

BEULAH NOTES

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of the Foreign Mission Board, invited young people who were willing to serve the Lord wherever He wished to place them to come forward for the prayer of consecration to be offered by Brother and Sister Kierstead. What a sight! Young people streamed up the aisles of the Tabernacle filling the altar area, and they were joined by many of their parents. It was estimated that about one hundred and fifty responded to this call, and the melting presence of the Holy Spirit settled upon the scene as Brother Ingersoll prayed over the company. It was a sight we shall not soon forget.

On Friday, the day following Missionary Day, the Kiersteads were honour guests at a farewell supper at the hotel dining room, with some three hundred fifty people present. Following the supper, the Kiersteads left immediately for Saint John to board a plane for Halifax, London, and Johannesburg, with hundreds of people waving farewell, wishing them godspeed, and joining in singing "God Be With You, Till We Meet Again". A moving experience, indeed! All in the Camp rejoiced and gave thanks when word was received the next day that the Kiersteads had arrived safely in London, England.

Missing and greatly missed from Beulah Camp Grounds this year were some familiar figures. Mrs. G. B. Trafton, widow of the late Rev. Bennett Trafton, was unable to come to the Camp Grounds for the first time since Beulah Camp Meeting was founded sixty-seven years ago. Misses Alice and Helen Sterritt, regular attendants for the last twenty-five years or more, were also unable to be with us. We did regret the absence of these esteemed friends and co-workers of former days.

In an impressive ceremony, four young men were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Rev. R. H. Nicholson, vice-president of the Ministerial Association, presided over the service, and the ordination sermon was preached by Rev. G. A. Delong, pastor of our church at Beals, Maine. The names of the candidates for ordination are to be found elsewhere in this Highway. So the Lord continues to raise up workers and send them forth into His Vineyard.

A fine, new "Beulah Book Room" opened for business this year. Erected by Rev. W. E. Green who has operated the Book Room in the hotel for some years, it is a fine building and an asset to the Camp. The well-stocked store did a brisk business through-out the Camp Meeting period and its services were much appreciated.

Music at this year's Camp Meeting was par excellent. Especially appreciated, according to numerous comments, was the five voice Camp Choir, under the capable direction of Mr. Ronald Mitchell, of Moncton, N. B. Song Evangelist Cedric Landers directed the general musical programme of the Camp very efficiently. More of this feature on the editorial page.

And what a Bible Quiz contest! Two strong teams met as finalists, Marysville and Millstream. It was a close, hard-fought battle all the way, with Millstream coming from behind to win in the last heat of the race. The young people of both teams showed a remarkable knowledge of the Book of Acts, and they answered many questions that would have stumped most of the preachers.

Excitement reached a fever pitch as the contest reached its climax. Well-deserved congratulations were showered on the members of both teams, their captains and coaches. They were contestants to be proud of!

The services of the Camp were most helpful—all of them. The preaching was biblical, the singing inspirational, the fellowship edifying. We must be better Christians because of them.

Two wonderful baptisms were conducted, one on each of the Sundays. More than thirty candidates followed the Lord in this ordinance, many of them new converts during the last Church year. What blessed scenes! There were tears, shouts, and songs of praise, as candidates ranging from eight to nine years of age to seventy-three, entered the waters of baptism and gave public testimony to their faith in Christ, while hundreds of people lined the beach to witness the services.

It was a blessed Camp Meeting. The altar services were not as large as they have been some years, but there were many good victories. And the people of God were greatly strengthened in the faith. Many, many testified of having received help and blessing. The Lord honoured us with His presence. To His name be praise and glory!

The Camp Meeting of '61 ended traditionally, as Beulah Camp Meetings have ended for years unnumbered. With hundreds remaining or returning for an after-service of testimony and song, and then the huge circle around the Tabernacle joined in heart and hand singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", bowed for a closing prayer, offered this year by Rev. F. A. Watson, and then united in the song of farewell, "God Be With You". With precious memories in our hearts, and the good wishes of Christian friends ringing like music in our ears, we turned from the Camp Tabernacle for the rest of the night and the labours of the future. If Jesus tarries, may we share in the joy of meeting for Beulah Camp Meeting of 1962!

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