my heart is like a new silver dollar just made, all bright and clean. Now I want to be more like Jesus in my heart"

Truth is a strong thing—let man's life be true!