Beulah Camp of 1953 A TIME OF BLESSING

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Beulah Camp of 1953 has taken its place in the records. It can be truly designated as one of the great camp meetings held at historic Beulah.

All the services of this year's Camp were largely attended. The Tabernacle was well filled every night with fine congregations in the morning and afternoon services also. Sunday crowds were very large, especially on the last day. Whether a record was set we cannot say, but the commodious Tabernacle would hardly begin to hold the people who wished to get in. A half hour before meeting time it was quite impossible to find a seat. Scores of cars filled every available parking spot on the grounds and the highway leading from route 2 to the Camp was so congested Sunday afternoon that one motorist stated that it took a half hour to cover the half mile distance. The public address system carried the singing and preaching to every corner of the grounds and even beyond.

The preaching of the evangelist was excellent. Rev. Mr. Raycroft is an able, eloquent preacher, and his messages were strongly supported by the Word. He preached the doctrine of holiness clearly, strongly and faithfully. Brother Raycroft gave himself unsparingly to the task assigned to him and his ministry was effective. His ministry was received with appreciation both by ministers and members of the laity.

The weather for this year's Camp was ideal. It rained but a few hours during the entire camp period, and that for the greater part during the night, it never was uncomfortably warm, and beautiful sunshine greeted us with nearly every daybreak.

From the first service to the last, the spirit of the Camp was such that preaching, praying, singing, testifying, etc., was a means of blessing. The atmosphere was clear and a sense of freedom was enjoyed. Shouts and tears and songs, normal expressions of spiritual liberty, were frequent. As usual, the Sunday morning love feasts were especially inspirational.

Many found blessing and victory at the Tabernacle altars. Saints were refreshed and renewed, unsanctified believers received the Spirit in His purifying ministry, backsliders were reclaimed, and some found Christ as Saviour for the first time. In this respect, it was a fruitful Camp Meeting.

For good weather, for good preaching, for good fellowship, for good food, for good victory, and all else that contributed to make Beulah Camp of '53 such a wonderful time, we thank God. It was GOOD to be there!

FULLNESS OF LIFE

Christ came into the world that we might have life and have it more abundantly. The cramped, starved, half-developed lives that so many are leading are not in accordance with God's plans. The plant that grows in the shade, straggling and pale, its blossoms blighting before they unfold, is the type of many a one to whom God is ready to give life in its fullness. Do not be satisfied with mere existence. Reach down for the deep things of experience, and up for those which are high. See that your life is full, free and good, as God meant it be.—Selected.

Sabbath Observance

"In those days saw I in Judah some treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and leading asses; as also wine, grapes and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusaem on the Sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals." These words were written by one of the prophets centuries ago; but his message resounds through the ages and ring true today—"I see in these days some ploughing fields, some going to ball games or movies; some roofing houses, etc., on the Sabbath day. Man has not yet leaned the lesson, that God Himself instituted the Sabbath as a day of rest; that He commanded that we keep it holy.

How do we as Christ's professed followers, use the Sabbath day? Do we let the fact that we work hard through the week, keep us from rising early enough on Sunday morning to attend morning worship? (Perhaps we think that if we listen to a good sermon on the radio we have done our part in observing the Sabbath day.) After we have gone to morning service, do we think that we are then free to follow any course that suits our fancy? Or do we think that even after we have attended all the necessary services, we may go to the canteen to get a soda?

Early in June, here and there, churches close their Sunday School class-rooms, while parents, children and Sunday School teachers throng the beaches in pursuit of pleasure. In many cases these are not more than an hour's drive from town; but they cannot take time to run the children into Sunday School. There was one instance in which a Holiness minister suggested at a ministerial conference that some effort be made to supply some spiritual food to these holiday-makers. Receiving the approval of the ministerial body, he got his materials ready, drove to the place and announced his intentions. At once he was accosted by an individual who exclaimed, "We came here to get away from all this stuff, and we are not going to have it brought here to us." So the minister had to leave.

"Sacred observance of the Sabbath, either by an individual or by a nation, is of vital importance; it has to do with that which every living person possesses—time. When the matter of holy time is overlooked, the door is then opened to many other unholy things. Religion is never on the throne while the Sabbath is trodden under foot."

Let us, like Nehemiah, testify against this misuse of the Sabbath. Let us order the City gates closed to all that mars this blessed day.

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The above report, presented by the committee on Sabbath Observance, at the Alliance, was adopted and recommended for publication in The Highway.

You expect your minister to be in his place every Sunday—are you always where you can see that he is in his place? You expect him to bring you some message of warning, hope, cheer, or encouragement—are you always where you can hear the message when it is given—The Wellspring.

Rules for New Converts

By Rev. Seth C. Rees

- 1. Do not fail to have daily closet prayer. Nothing can take its place. Do not hurry, wait for the answer. The early morning hour is the best.
- 2. Never neglect the Bible. Read it daily, slowly, thoughtfully, devoutly. Have one of your own. If possible, carry a Testament with you. When you pray, you are talking to God. He answers through the written Word, the Holy Spirit, and His providences. Hearken diligently. The reason it is so often said, "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying," is that Moses listened.
- 3. Read nothing that you would not read in His presence. Would you drop the paper, or close the book, if you knew He was looking over your shoulder?
- 4. Go to no place where you would not invite Him to go with you, and wear nothing that would embarrass you in His personal presence.
- 5. Practise nothing secretly or openly which is questionable. Shun the appearance of evil.
- 6. When tempted, go to your knees. Resist the devil; draw nigh to God. God will come and the devil will go.
- 7. Never let profane or obscene language fall upon your ears unrebuked. Never tolerate an indelicate joke.
- 8. Strike the word "compromise" from your vocabulary. Do not hesitate to make war on all forms of sin and the devil. Give out a tract; make an opportunity to speak to a soul about Jesus.
- 9. Do not trust your feelings when they contradict the written Word. If you have committed no wilful sin, do not accept feelings of condemnation.
- 10. Look not at surroundings, but "Look unto Jesus." Do not dwell on the faults of others. Do not criticize, grumble or despond. Your furnace is an opportunity to demonstrate that pure gold will not burn.

11. Be yourself, frank, open, honest, transparent. Turn from the companionship of those who would mar your progress in holy things.

Receive the Holy Ghost, honor Him, consult Him, recognize Him as a person; with an unfaltering faith, follow His counsel and walk in His comforts.—In Gospel Banner.

ON WITH THE WORK

The love of Christ is the great constraining power that will keep us at full stretch for God. The love that sent Christ to Calvary will send us to the uttermost parts of the earth, if we will allow God to shed it abroad in our hearts.

We may not go in person, but we can go on our knees.

The harvest is great and the laborers are few. The harvest is ripe—so the time for reaping is short, the task is urgent. Jesus said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will thrust forth laborers into His harvest."

"So much to do, so little done," sighed the dying Cecil Rhodes. He had to die and leave the task unfinished—we have life before us. Then let us get on with the work!—Africa Calling.

"You cannot pray in the Holy Ghost until you have the Holy Ghost in!"