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— Editorials —

THE ALLIANCE AND CAMP MEETING

The events to which we look forward with prayerful anticipation for months have come and gone. We have changed positions from the forward to the backward look.

In the good providence of God, we were enabled to hold our annual meetings on schedule, and to His glory we can report that they were enjoyable and gratifying.

The Alliance Session

Opened according to regular order, with a prayer and praise service conducted by the president, Rev. J. A. Moses, of Calais, Maine. A good message, communion with God, and a period of prayer and praise, combined to make for a time of spiritual refreshing. Thanksgiving is the keynote of this annual fellowship service, as people speak in prayer and praise of the goodness of God during the year and express heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of being at Beulah once more.

The business of the Alliance is reported in considerable detail under the "Alliance Action" report in this Highway, so we need make no further reference to the matters attended to.

The representation at the Alliance was good, but we would have been helped had more of our laymen been present. We did have a few of them with us, and they made valuable contributions to the deliberations of the assembly, taking part in the discussions and serving on various boards and committees. It is hoped that we may have more of our responsible lay people at the Alliance of '62.

Presiding officers, members of committees, and delegates representing churches and missionary societies, co-operated to make the Alliance Session of 1961 a very profitable and productive occasion for the conduct of denominational business. A good spirit prevailed in all meetings.

Beulah Camp Meeting

"Each day I'll do a golden deed,
By helping those who are in need;

My life on earth is but a span,
And so I'll do the best I can...

Life's evening sun is sinking low,
A few more days, and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done,
Where there will be no setting sun..."

This was the first song of Beulah Camp Meeting of 1961. It was a recorded rendering by the Mullen Quartette, the last item of a brief ceremony dedicating a new Public Address System installed in the Tabernacle in memory of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen, and the first song to be carried by the System after the official dedicatory service. Song Evangelist Paul D. Mullen spoke briefly and out of deep sentiment concerning his father and mother, and then presented the keys of the System to the Alliance Superintendent, with the statement that will be printed on the memorial plaque: "Dedicated July 7, 1961, in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen, presented to the Alliance by Paul and Carrie Mullen". The congregation was deeply moved as the voices of the late beloved and respected Brother and Sister Mullen were heard once more in song.

This P. A. System is a wonderful gift and a great asset to our Camp facilities. It is of first-grade quality and was installed at great expense. Two inside speakers carry the voices of speakers and singers to every corner of the Tabernacle, and four outside Hi-Fi speakers of the very latest design carry sermons and songs over the whole Camp area. A relay line carries the services to the Camp Hotel for the benefit of those who must be on duty there while the Tabernacle services are going on. The System includes an automatic record player, allowing for the broadcasting of recorded music at intervals between services. This is a very fitting memorial for people whose delight it was to tell far and wide the good news of the Gospel, and who were blessed with wonderful musical talents which enabled them to sing as well as speak the message of Salvation. Through this medium their service will be perpetuated and their memory of their devotion to the Lord will be cherished.

The Camp Meeting itself was a time of blessing and profit. It is impossible to assess the value of this annual convocation. There are too many things hidden from human view. There are ample evidences of grace bestowed and received, but beside these there are countless ministries of the Spirit known only to God and those who receive them.

Preaching in this year's Camp was of the highest order, as we expected it to be. Dr. Failing was no stranger to Beulah Camp, having been there previously both as Camp Evangelist and Youth Camp Evangelist. On those occasions, he established himself among our people as a man of deep devotion, keen spiritual insight, and unusual preaching ability. And his ministry in this year's Camp added to our high esteem of him as a man of God and an "able minister of the New Testament". He made no effort to be dramatic or sensational, and never resorted to questionable methods in seeking to lure people to the altar of prayer. He seemed content to preach the Word and trust the Holy Spirit to make the truth saving and edifying. Shallow sentimentalism and psychological pressures were never employed in an effort to impress or persuade the people. The personality of the preacher was never projected beyond the bounds to which wisdom and humility limits it.

Dr. Failing's expositions were clear, consistent, and courageous. He was well balanced in his emphasis, but always true to the central and underlying doctrines of the Word. He did not hesitate to differ in his position from some who had veered from what he considered to be the main course mapped out in the Bible, and this