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## — Editorials —

### THE LOCAL CHURCH AND THE ALLIANCE

The annual Alliance meetings should be looked upon with vital interest and deep concern by members of the local church. It should be the mutual desire of pastors and laymen that every church be represented at these yearly meetings.

Too often the ministers of the Alliance comprise the majority of the voting delegates. This should not be so. According to the Alliance Constitution, lay representation in Alliance meetings should outnumber ministerial representation at a three-to-one ratio. I am confident that a full attendance of lay delegates would be heartily welcomed by the ministers of the Alliance.

Sometimes there is the suggestion of complaint regarding the conduct of Alliance business in the following vein: "The ministers make all the decisions, The lay people do not have much to say about denominational affairs".

I am sure that all will agree that the ministers of the Alliance should have the confidence of the people both in respect to their interest in denominational work and their judgment in advocating policy. It would be a most unhappy state of affairs if this were not the case. But to suggest that the ministers wish to overrule the wishes of the lay people, and are in a position to do so, is to cast out misleading implications.

Too often churches decide on lay representation to Alliance meetings after this fashion: "Who plans to attend this year's Alliance?" (the question raised in the meeting in which Alliance delegates are to be appointed). If two or three people indicate that they plan to be at the Alliance meetings, they are appointed. If no one is expecting to be present, the church makes no further effort to have representation.

This is procedure at once most unfortunate and improper. Delegates to Alliance should be selected with all care. Those who are capable of representing the church in discussion and voting should be sought out, and every effort should be made to have the best possible representation.

We have potential lay representation in our local churches capable of making our Alliance a much stronger and more significant body. The Alliance itself and the

churches affiliated with the parent body, would greatly benefit from a new approach to this matter of appointing delegates to the annual business sessions of our Church.

### "COME YE APART"

This was the word of Jesus to his disciples. He had sent them forth on a mission of spiritual service and "they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and annointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them". John Baptist had been beheaded at the request of spiteful Herodias, and the dual made heavy demands on the bodies and souls of the apostles. And the Master, recognizing their need of refreshing and renewing said ". . . come along to some quiet place by yourselves, and rest for a little while" (Phillips).

Contrary to the opinions held by many, the demands of spiritual life and spiritual service are extremely taxing. The body and the soul are drained and depleted under the strain of conflict with the powers of evil and ministries of helpfulness to those who are in need of the grace of God. "The Gospel of a bleeding heart demands the ministry of a broken heart" said Dr. Jewett. "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint", said Jesus to His followers. "Let us not be weary in well doing", admonished the apostle Paul. In these statements recognition is given to the demanding pressures of Christian life and service.

Beulah Camp Meeting is a setting for needed respite for those who stand with God in the fight against sin and for righteousness. In planning to journey to this place of sacred seclusion, we accept the master's invitation to ". . . come along to some quiet place by yourselves, and rest for a little while". And in being there for part or all of the Camp Meeting, we are refreshed in spirit and renewed in strength.

Never was the challenge to spiritual service more urgent. Never were the demands of spiritual labour more exhausting. "Brethen, it is the last time". We seem to be moving with breath-taking speed toward the end of the Church Age. It is therefore urgent that we "work while it is day". Those who enjoy victory in spiritual life and success in spiritual service during the weeks and months ahead, will do so in the face of great opposition and under the pressure of tremendous resistance. For the conflicts and labours of the to-morrows, we need great grace and abundant resources.

The call to Camp Meeting is a call of the Master. For the ten-day period, for a week, or for the week-ends, let us journey to this place of blessed fellowship and soul-renewing revelation. The victories of the valley, where demon-possessed sons and concerned father await our coming, will be made possible to us as we first spend some time with the Saviour "in the holy Mount".

### DESIRE GOD

For the first two or three years after my conversion I used to ask for specific things. Now I ask for God. Supposing there is a tree full of fruits—you will have to go and buy or beg the fruits from the owner of the tree. Every day you would have to go for one or two fruits. But if you can make the tree your own property, then all the fruits will be your own.

In the same way, if God is your own, then all things in heaven and on earth will be your own, because He is your Father and is everything to you; otherwise you will have to go and ask like a beggar for certain things. When they are used up you will have to ask again.

So ask not for gifts but for the Giver of Gifts; not for life but for the Giver of Life—then life and the things needed for life will be added unto you.

—Sadhu Sundar Singh