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EDITORIALS

HOLINESS CAMP MEETINGS

On July 17, 1867, the first holiness Camp Meeting was organized at Vineland, New Jersey, with Rev. John S. Inskip as president. The prime purpose of this new enterprise was to stimulate interest in the message of holiness among the people of the Methodist Church.

The holiness Camp Meeting has become an established institution in the spiritual life of North America. From Florida and California to the Maritimes and the Canadian Pacific, scores of Camp Meetings are held each year under the sponsorship of various groups promoting the truth of scriptural holiness. Thousands of people assemble for these great spiritual convocations and able ministers of the Word preach and teach to the edification of the saints of God and the salvation of sinners.

The holiness Camp Meeting has become a great unifying influence to the people who stand for full salvation. The meetings are usually interdenominational in colour and atmosphere, though promoted and supported by a denominational group, but representatives of various groups find a common interest in the truth declared and a mutual joy in the blessing received. The denomination sponsoring the meetings is revived and revitalized by the influence of these spiritual assemblies and all the people of God are drawn together as they mingle in spiritual fellowship.

At the holiness Camp Meeting people of non-holiness groups are brought under the influence and teaching of full salvation. Many who might never attend the local church which stands for holiness attend the Camp Meetings and very often enter into the Canaan-land experience. The sanctification of all such should be the concern of all who have "entered in."

The holiness Camp Meeting increases the prestige of the churches who advocate full salvation and gives power to the message. The great crowds of people who gather for these Camps are a witness to all who observe that there are more than the so-called "despised few" standing for holiness. Preachers whose natural and acquired ability are of the higher order serve as evangelists for these Camps and their sane and scriptural presentation of the truth is convincing to the honest and earnest inquirer.

We may well give thanks to God for the gracious influences of holiness Camp Meetings and fervently pray that they may continue and abound.

"O BEULAH LAND!"

In a little more than a month's time we expect, in the providence of God, to assemble at Brown's Flats, New Brunswick, for Beulah Camp Meeting of 1950. From the North, South, East and West, hundreds of people will gather to sing—

"I've reached the land of corn and wine,
And all its riches freely mine:
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,
For all my night has passed away."

Beulah Camp has a great and colourful spiritual history. Since the first tent meeting was held on "the hilltop," down through the years Beulah has stood as a place of enriching spiritual fellowship and a setting for life-changing, Christ-exalting spiritual service.

We have every reason to believe that Beulah Camp of 1950 will be one of the best, if not the very best, of all. The attendance at this year's Camp will no doubt set a new record. Our denomination has enjoyed numerical increases during the past year, with two new churches organized and the membership of many of the established churches substantially increased, and many of our new people are planning on attending Beulah. Then the influence of this Camp Meeting was broadened last year by radio ministry, and people who had not attended the Camp previously are planning to be there this year. Cottages, dormitories, the hotel and tents will accommodate the great company which will gather for this spiritual feast, and the Tabernacle will be overcrowded.

Our evangelist for the year is a preacher of note. Rev. Russell Delong, Dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., is a man of unusual ability and wide experience. He has four earned college and university degree, including Ph.D. and the honorary D. D. degree. He was sixteen years a college president and is recognized as one of the leading Christian educators of the Continent.

Dr. Delong's reputation as an evangelist is equally high. His voice is familiar to thousands of radio listeners around the world through the weekly "Showers of Blessing" broadcast. This spring Dr. Delong completed a world tour which took him to Australia, India, Palestine, Europe, etc. His ministry has been greatly used of the Lord. He will without doubt be one of the strongest evangelists that has preached at Beulah Camp. Good music will feature this year's Camp Meeting. Our splendid musical talent including Deverne Mullen, the Mullen Quartette, the Bethany Trio, the Owens Trio, the Fredericton Gospel Trio, Mrs. S. G. Hilyard, Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Trafton, Bruce Bridgeo, Herbert McCrea and others will provide inspiring selections. For the size of our denomination, we are rich indeed in musical talent, and at Beulah all this talent is used freely. We anticipate some great choral singing at this year's Camp also.

We fully expect that when the last hymn is sung and the closing prayer of the 1950 Beulah Camp is offered, many will be heard to declare: "This was the greatest Camp in our history."

Norman J. Sanders

Tragedy was enacted at Yarmouth, N. S., on May 16th, with the drowning of Norman J. Sanders.

Norman was born in South Africa on May 14th, 1913, the son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. C.

Sanders. He came to Canada with his parents in 1929 and has been in this country since that time.

Norman graduated from Amherst High School previous to the last Great War, and during the war served with the Royal Canadian Navy, being promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Following the war, Norman entered Mount Allison University as a pre-medical student and graduated in 1947. He entered Dalhousie University the same year and previous to his tragic death had just completed his third year with the highest marks he had made in his medical studies. He would have graduated as a full-fledged medical doctor next year.

In the passing of Norman Sanders our denomination has lost one of its finest sons. He was a choice young man indeed, pleasing in personality, upright in character, and devoted to the work of the Lord. He was a licentiate of our church and was planning to go to Africa as a medical missionary. All who knew Norman loved and respected him. Our loss is great indeed.

Why such a tragedy has been permitted we do not know. We can think of a dozen reasons why this young man is needed, his home, God's work, the world's need, etc., but the all-wise Heavenly Father understands. "Great things doeth He which we cannot comprehend."

A princely character has fallen. We thank God for the privilege of his acquaintance and the blessing of his fellowship.

GUEST EDITORIAL

CAMP MEETING TIME DRAWS NEAR

O. G. Wilson, "Wesleyan Methodist"

Announcements of camp meetings are now coming in for publication. Soon interested, hungry-hearted people will be travelling miles to holiness campgrounds for its refreshing pause which all of us so greatly need today.

It would not be unfair to ask each person who plans this trek, Why are you going? What is the purpose of your spending ten days on some holiness campground?

Do you expect entertainment? I think you will get it, but if this is your goal, you have missed the mark.

Do you seek a blessing? It is my opinion that you will be blessed, but surely there is a higher motive than this for maintaining our camps, which are expensive to operate.

Do you expect to meet some friends, hear some good preaching, and listen to some spiritual singing the while you take your vacation? Well, I think your desires will be realized generally; but is this the reason for camp meetings?

It occurs to me that camp meetings exist for a greater purpose than any of the foregoing reasons. They must be kept open that the spiritual life of the ministry and laity might be deepened. We live so shallow, we are so secular, so materialistic, so desirous of promoting a program. Our vision becomes so impaired, our faith stifled and our efforts so apathetic. Camp meetings should stir to greater piety and devotions, every one who attends.

Camp meetings should be so conducted that men from all walks of life and from all communions will be attracted by the glowing fire. God needs a witness, and this world needs a demonstration of God's power. Our camps must be places where sinners will come in contact with the supernatural. The old and young