

WESLEY GROVE NATIONAL CAMP MEETING.

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THE "National Association for the Promotion of Christian Holiness" have held during the summer now closing five "National Camp Meetings," for the specific object indicated in the name. It may well be a matter of surprise that such an association should have occasion to have a distinct existence within the pale of the Methodist Church. Yet so it is; and no one who is at all acquainted with the inner life of the M. E. Church in the United States will be surprised to learn that men who insist on the doctrine which formerly was *peculiar* to Methodism, and which John Wesley thought we were specially raised up to proclaim, should now be looked upon as *peculiar* and fanatical in a Methodism where this old peculiarity has become overgrown with the world and outgrown by modern mushroom improvements. These men, honoured of God, have accomplished wonders within the last eight years to stem the fearful downward tendency of the Church, and lead her back to primitive Christianity and original Methodism. The Lord has singularly owned their efforts this summer, and they have witnessed days of power in the forest temples of Fernwood, Urbana, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Old Orchard Beach and Wesley Grove.

The object of the present paper is to give the reader a glimpse of this work at Wesley Grove, Newburgh District, N. Y. Conference. The beautiful camp ground known as Wesley Grove lies about thirty miles from Newburgh, and sixty-seven miles from the City of New York. It is the property of a joint stock company, which holds it under the control of the Newburgh District. Providence seems to have prepared the place for the purpose with a gentle slope and abundance of water. The only buildings besides canvas tents are the preachers' stand and a board building for grocery and store-rooms. The tents have a clean and very neat appearance, and are perfect in their arrangement. A large awning is spread over a part of the auditorium, encircled by the tents; and besides this, there is a complete canvas pavilion capable of holding two thousand persons. The ground has been in use for eight years, but this is the first National Camp Meeting held there.