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EDITORIAL

"GO YE UP UNTO THIS FEAST"

The Feast of Tabernacles was the last, and in some respects the greatest, of the Jewish year. It was the last of the three great annual feasts observed by the ancient people of God by Divine command (Ex. 23:14-17).

In the seventh month of the Jewish year great throngs of people congregated at Jerusalem to commemorate God's providential care and blessing during the wilderness journey from Egypt to Canaan. This holy convocation extended over a period of eight days, with colorful ceremonies marking each day, the eighth and last being "the great day of the feast." (Jn. 7:37). The people erected booths of olive, pine, myrtle and palm branches, "and branches of thick trees." These temporary shelters, reminders of the time when Israel dwelt in tents, were placed on the housetops, in the courtyards of the houses, in the courtyard of the temple, and in the streets (Neh. 8:15-16). The holy city was crowded with thousands of worshippers who had come up to speak of the goodness of God, and this feast was above all others a time of rejoicing. (Deut. 16:14-15, Neh. 8:17). Moreover, each day of the eight, the God-appointed leader read from the book of God. (Neh. 8:18).

It was indeed a great feast—eight days of happy fellowship, during which all were reminded of the goodness of God and enriched in their souls under the daily ministry of the truth.

In many ways Beulah Camp is to us what the Feast of Tabernacles was to Israel.

As the Feast of Tabernacles was held in the seventh month of the Jewish calendar, so is our Beulah Camp held each year in the month of July, our seventh month. Gathering at the God-appointed place, which has been made a holy place indeed by the presence of the Lord, we take up residence, not in booths, but in dwellings of temporary nature erected especially for this annual event. In hotel and dormitory, cottage or tent, the eager worshippers are content to lack the modern conveniences of a permanently equipped home in order to share in the fellowship of the ten-day "holy convocation."

Another similarity between these feasts,

ancient and modern, is the daily ministry of the Word. "From the first day unto the last day" a God-called Gospel minister brings us "heart-burning" messages from the scriptures. How memorable the expositions of Wilson, Tokley, Brasher, Butler, Wiseman (and to the "elder brethren") Wimberly, Gouthey, Whitcombe, Owens, Smith, Ruth, Morrison, Caradine, etc. Daily the soul is fed on the sincere milk and the strong meat of the Word.

And Beulah Camp is an occasion of great gladness and rejoicing in the Lord. As the beloved of the Lord are re-united in this annual spiritual fellowship, as hearts and voices blend in prayer, praise or song, "heaven comes down our souls to greet, while glory crowns the mercy seat." There is "joy unspeakable" in increasing measure with the last day being "the great day of the feast." How shoddy and superficial seems the gayety of the world as we "with joy draw out of the wells of salvation." Truly we may say there is "very great gladness."

The time of this great annual "feast" is just ahead. May it be in every respect the greatest of all in the half-century of our Beulah Camp history!

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

JUDGING ALL THINGS BY LOCAL CONDITIONS

By the Associate Editor

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure." 7:15.

This writer met a lady some years ago, who a short time before that had united with a Reformed Baptist Church, but she seemed to be very much dissatisfied with everybody and everything. We asked her what her trouble was and she replied: "Well, when I came into this church I supposed that I would find everybody very holy." "Well," said I, "what about it?" She replied: "I don't see a holy person in the church; there is not one holy person that I can find." She admitted that she was not getting on very well spiritually herself, but she did expect much more of the other people in the church. "Well," we replied very kindly, "a blind man must of necessity be a poor judge of colors." Then we quoted to her the foregoing. Titus 1:15.

We have learned from observation that people are likely to judge things in general by local conditions. One party who lived in a community where moral conditions were not too good, and who had scarcely been away from their own home, said to me: "I believe the world is getting worse, in fact, I feel sure that it is, don't you?" I replied, "I cannot say about that for I have not seen very much of the world yet; hence, am not in a position to judge. But I suppose if you would ask some of the missionaries who went to China fifty years ago, and could scarcely find one Christian, and found it very difficult to get a place to preach, they might say, 'Oh, the world is getting better fast, for there are many thousands of Christians in China today, and doors are opened everywhere for the gospel, and multitudes are calling for the Bible, the Word of God.'"

I know a man who was a clerk in one of

our churches. He lived a good victorious, happy Christian life. When he reported the work of his church to the quarterly meetings, or the Alliance, he would always send a glowing report, everything was going well in that church, the preaching by the pastor was the best, and the people were all blest, and getting on well, etc., etc. He was judging the church by his own experience. "Unto the pure all things are pure."

We had another man who was clerk in another of our churches, whose reports on the spiritual status of his church were always very discouraging. He never seemed to find anything praiseworthy about the pastor or church members, when so far as we could see, the two churches were about the same spiritually, and we knew them both quite well. Well, you ask, why the difference in the reports? Our text answers that question. The last mentioned clerk was not enjoying a victorious Christian experience, but was defeated much of the time, so his own heart experience colored everything he looked at. Rev. C. W. Ruth used to say a man could put on a pair of black glasses and shoot every dove in the country and swear they were all crows. "Unto the unbelieving, and defiled there is nothing (no one) pure."

When we were boys, we used to say, "Don't judge other people by yourself."

A preacher writing in a Free Methodist paper some time ago, said he met a man one day who upon learning that he was a Free Methodist, said: "The Free Methodists are a very godly people, an excellent class of Christians." When asked how he knew, he replied: "I live beside one of them." Then the writer commented thus: "I was glad that he did not live beside some Free Methodists that I know." Here again we see how men judge general conditions by the local.

Sometimes preachers judge a whole denomination by one church, as a rule by the church that they are serving. These preachers complain much about the treatment they receive, and the small amount of money that they get for their services, and will tell how much better other denominations use their preachers, and how much larger salaries they get, which again brings to our mind a little story we heard a long time ago. Two boys grew up and were educated in the same town, one of them studied law, and served at the bar, the other studied for the gospel ministry and in due time was ordained and served in that capacity. Several years passed and the two men met again, and were comparing notes. The lawyer boasted of his success and the wealth that he had acquired; then asked his preacher friend about his financial condition. The preacher friend told him that he was still poor for he had received only small pay for his services, and told the lawyer what his salary was. The lawyer replied, "That is mighty poor pay for preaching, I would think." "Well," said the preacher, "to tell the whole truth, it is mighty poor preaching that the people get." The complaining preachers can make the application.

H. S. DOW

IDLENESS

It is astonishing that anyone can squander away in absolute idleness one single moment of time which is allotted to us in the world. Knowing the true value of time, snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it.