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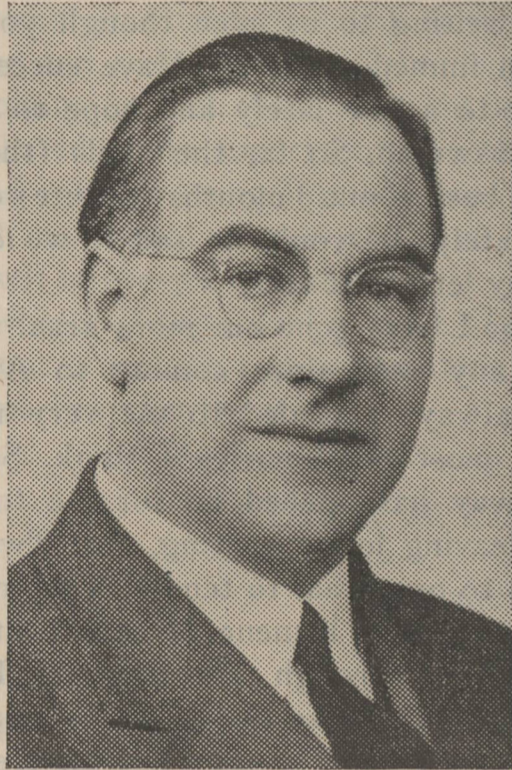
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Beulah Camp Meeting

At Brown's Flats,
Kings Co., N.B.

Rev. E. W. Tokley of Toronto will be our special evangelist this year and will be assisted by preachers of the Reformed Baptist Church and others. Rev. Tokley was our evangelist two years ago, so does not come to us as a stranger, but as a tried and true preacher, one whose messages we found to be true to Bible teaching, and also received a good response on the part of the hearers and many were definitely blessed under his ministry.

We will have the usual good music and excellent singing which are always a help and inspiration in the meeting. The rates for rooms



REV. E. W. TOKLEY
of Toronto

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and board will be as reasonable as can be expected. Let us all go and make our camp-meeting this year a great means of blessing.

We never needed camp-meetings, revival meetings and the gospel preached in all its fullness to all the people we can reach more than now in this time of confusion and restlessness, because of war. The gospel of Jesus Christ is still the greatest panacea for man's spiritual ills. It is still "The Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Beulah camp-meeting will be what we make it. God is ready to do His best for us, are we ready to co-operate? We will see when camp-meeting time comes.

UNBRIDLED TONGUES

"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."—James 3:6.

What a description of so small a member. It seems that James would call our attention to this member and his far-reaching effects that it poisons the whole body and fills the body with iniquity. Certainly God demands more attention concerning this evil than the mere looking upon it as a weakness of humanity.

According to the best moral standards and the word of God the following are out of order: tattling, evil speaking, defaming, whispering, spreading false reports, bearing false witness and gossiping. These things are positively forbidden. Leviticus 19:16, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people." This is a command of God. Mark it well this is no mere weakness of the flesh. Consider it more than a trivial matter. Slandering a brother is a more serious sin than we have been in the habit of thinking. Notice if you will where Paul classifies this sin, Rom. 1:29-32. Paul says: "They which do such things"—murder, whisper, backbiters, adultery—"are worthy of death."

Note the little bit of drama in Psalms 15:1-3. The psalmist asked the question, "Lord who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?" The answer is given, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." When this evil is viewed from God's standpoint it looms up to be more than a simple weakness of the flesh. Jesus for-

bid the speaking evil of one's brother.

What sin has caused more suffering, more homes, brought division in more churches and torn the inmost heart of more innocent people, than the sin of backbiting and gossiping? Mr. Wesley said: "The very commonest of this sin makes it difficult to be avoided."

David, spoke of those who are careless with their tongues as having "the poison of asps under their lips." Asp is so deadly a poison that it brings instant death and no remedy can avail. The talebearer goes to and fro striking his deadly poison of scandal and suspicion into the minds and reputation of the persons attacked, and kill the influence of a brother, and turn away as cool as and as heartless as a serpent. Sad indeed much of this is done under the name of Christian Perfection. Let no one deceive himself. Remember the day of reckoning is coming. One may preach, exhort, pray and talk of loving the Lord and being blessed of God, and receiving impressions from Christ concerning the work of the church, but if guilty of speaking evil against a brother, words will amount to but little in the final test of Christian Character. The Bible is the last word in matters of conduct and character. "If any man seemeth to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain." It is impossible for one who backbites, gossips and slanders to dwell in the "holy hill."

Three figures are used in the Bible to describe the nature of the sin of backbiting. The first is a waiting lion, "My soul is among lions." What a figure to show the nature of this awful sin. Is it possible to think of anything more beastly and devil-like than this which leaves wreck and misery, tears the heart-strings and wounds the soul of another? Second, "Their tongue is a sharp

sword." Little wonder that Paul says they are worthy of death. They kill the influence that could be used for the progress of God's work. They cut and slash and draw their swords on the best men and women. NO ONE IS EXEMPT.

Third, "They are set on fire." Within the heart of the backbiter burns the fire of Hell. How the flames dance, with envy and jealousy turning the scenes of beauty in the heart into ash heaps. How many churches have been killed by too much tongue. Consider the lives laid in ruins by a little fire started by this little tongue set on fire by the devil himself!

We can no more deal with this malady as a weakness of humanity. The Bible classifies it as sin and so we must. Consider these words: "Six things doth the Lord hate; a lying tongue . . . a false witness . . . and he that soweth discord among brethren." On the merest hearsay the talebearer will bring ruin to an absent brother. Facts are colored until the impression the slanderer desires to leave is placed on the minds of the hearers. An insinuation is dropped, a half-truth is told, and the deadly work of hell is done. The truly noble souls go to the rescue of a brother misunderstood, but the gossip, the one who speaks evil of another, sees an opportunity to proceed on the misfortune of another.

The slanderer strikes in the dark. He is self-appointed judge, jury and court. He is the final authority on matters of worth, ability and sincerity of another. Let us turn to God's Word again, "Why dost thou judge thy brother?" "Who made thee a ruler and a judge?" "To his own master he standeth or falleth."

Remember our God is well able to do His own
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