

## MY OBSERVATIONS OF RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

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I arrived on Friday of the last week; so much of the Camp was history before I got there. The attitude of each person I chatted with was: "We are having a good Camp".

I soon learned that the attendance this year was better than many years previous. This increase of attendance was noted especially in the day services. This has been the week spot of Riverside for many years — people of the Area came in for the evening service and then returned to their homes, leaving a small number to maintain the Camp-meeting spirit during the day. I have always felt this very damaging to the Camp. This condition was corrected somewhat this year which is a heartening thing and I trust a trend.

I understand the Missionary Service held on Tuesday night was especially good. The Tabernacle was filled, or nearly so, and the inspiration created toward this phase of our work was strong and evident. The interest noted in these Missionary Services in both our Camps is a salute from our people to our Mission Projects and to the ones promoting them. I feel the work we are endeavoring to do in lands so far away is brought very near us in these services. The increasing response of the people during the last few years is proof of this. One cannot sense the need and live indifferently. I heard many helpful comments regarding the parts played in this service by the Morgans and our newly appointed treasurer, Rev. Stillman Cameron. Our thanks to you each!

Our evangelists, the "Musical Bertolets" were tailor-made for Riverside Camp. Never have I known such a ministry of music and song as was given by this remarkable couple. I wouldn't like to say that creatures other than earth listened while they played and sang, but I felt each time that either Heaven came very near to Earth or Earth was lifted very near to Heaven. Anyhow, the distance couldn't have been far. Rev. Bertolet's preaching impressed me much in at least two very important factors — clarity and tenderness. His outlines were natural and easy, he never scolded nor manifested impatience. If people came to be prayed with, he was pleased, if not, he was patient, a virtue many of us would do well to emulate. The Bertolets were a fine team and we hope to have them back for further benefits.

Pledges were taken the last Sunday to cancel out the present indebtedness on the dormitory. Last year the full amount owing Mrs. Ames, I believe, with the exception of eighty-one dollars, was raised. The eighty-one dollars was taken from the Alliance treasury and Mrs. Ames was paid in full. Not one dollar of these pledges was used for anything but Riverside debts, and it will be the same with pledges received this year. Just to avoid misunderstanding in this regards—We are still owing Brother Grass seventeen-hundred on a Note given him at the time the new dormitory was constructed. Mr. Grass is not complaining, but what we should do is lift this full amount this year, if at all possible. It would be excellent to have this Camp free from debt. We also must raise money for a new and suitable pump to provide water for our needs in the hotel and Dorm. Rev. J. A. Owens estimates the cost of pump to be three hundred dollars. This two thousand should be raised this year; then it would not be necessary to insert money pressures into our Sunday services next Camp Meeting. We don't like pulling for pledges in our Sunday services any more than you do, but even this is better than owing money and simply ignoring the fact. Many of you who read this report made no response to the "call" this year, but it is not too late yet. Your gift can be sent to Rev. L. K.

Mullen, Woodstock, N. B. He will send you a receipt which can be used for Income Tax, and you can help us clear up this indebtedness.

I wouldn't like to say, "it is unfortunate that we have to speak of finances so frequently in the Lord's work." This would be flying in the face of God's Word. Jesus commended and commanded giving. Paul stressed it so much in all his churches. Many of God's dear people are more in danger of failure in this one thing than any other. There is more devotion, more worship, more obedience, more praise, wrapped up in our offerings of money to God than many of us know. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven"; "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness"; "Prove Me now, here-with", are straight from the shoulder, words of Scripture. While I may not always fulfill them to the measure of privilege, I promise you I shall not criticize any method intended to foster devotion, worship, obedience, and praise to God. Our giving should be brought up to date! It would mean a revival in some hearts, in many churches, and in every Denomination.

Riverside is growing in interest. I contacted a number of our people this year who said, "I am here for the first time, and I like it." We can well afford to support this Camp.

### PASSION THAT PERPETUATES — REVIVAL

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row, when great grace is our portion.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Many things that cannot be accomplished under law are done with eagerness under grace.

Here we find that they not only had all things common, but the very titles to the lands were cheerfully given, and the entire proceeds put into the work of the Kingdom. Gendered by perfect love, motivated by grace, filled with the Spirit, possessions become useless except as a way of expressing the supreme passion for the advancing of the Gospel.

No wonder a Levite who left the Temple-call for Cyprus and its luxury, finds conviction in the midst of this crowd. What a lesson for us today! How small the world and its dusty things of sense and time seem when compared to the overpowering passion for the souls of men. How useless the things we find in our hands, when we hear the cry of hearts for the things unseen.

The action that moves with the Spirit, that brings great grace from heaven, that lays all at the feet of the Master, is the sure way of perpetuating the revival.

May we profit from this study of the early church. We need a filling so that our leaders will have great power and ability and strength on their messages, we need great grace upon our laity, so that together as a church we can move with a unity of passion, with one heart and one mind.

Precious people of God, let us tarry until we obtain the Possession that Prepares us to seek revival, let us let God give us messages that will mean Preaching that Precipitates revival, let us gain souls so that we will have the Proof that Provokes revival and may we pray the Prayer that Precedes revival, and experience the Power that Produces revival and then keep the Passion that Perpetuates revival. May the Lord grant our cry and shake our abiding places with His Presence and fill us with His Spirit—Oh Lord, give us a REVIVAL!

— Wesleyan Methodist

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