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Hartselle, Alabama, Holiness Camp Meeting: This famous old camp ground is located about a mile from the beautiful little city of Hartselle, Alabama, with some 2,000 or 2,500 population and a great trade center, fine business men, beautiful churches of various denominations.

Methodism is strong in that city; have an excellent church with adequate Sunday school room and a splendid parsonage. Rev. J. A. Chitwood is pastor of the Methodist Church, and at his request of the committee I was entertained in his home. Brother and Sister Chitwood showed me every courtesy and kindness, as did his interesting son and daughter. He is an evangelistic pastor, much in demand by his brethren as a great soul winner.

Rev. J. L. (John Lakin) Brasher, well known throughout the land as a great preacher of full salvation, was my yokefellow in the work. No man can discuss and enforce more clearly the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures on pardoning mercy and cleansing power than Brother Brasher, At this camp there was a sort of Brasher reunion. Sister Brasher, with the two home boys, was present. Rev. James Brasher, of Bridgeville, Delaware, where he is a stationed preacher, led the singing. He has a fine, cultivated voice and charmed the people with his solos.

Brother Brasher's two daughters, one the wife of a Methodist minister, the other the wife of a fine business man who takes great interest in this camp, were present and frequently this Brasher group formed a quartet and gave very helpful music. It was a real pleasure to Dr. Brasher, who roams over the earth, to have all the members of his family at the camp meeting.

The day congregations were not large, but in the evening the large tabernacle was well filled, and sometimes packed, and frequently many were sitting in their automobiles. Quite a number were reclaimed and converted, while others claimed full salvation. A large number of the Lord's people derived great help from the meeting. Brother Covington, pastor of the Nazarene Church, and his people, was present and was most helpful in his sympathy, altar work, and earnest prayers. He is a dear, good man and seemed to have the confidence and respect of all the people.

During the ten days of the camp, many preachers of the two Methodisms were present. Quite a number came from a distance; the camp ground is about 60 miles north of Birmingham, and a number came from that city. It was a great pleasure to meet with many friends who read *The Herald* who had not seen my face before, who came up and shook hands with me and assured me of how they had read *The Herald* for many years. The meeting of these friends, with whom the strong Christian tie had been made through the columns of *The Herald*, was a pleasure indeed.

The promoters of the camp seemed to be encouraged, and at once were making plans for the camp meeting next summer. Their chosen workers are Rev. Joseph Owen and Rev. J. A. Chitwood, the evangelistic pastor of the Methodist Church at Hartselle. I think they will make an excellent team of workers. May the Lord bless these dear people, and build up this camp in its great good work.