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EDITORIAL

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Although weather conditions may not at present appear to confirm it, we are entering the summer months. Thinking of that today has prompted me to pass on to you some things for consideration and action.

During the summer months let us prayerfully and faithfully support the evangelistic efforts of the denomination. The Camp Meetings, Youth Camps, and the Evangelistic Crusade all need and call for our best help. It is not enough that plans be made and workers engaged and the work financed. All these are important, but the extent of the success of all the efforts will depend largely upon the earnest, heartfelt and persistent pleadings of God's people. Therefore, let us pray without ceasing.

During the summer months remember your pastor and your home church. Attending camps and vacationing do not relieve you of your obligations to your minister and the work at home. To put it in a common, yet well understood way, do not "rob Peter to pay Paul." Sometime ago when thanking me for his share of the offerings of a Quarterly Meeting, a pastor also said, "I received nothing from my church for that Sunday." Your pastor needs to be paid and your church financed while you are absent. Let that be remembered during the summer months.

During the summer months the spiritual work of your church must be carried on, and your faithful, regular help is needed. A vacation is very necessary, but do not spread it out over the entire summer, unless ill health demands it. Your church needs you. Summer cottages can be both a blessing and a blight. Like all good things, they can be misused. To go to your cottage every week-end and let your pastor and the faithful few carry on at home is hardly fair or Christian. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

During the summer months the denominational budgets need to be paid. They do because workers and work at home and abroad ought to be regularly supported. The neglect of budgets during the summer months may mean unpaid workers and curtailed work. In any case, the regular paying of budgets the year round is the most satisfactory way.

One more thing: During the summer months do not yield to the temptation to pleasure drive on Sunday. Drive to church or to camp in a Christian way, but do not be guilty of

driving just for pleasure or for visiting. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." We condemn Sunday playing, bathing, boating, and other forms of pleasure. Let us be consistent. The garage is always a good place for the car on Sunday, unless it is needed for worship and Christian work, or something else important. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," is a good and a scriptural standard for the summer months.

E. W. T.

OUT OF A LIFE OF PRAYER

Out of a life of prayer will come a vision of God; a zeal to serve; a face that is set to go through with God; an appreciation of the Kingdom; a feeling of responsibility; a tongue that is under control; a peace that nothing can destroy; a compassion for the lost; a solid faith in the final triumph of righteousness.—Selected.

HOW CAN I?

O Lord, how can I save these souls that call—

Unless I pray?

How can I love what naturally repels—

Unless there dwells

Within my breast the spirit of the Son?

Unless I'm done

With sin and self I know this may not be—

Unless to Thee

I yield my whole, my undivided heart,

Unless I part

With every idol that usurps Thy throne,

Unless alone

Thou reignest in my bosom . . . Then I'll pray

And love and seek and save the souls that

stray.

—Heart and Life

REVIVAL

Whereas, every New Testament Christian today must realize that we are approaching the hour of the return of our Lord, and

Whereas, lukewarmness and smug complacency characterizes the attitude of the great populace of Christendom today, and

Whereas, we of the National Holiness Association sense that the only hope of this nation's safety will be determined by an old-fashioned, heaven-born, God-sent revival that will produce repentance throughout the land and save our millions of youth from the snares of evil.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we sound the clarion call to all spiritually-minded people, to fast, pray, and co-operate with every church, association, and community throughout America in the promotion of such services as will precipitate a godly repentance among sinners, the restoration of backsliders, and the sanctification of believers throughout the land.

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THE ERRORS OF ECCENTRIC EMPHASIS

General Superintendent Williamson

To emphasize everything is to highlight nothing. In public speaking the emphasis of every word results in making none salient. It is also true in matters pertaining to moral conduct. Pressure upon every point without regard to relative importance means nothing is outstanding in the code of ethics. Hence there are no deep and abiding convictions by which to render sound judgment. The effect is confusion instead of clear understanding.

To make incidental matters fundamental is to throw the conscience out of balance until it does not function as a reliable guide to conduct. The speaker who uses all his force in pronouncing the prepositions and conjunctions in his vocabulary is obliged to subordinate the words that convey the meaning of his message. Yes, those little incidental words are necessary to smooth, accurate speech, but they make no sense if they alone are heard.

To direct the aim at things that are on the periphery is to go off on a tangent and miss the highway. A detour is not so bad. It will eventually lead back to the main road. A tangent always has a dead end. It leads nowhere except into a maze of darkness and chaos.

Giving major attention to things on the surface can result only in building superficial lives with no depth of character and no capacity for effective service. A farmer who scratches the surface of the soil with a stick may kill a few weeds and gather a small, inferior crop; but if he would plow deep, he would eliminate more weeds and produce a larger harvest of better quality.

In giving too much attention to things external, the inner life is neglected. Opportunity is offered for anyone to exaggerate the significance of his pet notion. With all "ready to die for the right," disunity, contention, and strife prevail. Faith, love, and mercy are forgotten. God is grieved. The church is defeated. Many souls are lost forever.

The forthright, rugged preaching of the Word of God is the need of the hour. A proper pressure of things central and fundamental will keep all in balance. Everything will receive attention in proportion to its importance. The Word of God will mightily grow and prevail.—Herald of Holiness.

THE PURE IN HEART

The pure in heart are they whose hearts God hath purified even as He is pure; who are purified through faith in the blood of Jesus, from every unholy affection; who, being cleansed from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfect holiness in the love and fear of God. They are, through the power of His grace, purified from pride, by the deepest poverty of spirit; from anger, from every unkind or turbulent passion, by meekness and gentleness; from every desire but to please and enjoy God, to know and love Him more and more, by that hunger and thirst after righteousness which now engrosses their whole soul; so that now they love the Lord their God with all their heart, and with all their soul, and mind, and strength.

—Wesley's Works.

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