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## EDITORIALS

### A GREAT CAMP MEETING

Sometimes we use adjectives carelessly and inappropriately. Incidents are situations and often blown up beyond actual size by the misuse of qualifying words. Events are commonly referred to as "great", "wonderful", "tremendous", etc., which hardly measure up to such terms.

But it is the opinion of the writer that there is no element of exaggeration in the statement that Beulah Camp Meeting of 1959 was a great Camp Meeting.

### A GREAT COMPANY ASSEMBLED

From at least five of the Canadian Provinces, and eight of the American States, people thronged to attend this spiritual convocation. More than 150 children of Daily Vacation Bible School age, scores of young people, and hundreds of adults, were present. The hotel dining room, with accommodations for more than 200, was overcrowded mid-way through the Camp period. The five large buildings and the more than fifty cottages within the encampment providing room accommodations, were filled, with others sleeping in tents, cars, and at tourist homes and overnight cabins outside the Camp area. The large Camp Tabernacle was crowded from the platform to the doors, with scores of people still outside, for the services of the last Sunday. It would be impossible to estimate how many people were on the grounds during the Camp Meeting period.

### A GREAT MESSAGE WAS PREACHED

Beulah Camp has had some great preachers, men who were great in character, ability, and devotion. But the Gospel preacher, however he is classified in respect to greatness, is never equal to the message he proclaims. The limitations of thought, speech, and expression, which belong to our human nature, debar the preachers we rate with the greatest from doing justice to the glorious Gospel of Christ. But however it is presented, the Word of the Gospel is the greatest message ever proclaimed by man to men. And that great message was faithfully and forcefully preached at Beulah Camp this year. Dr. James Gib-

son, alumnus of Asbury College and Theological Seminary, of Wilmore, Kentucky, native of Ireland, and with a ministry of international scope, preached the truth of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. An ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. Dr. Gibson faithfully proclaimed the great doctrines preached two centuries ago by the illustrious founder of Methodism, Mr. Wesley, Christian holiness, the grand objective of the redemptive system, was effectively enunciated, and Christ was presented as the "Mighty to Save and Strong to Deliver."

### A GREAT WORK WAS DONE

People assembled and sermons delivered do not of necessity add up to anything unusual. But, when a great company is gathered "of one accord and in one place" under the ministry of the Word of God, unusual and important events do occur when the Spirit of the Lord is on the scene. And such was the case during this year's Beulah Camp Meeting. Not every service was unusual and not always was the invitation responded to by enough people to "line" the Tabernacle altar. But there were some very unusual services and the long altar was filled on a number of occasions. The Wednesday evening service of the Camp was the outstanding service of all. Everything seemed quite as usual for the most part, good singing, good preaching, some response to the altar call, but nothing extraordinary. Then, "suddenly", as it was on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit moved mightily across the congregation and people began to move toward the altar from every section of the Tabernacle. The altar benches were crowded, and dozens of chairs were placed before them. A company of from seventy-five to one hundred knelt before God in this one service, a spontaneous, powerful demonstration of the Spirit thought by many to exceed anything they had witnessed before. We would hardly dare estimate how many people were seekers during the Camp, but the number would probably compare to the highest recorded in any previous Camp. And the ringing testimonies and shining faces of those who witnessed to assurance of being forgiven, restored, sanctified, healed, and blessed, was convincing evidence of a work Divine.

As we look backward toward Beulah Camp Meeting of 1959, less than twenty-four hours after its close, as we shall look backward and relive its experiences again and again, I believe we can say of a truth, "it was a great Camp Meeting" . . . "the Lord hath done great things for us . . .". To His worthy Name be all the praise and glory.

### OLIVER G. WILSON

On Sunday, June 28th., Dr. O. G. Wilson was suddenly called to his eternal reward. An honoured and a beloved minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Dr. Wilson was admired and revered by a very large company of people in addition to those of his own communion. He was a man of humble spirit, deep devotion, and extraordinary ability. As a preacher, he was rated with the best of contemporary ministers of the holiness movement; as a writer, he excelled many, many, who were engaged in the same work; as a man of God, he magnified the office of the ministry. The esteem of his own Church was emphatically expressed but a few days before his passing, when he was elected its President, the highest office of the Wesleyan Church of America. In fact, Dr. Wilson was preparing his presidential message when he was stricken with a heart attack. And from the high and honourable position in which his Church had placed him, he was called to a position higher and more honourable.