BEULAH CAMP — VALUE UNKNOWN

From the very beginning of this year's Camp Meeting I was gripped and held by an impression that has fastened itself upon me again and again — just how much this place and its annual fellowship means to our people.

One of our laymen communicated the sentiment that hundreds of others share when he tried to tell me what it meant to him to be at Beulah again, and could not utter a word, though he struggled for some time to control his emotions. The statement he intended to make was drowned by the overflow of his heart, but what I saw in his face and eyes was more expressive than anything I might have heard from his lips.

As I watched young people make their way to the altar, pray their way through the problems and conflicts common to youth in this sex-mad, materialistic, pleasureloving age, I felt it again — the inestimable value of a setting and an atmosphere such as Beulah Camp affords where those who are under the pressure of evil and worldiness may rediscover the true values of life, renew their vows and covenants with God, and recover their spiritual balance.

And as I watched the boys and girls winding their way toward the Children's Tabernacle, or just playing around the grounds, I felt profoundly grateful for the holy influence of a place like Beulah that will be a benediction to them across the years.

Beulah Camp represents a costly investment to our Alliance. Thousands of dollars must be spent every year to keep it a state of repair even near to that which we desire. But comparing cost and value, I have never felt as strongly as I now do on this point—whatever we have to pay to maintain or expand this place to which we make annual pilgrimage, the cost will always be trivial as compared with the returns from the investment.

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THE FAITHFUL FIVE HUNDRED

by Rev. W. L. Fernley

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I am reminded of a scripture text that says, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:2.

The word steward suggests a person who is entrusted with the management of things which he does not own himself. The word faithful means true or trustworthy in the performance of duty. Every Christian is a steward, every Christian ought to be faithful. There is sometimes a serious condition prevailing in the lives of some stewards. They admit that what they have comes from God and that they are only to be the dispensers of those things which God has entrusted to them, BUT are they performing their duty in this regard?

Let me ask you a question that I have felt should be asked by someone, "How large is your Bank Account"? If you have more material things stored away that could be put into God's hands and dispersed among those who stand in need — I doubt if you can call yourself, "A Faithful Steward". I do not know how God will judge a Christian man who leaves "God's blessings" in a state of stagnation. What you have over and above your needs, God requires that you spread it around.

Could I suggest that God cannot be pleased with Christians who are stewards and yet not faithful. With all the needs that face Gods' Work in our own Denomination, I could not sleep comfortably at night if I knew I had something to help supply a little of that need and did not do it. How is your conscience on this?

One reason for this article is to call to your attention the JET PROGRAM. We have on our files 800 names of Christian stewards 500 of them are faithful in sending \$1 to us 4 times a year. Where are the other 300? Only you can answer that question. I cannot understand why every Christian Reformed Baptist is not a contributor to the Home Mission JET Program. \$4 a year equals two meals in a restaurant, or 20 ice cream cones, or 1 shirt, or 8 gallons of gas. What does it equal if given to Home Mission Work? New Churches, New Converts, More Blessing, More Revivals.

I firmly believe we would have more of God if we had more faithful stewards. What do you think?

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CALL TO PRAYER Monthly downdo

By action of the Alliance, in session at Beulah Camp this year, August 5th. is designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The first Friday of each month of the church year will be so designated. We issue an earnest appeal to all our pastors and people to give this plan denominationwide support.