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Rev. Charles F. Parham, leader of the Apostolic Faith movement, arrived in the city this afternoon on the delayed Katy Flyer from Kansas, to take charge of the state encampment of the adherents of his faith now in progress in Brunner.

The encampment has been in progress some days, and already very great interest is manifested by the public, the largest crowds ever assembled in Brunner attending. Last night the service was especially gratifying to those in charge. The "testimony meeting" was participated in by a large number of people, the leader finding it difficult to close that feature of the service to introduce the preacher, because of the enthusiasm in the audience. Mrs. Mabel Smith was the preacher of the evening service and her earnest exhortations produced an evident impression on the vast assembly. At the altar call enough seekers came forward to fill the long 60-foot altar from end to end, and on the inside of the Christian workers were placed in line so that they might readily assist the penitents with their prayers, personal instruction and exhortations, and thus the service continued to a late hour in the night, the majority of the seekers professing to be blessed.

Workmen are busy this afternoon making additional benches to seat the crowds attending. Already it is clear that the new tabernacle, large and comfortable as it is, is too small for these special encampment occasions. The seats now being made will be placed on the sides of the building to accommodate the overflow. Outside visitors promise to be quite numerous, and Mr. Parham's presence will also draw still larger crowds from the city.

The public meetings are held at 3 and 8 p. m. daily and will continue until Sunday, August 19.

The Texas workers in this movement attract considerable attention on their evening trips to the city for street meetings, which they conduct on Main street daily at 6 o'clock.

Many prominent ministers and newspaper reporters have visited the meetings to investigate the "speaking in tongues," but the leaders declare it is not the "tongues" they value and emphasize, but the "baptism with the Holy Ghost" which stirs Christians to the discharge of their full duty as such in whatever vocation God's Providence may place them. The "tongues" are said to accompany this particular manifestation of God's spirit as an evidence of it and for other purposes spoken of by St. Paul.

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