



BEULAH ECHOES

The Alliance and Camp Meeting of 1966 will go down in the records as memorable indeed. Not often does an Alliance Session proceed so smoothly. Even with items of such momentous significance on the agenda, a few sessions were adjourned early giving time for important committee work, and the final adjournment came at noon on Friday — a first in our history!

How heart warming to have moments of melting and blessing with an unusual consciousness of the presence of the Lord in the midst of what is so often labourious business. From the opening of the devotional on Wednesday morning to the climatic adjournment at noon on Friday, there was repeated evidence of the hand of the Lord upon our deliberations and action.

Doubtless our Alliance has never dealt with a more significant item of business—the outcome of which would determine the future course of our movement — than the question of merger with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Naturally, this was a matter that couldn't help but excite emotional and sentimental reactions. Yet, everything that was said in the course of our deliberations was seasoned with a Christian spirit. Divine guidance was much in evidence as the deliberative body most agreeably recognized that the moment had come when we should cast our ballots. When the report of the voting indicated that out of 152 ballots cast, 128 favored merger, giving an 84.2% vote, the atmosphere in the Tabernacle revealed those present were satisfied that this is God's will for us as a people.

In case there were any who were still dubious, it seems that God wonderfully arranged the Camp Meeting as a seal of divine approval on our decision. The weather was

ideal, attendance was at an all time high, the music was soul enriching, the ministry was Spirit-anointed, the presence of the Lord was graciously real, and victory was abundant. Many voiced the opinion that Dr. B. H. Phaup, General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was with us under divine appointment. Beulah Camp 1966 will live long in the memory of all who were privileged to attend.

It is our sincere prayer that the spirit of unity and blessing that prevailed at Beulah will permeate all of our churches as we take up the challenge of a new church year. It seems that God has shown us He is able and willing to bless us as a people. How grateful we are for His goodness to us! May we move out into this new era of our history more strongly united in faith and purpose to exalt Christ and extend His glorious kingdom.

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The seventy eighth Annual Session of the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist church convened at Beulah Camp Grounds, Brown's Flat, N. B., on Wednesday, July 6, and continued through a series of six sessions, the last of which adjourned on Friday noon.

For the 52 ministers and the 105 lay delegates present, (a record attendance) it was a memorable three days. The consciousness of God's presence pervaded through all the sessions, but heaven seemed to bend unusually near on Friday morning while voting on the Alliance Superintendent and on merger with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Both matters were of major importance, and everyone seemed to sense that fact. On the first ballot cast for the Alliance Superintendent, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll was re-elected with an impressive majority. Of the 149 ballots cast, 142 were in his favour. It made one feel justly proud both of our Superintendent and our people. It was one of our finest hours.

Before the recommendations of the Committee on Merger were introduced, the Superintendent called for a season of earnest prayer that God would guide us in our voting to do what He would bless and honor. The prayer was not in vain, for God did bless, and God did honor. One lay person described it this way: "I have never exper-