

mon, but they remained, "camping" round those springs and streams for days, and perhaps weeks. During the very week this is written (9th September,) the Episcopal Methodists have *seven* Camp Meetings advertised to begin. How many the other bodies of Methodists have, I don't know. It is, to those who attend them out of a Christian purpose, like attending the "Feast of Tabernacles." The harvest is in; the weather is yet mild, the forests are yet green—and so they get under the branches, and have a good time for a week. I don't see anything to condemn, and I see much to commend, in the idea of the "Field" or "Camp" Meeting. There are abuses: the sons of Belial come, as to the saturnalia. The uncircumcised are there. But their mere presence should not be objected to. They are sometimes brought down in weakness, and gathered into the Gospel fold. I imagine the Covenanters had less of senseless and excited shouting and more of solemn work in their own hearts, and in the consciences of others. A church in a high state of spirituality, could hold a glorious Camp-Meeting! What a delight to the whole man—spiritual, mental and physical—to get out from—

———The dimness and the dust
Of our daily toils and cares!

And give God a whole week of our lives! Is it too much? Nay, is it half enough?

It does not meet the case to say, "We have all Houses of Worship now, and do not need to go to the woods." You will get a far greater throng in the woods. You could not get them into your chapels at all, except perhaps in the evenings. You imbibe the influences of the scene; and what comes thus is pure delight. You have an unbroken series of public and private meetings for five or six days—only eating and sleeping coming between. We have a right to a week's rest in September, if we like! And if we choose to take it in a religious pic-nic, lasting that time, who shall veto it?

It needs a large staff of workers and managers; for perfect order *must* be maintained; and the labours would exhaust two or three. And there is no reason why a Revival at a meeting of days in the woods should not show as good fruits—and as lasting—as any other. I exceedingly wish that in each of our Missionary Districts, *one* Camp-Meeting at least should be held every season. It might take the place of the summer meeting of the Association; for the brethren would have the most delightful opportunities of all the social fellowship they want. Let the reading of essays and discussions of texts be for the winter meeting; and let the summer meeting be the "preacher's tent" beneath the maples! Let the whole strength of the District ministry be there; as many as possible to remain over the Sabbath. I believe we could, by earnest planning, and faith, and prayer, conduct a Camp-Meeting that would redound to the glory of God!

Such is a brief discussion of a large subject: that of "Extra Services."

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