

EDITORIAL

AT THE CAMP MEETING

How soon the days of the Camp meeting have slipped past. It seems that the time was all too short for one to really get a good feast of spiritual things. Yet I am sure that all that transpired of spiritual blessing will remain with us for weeks to come. One would like to dwell in the atmosphere of Camp Meeting continually yet it is not in the plan of God to allow us to stay in such a place. We must feast at Beulah and gain strength for the "Trivial round and Common task".

Once again it seemed that the young people were well represented at the Camp ground. I think that the young people's services in the afternoon were better attended than any previous year. We have a great group of young people who are endeavouring to do the Will of God and it speaks well for our work in the future days. Let us see to it young people that we keep ourselves from the world, in conversation, dress, and actions. The world ever seeks to enter the doors of the Church of Jesus Christ. We must place sentinels to guard well the doors of our sanctuary and not to forget that we are epistles read and known of all men.

The evangelist brought wonderful messages from the Word of God. His quiet unassuming manner plus the wisdom from on high went together to give the hearers the Truth of the Word. God met us in Christian fellowship and the Word had free course.

The denominational young people's rally was held as usual on the last Saturday afternoon of the Camp. Self denial pledges came easily and a wonderful spirit pervaded throughout the exercises of the service. Bro. Nicholson brought the message and Bro. Trafton thanked the Young People's group for the fine donation of \$700 which was given to Bethany from the Self Denial Fund.

One was impressed by the definite moves that are taking place by the Foreign and Home Mission Societies. God is moving us on and out as a people and we must wait before God and seek to keep ourselves in step with Him. May next Beulah find us stronger and healthier in spirituality and churches, is my prayer.

BARKER'S POINT, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

Monday, June 23rd, marked the beginning of a new year for the Young People's Society at the Reformed Baptist Church, Barker's Point. This meeting was held under the leadership of our newly appointed president, Joan Banks. We want her to know we appreciate her fine work and that our prayers are with her and her wonderful efforts.

Our goal here in Barker's Point is especially directed to the young people in this community. We want to direct their footsteps so that they may walk in fellowship with Christ and find true happiness. May God's blessing fall upon us and all our Highway friends.

HELEN STURGEON,
Secretary-Treasurer

HE WOULD NOT CONFESS HIS SIN

Gray prison walls encircled us as we sat behind the great iron gate that barred him from freedom and made him one of the outside world's forgotten men. He had requested that I come to see him. Through the kindness of the pastor, the visit had been arranged. As he sat there, dressed in his prison clothes, he poured out his heart in a story which he insisted I should use to warn people of the danger of sin. He told how the evil nature within him had waged a continual warfare until finally he yielded to temptation and committed a sin of criminal nature.

Shortly after this had occurred in his life, I had conducted revival services in the city where he lived. Night after night, he came to the revival. He said that often during that revival he felt he should confess his sins and make things right; but each time the devil, the enemy of his soul, succeeded in getting him to postpone it until a "more convenient season." At the prayer meeting, immediately following the close of the meeting, he felt that he must confess, but again was foiled by the devil. He declared that all the difficulty could have been worked out if he had only confessed his sin when the Spirit pleaded so urgently. But he did not confess until the matter had been placed in the hands of the law. His sentence was twenty years in the penitentiary.

We rejoiced with him as he told how he had prayed through to forgiveness, how God had sanctioned him in his prison cell, and of his determination to live true to God. But my heart was saddened as I thought of his wife and little children, in the distant city, deprived of husband and father in the years when most they needed him. I thought of the reproach from their schoolmates as they bore the stigma of their father's shame while he paid his debt to society.

As we drove away from the prison, his words rang in my ears, "I am here because I would not confess my sin." I shall not soon forget him; today I remembered him in my prayers. Nor will I ever forget to warn and urge men to confess their sins while God's mercy is extended. Because unconfessed sins lead to hell's prison house for eternity. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and

THE EAR-GATE

The ears are powerful media through which ideas and suggestions enter the mind. They are second only to the eyes. We think about those things which we have heard, both good and bad. Hence, it is of vital importance to the person who would keep his mind clean that he select out of the din around him those things which will contribute to pure thoughts.

Someone has said that there is nothing wrong with an "open mind" so long as one is choosy as to what is dumped into it. In reality there should be no such thing as an "open mind" as it is generally conceived. While it is true that we cannot "turn off" our ears, we can turn off some instruments which would transmit unholy thoughts to us. The story is told of an old couple who were all but totally deaf without their hearing aids. On one occasion the lady gave her husband a "peace of her mind." When he started to reply in equally heated tones, she simply turned for the switch controlling her instrument and turned it off, calmly going about her work.

Perhaps there is a sense, beyond that which we generally practice, in which all of us should close our ears to those things which we should not hear. Dirty, suggestive, or vulgar stories; slandering, belittling gossip; idle, careless, brain-wearying talk—to these we must turn a deaf ear. Sometimes this means just closing our minds so that what we hear does not register. Sometimes it means courteously leaving the company of those with whom we are associated. Sometimes it means turning off the radio or hanging up the receiver. Sometimes it means staying away from places where such talk is common.

But it is more than just keeping some things away. The Christian must seek to listen to those things which will edify and strengthen his mind and will cause him to think righteous thoughts. He should frequent those places where he can hear the truth. He must be with those people whose talk is uplifting.

This means that the Christian must learn discipline. He must covenant with God and with himself that he is going to keep his mind clean, and he must keep ever in his thinking that he must control the intake through his ears if he is to accomplish this all-important task.—Herald of Holiness.

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First Riverside Youth Camp

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August 22 - 31

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