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PRETTY BEULAH PARK – The New Religious Resort Opened on Saturday – Very Impressive Ceremonies – A Glorious Time in the Woodsy Boothwyn – Excellent Speeches by Able Speakers and a Vigorous Song Service Conducted in a Shady Nook

Beulah Park at Boothwyn, the new religious resort, was formally opened and dedicated on Saturday for divine worship. At ten o'clock the Sabbath schools of Mt. Zion Church, this city, made their appearance and soon the beautiful grove began to resound with the voices of the delighted visitors. Games of various kinds, singing of hymns, social chats and the expressions of joy on all faces indicated the pleasure of the occasion.

At 3:30 o'clock Rev. B. F. Campbell called the people together under a large, shaded spot and opened the religious exercises by conducting a vigorous song service of fifteen minutes duration.

The program for the dedicatory exercises was completed and the preliminaries rendered as follows: Invocation, Rev. W.H. Aspril; hymn, "Coronation," Psalm 68, Rev. T. M. Griffith, D.D.; dedicatory prayer, Rev. J. W. Miles; hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have;" Remarks, Rev. B. F. Campbell. Rev. Dr. Griffith, pastor of the South Chester M. E. Church was the first speaker, who delivered an eloquent address on the thought of the occasion.

"One of the most beautiful things on the face of the earth is a grove and the trees with their leaves clapping for joy is a fine type of a man possessing God."

"Earth is only an outlying country, our home is heaven, and when we get there we will be very much like angels." "There are three things for which we ought to be thankful." 1. Where we are. 2. When we are. 3. What we are. Mr. Griffith broadened his thought under these three headings and closed with some illustrations.

Rev. W. H. Aspril, pastor of Upland M. E. Church, followed in a neat address. Rev. J. W. Miles, pastor of Wallingford M. E. Church, Rev. C. W. Langley of Sloam M. E. Church, and Rev. Hiram McVey of Trainer M. E. Church, all delivered telling addresses and wished the camp meeting great success and a harvest of souls. Rev. B. F. Campbell made a few announcements, the doxology was sung and Rev. T. M. Griffith, D. D. pronounced the benediction. The outlook for the camp meetings from July 1-19 is very promising.

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