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EDITORIALS

CAMP MEETING AND REVIVAL

Beulah Camp seems to be an ideal setting for denominational revival. The Alliance meetings preceding the Camp bring together ministers and delegates from all our churches. If the spirit of revival was poured out at Beulah, the influence of such a visitation would most certainly reach to the four corners of our denomination.

For some two years there has been talk of and prayer for revival on a denominational scale. At last year's Camp the emphasis was strong, we have endeavoured to keep it before our people through The Highway, and it was prominent in the discussion of the recent Ministers' Conference.

We need revival. The comparatively meager reports of genuine conversions in our churches is indicative of our need. The lack of progress and expansion in Home Mission endeavour emphasises our need. The scarcity of candidates for the work of the ministry underlines our need. The numerical decline in the student body at our Bethany Bible College is manifest evidence of our need. The cry from our missionaries in Africa is the same—we need revival!

These statements are not intended to reflect on any person or persons bearing the responsibilities of the various branches of the work referred to. We are all involved. The need is everywhere.

Revival should begin with the ministry. The God-appointed leaders of the work should face up to their responsibility at this point. It is our duty to lead the people toward revival by "weeping between the porch and the altar . . ." If we do not provide leadership in this all-important matter, we have failed God and the people.

Lay people have their part to play. The minister cannot bear the burden or do the work alone. Revival, to be denomination-wide, must affect the men and women who comprise the membership of our local churches, and it must begin in the hearts of those individuals who are willing to recognize and confess their need.

Earnest seeking for revival will make some heavy demands upon us if we are to follow through in our seeking. There will be the demand for confession—confession of coldness, backsliding in heart, a critical and fault-finding spirit, a lack of blessing and power. It may cost

but little to pray for revival with the thought of God reaching the world and turning sinful men to repentance, but when seeking for revival brings us face to face with the facts of our own need, that's different.

Seeking for revival will call for obedience to God, implicit obedience. It will call for obedience in those things that God has repeatedly referred to and without the success which He demands. Too long there has been the practice of excusing secret sins, avoiding cross-bearing in personal living and public service, letting the tongue run loose in backbiting and evil speaking. The God of revival will insist that we narrow the margin we have allowed ourselves and get down to whole-hearted devotion to His will.

Seeking revival will bring us face to face with that one universal requirement to a moving of the Spirit—intercession. The chief reason why we do not have more of God's power is because we are not willing to pay the price for it. Intercession is costly. It makes terrific demands on both body and soul. In an age of convenience we shrink from the conflict and sacrifice that true intercession involves. And yet, we shall never have true revival without it.

Yes, Beulah Camp is an ideal setting for the birth of denominational revival. But revival will not come easy, not even at Beulah Camp. The price must be paid there as elsewhere. But with the strong concentration of forces we expect to find assembled at this historic old Camp, an all-out effort for an outpouring of the Spirit should produce results that would be felt in every area of our denominational responsibility, and far beyond.

"O Lord, revive thy work!"

THOSE WHO STAY AT HOME

Not all those who would like to attend Beulah Camp will enjoy the privilege of doing so. Some will have to stay at home.

Sickness and infirmity will prevent some from being at Beulah, some who have been present for many, many Camp Meetings in years past. We pray that blessing and grace may bring comfort to the hearts of these friends who may be lonely during the Camp Meeting period and who may have to adjust to the disappointment of being absent. We also ask that you pray for the meetings of the Alliance and the Camp. You may share in the meetings by prayer though not in bodily presence.

Some will stay at home to care for the services in the local church. Sunday meetings must be held, Sunday Schools maintained in most of the churches. The absence of the pastor and perhaps many of the people of the church will mean a sharp decline in attendance. And the lack of support due to the absence of many of the faithful will surely be felt. But to those who "stay by the stuff," the reward of faithfulness will be appointed by the Lord.

We earnestly request the prayers of the "at home" group for the victory at Beulah Camp. And we hope that as we call on the God of Elijah to send fire down on the Camp hilltop, a similar visitation may be realized by the smaller sections of the army keeping watch on the "home front."

DON'T COME TO BEULAH . . .

Without your Bible, song book (Sing Praises), bed sheets (if possible), a prayer for the success of the Camp, and a purpose to co-operate in a united effort for the best Camp Meeting ever held at this historic site.

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