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#### EDITORIAL

#### THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Minister's Conference to which we looked forward is now in the past. It was held as planned in the Fredericton Church from May 18-21. Most of the ministers of the Denomination were present, together with some of the returned missionaries, and for all the Conference was a time of much blessing.

The ministry of Dr. Peter Wiseman, the special speaker throughout, was very profitable and much appreciated. His lectures to the ministers and Christian workers in the day sessions, and his messages to the ministers and laity in the night services were instructive, encouraging, and challenging. Our speaker shared with us freely his knowledge gained through much study, and a long, wide experience. We wish more of our peoples could have heard the night messages, as laymen as well as preachers were stirred and challenged to live and labour faithfully and wisely, to do God's will and work. Many voiced their appreciation of the faithful and helpful ministry of God's servant.

In addition to the lectures and messages of Dr. Wiseman, well prepared papers on Evangelism, Radio Work, and Church and Denominational Projects were read, preparing the way for profitable discussions.

From the first service we were conscious of the presence of God, and we thank Him for these days of instruction, challenge and blessing.

E. W. T.

## FULNESS OF THE SPIRIT . .

In some wonderful way that I cannot attempt to explain, that mortal body of yours, composed of flesh and blood and bone, became a temple of the Holy Ghost the moment you believed. It is one thing, however, to be indwelt with the Spirit; it is another thing to be filled with the Spirit.

It is one thing to know that the Holy Spirit has come to live within me as Resident, but another thing to know Him as President. It is a wonderful thing for God to be in His temple; that is true of every believer. But it is another thing for the temple to be filled with His glory, every part manifesting His fulness. "Be filled with the Spirit" is the command.—Capt. Reginald Wallis.

## CAMP GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

Both Beulah and Riverside Camp Grounds are receiving attention in preparation for the forthcoming Camp Meetings.

On May 24th. a group of men, (and some women!) spent the holiday at Beulah raking leaves, cutting and clearing away underbrush, painting, etc. From Fredericton, Marysville, Barker's Point, Saint John, Sussex, Apohaqui, Havelock... came pastors and people to render a labour of love that Beulah Camp Grounds might be prepared for the 60th. anniversary Camp Meeting. A good stroke of work was done by these volunteers and plans are being made for another such day or two before Camp Meeting time.

At Riverside Camp the last phase of a \$3,000 repair job on the old Tabernacle is under way. The work was begun last Fall with cement butments being placed under the supporting pillars of the Tabernacle and a cement wall run under half the building. The wall will be completed this Spring, some other repairs will be made, and a coat of paint will be applied before Camp Meeting time. Grading and landscaping will also be done and Riverside will have a "new look" to those who attend this year's Camp Meeting. The pastors and people of our churches in the northern N. B.-Maine area are taking a keen interest in this work and a day of volunteer labour will be spent on the grounds some time in June.

We rejoice that this work is being done and appreciate the interest of those who are helping. If any who pledged financial assistance to the Riverside project have not yet sent their contributions, they would be welcomed now. The treasurer of the Riverside Camp fund is Mr. O. W. Ames, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

We are very anxious to obtain good, clear pictures of the following buildings at Beulah Camp: The Tabernacle, the Hotel, Riverview Dormitory, and Lake Galilee. Would those who have clear views of these buildings and the lake kindly loan them to us? Write Rev. B. C. Cochrane, 694 Union Street, Fredericton, N. B.

#### GENTLENESS

The heart in which the Holy Spirit dwells will always be characterized by gentleness, lowliness, quietness, meekness, and forbearance. The rude sarcastic manner, the sharp retort, the unkind cut—all these have nothing whatever in common with the gentle teaching of the Comforter.—A. B. Simpson.

### TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Have you been alone with Jesus
In communion sweet today?
Have you sought His blessed Presence?
Have you taken time to pray?

Where, by eyes of men unseen,
You could know and feel Him near you,
Nothing coming in between?

He delights when thus we meet Him,
And His blessed Spirit given
Fills our hearts with peace and gladness
Till it seems 'tis almost Heaven.

Do not, then, His heart be grieving
By not taking time to pray;
If you seek Him He will meet you
And go with you all the day!

—Selected.

## HOLINESS OF LIFE

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Study, above all, holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two, your life preaches all the time and in every place you may be. If Satan can make a minister a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined his ministry. Let us give ourselves to prayer, and get our texts, our thoughts, our words from God. Martin Luther spent the best three hours of every day in prayer. If we but spent the first of our working hours of the day in prayer to God our ministry would be much more fruitful.

What the church needs today is not more committees or better ones, not more organizations or more and novel methods, but men full of the Holy Ghost, men whom the Holy Ghost can use, men of prayer, yes, men mighty in prayer. The power of the Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

The character as well as the results of the Gospel are committed to the preacher. He makes or mars the message from God to man. The preacher is the golden pipe through which the divine oil flows. The pipe must not only be golden, i. e. pure, but open and flawless, so that the oil may have a full unhindered flow.

The preacher is more than the sermon, for the preacher makes the sermon. As the lifegiving milk from the mother's bosom is but the mother's life, so all the preacher says is tinctured, impregnated by what the preacher himself is. The treasure is in earthen vessels, and the taste of the vessel impregnates and may discolour. The man is behind the sermon and the sermon is not the work of an hour, but the outlay of a life. The sermon is holy because the man is holy. The sermon is forceful The sermon is full of divine unction. When there is no holy influence and power in the man there will be none in his message. This is doubtless the reason why so many sermons are delivered without effect upon the hearers.

When men are filled with the Holy Spirit they practise the Spirit of Jesus. He who is thus filled with the Holy Spirit will give his time, money, strength and all for precious souls. His heart will be filled with that warm feeling for all those in distress or danger. That feeling is the feeling which filled the heart of Christ when He wept over Jeursalem.—"Way of Faith."

# PENTECOST AND MISSIONS

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that the Church at home must be spiritual, prayerful, self-denying, and deeply concerned. "O for that Flame of Living Fire which shone so bright in saints of old."

May the prayer of Dr. George Elliott so burn in our hearts that the Holy Spirit will be able to use His Church to spread the Kingdom "like the boundless sea, to Christ's great praise."

Thou heavenly Gift of our ascended Lord,

Thou Breath of God and glowing tongue of

The Church, His body, which was born that day,

To full communion with Thy light inspire.

—Herald of Holiness

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