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Twentieth Anniversary.

1888-1908.

On November 2nd we as a people will reach the 20th anniversary of our organization. On that, to us a memorable day, three courses lay before us. 1st. To remain outside of the churches as a disorganized company of homeless christians, as we had been cast out, which some advocated. 2nd. To scatter among the churches and submit to the limitations put upon us. Either of the above would soon result in extinction. 3rd. Organization, which after prayerful consideration we decided to do, fully realizing the responsibilities we were assuming and the fight of faith before us. Opposition on every hand, the only people to extend sympathy or welcome us into their services was the Salvation Army. No church buildings and no funds to build them, and the churches which we had helped to build were closed to us. But heaven was open to us and poured us out rich blessings until they overflowed our hearts. Our experiences of the past twenty years cannot be fully written in detail. To those of us who have traveled the whole course of our denominational life there are some experiences which are very sacred to us. God has so blessed us as a people that we have suffered no defeat in our undertakings for His glory, our first general enterprise being the publishing of our denominational organ, "THE KING'S HIGHWAY," which has been a grand success from its inception, which is remarkable from the fact that it has been kept free from advertisements, and its editors have been straight on the two definite works of grace, and uncompromising in condemning rum, tobacco, opium, and all forms of slavery and sin. Our second enterprise was the establishment of "Beulah Camp Ground," which is recognized as one of the beauty spots of New Brunswick, and is visited by thousands of people every season. The establishment of Beulah was a work of faith, and the yearly camp meeting is still a work of faith, as the expense is large, but God continues to bless us and

those expenses are readily met. Then followed five years ago a further work of faith when we assumed the responsibility of "Riverside Camp Ground," which has also been a grand success financially and spiritually. All these general enterprises of the denomination include heavy running expenses which are purely a work of faith. But in passing we are not forgetful of the establishment and running expenses of our "Missionary Station" in South Africa, which now represents a considerable expenditure every year. In addition to all these general denominational enterprises, comes the building and repairing of the churches and parsonages, the support of the ministry and Sunday schools and all incidental expenses. And all is done by voluntary gifts without a church fair of any description. Surely God has blessed us.

But thus far we have been touching the least important part of our history. The more important is the great spiritual blessings we have received which cannot be fully given for not only we ourselves have been blessed, but we believe all the denominations have also received blessing through our work, for only a percentage of those who have been converted and sanctified wholly through our conventions and Camp Meeting have united with us, and yet our membership has grown from less than 300 persons twenty years ago, to 1900 members now, beside a following of about 4000, and Sunday Schools of nearly 1500 scholars, this is the more remarkable when it is known that our ministry numbers only about 20 active workers. We have not gone thus far without difficulties within as well as without, some injurious dissensions, some falls, some whose love "waxed cold." Death has also done its work in our ranks, and some of our wisest and strongest among the ministry and laity have passed into the glorified ranks above, our twenty years of conflict as we review them are resplendent in our memory, for they have been years of victory within and without. There is nothing more precious to us than the bright clear and living testimonies of men, who have been delivered from the bondage of sin, into the full liberty of the sons of God, these are more precious to us than all earthly treasures.

Many among our people can truly say, that the twenty years now past, have been twenty years of victory over sin, twenty years of fellowship with the ever blessed Spirit, despite the cares and conflicts of life. What shall we say of the future? May the great divine Holy Spirit fire our hearts with greater zeal, impart to us greater courage, and our faith be unlimited in God who has unlimited resources which have not been drawn upon.

A Startling Question.

A poor child, straying into a Sunday school one day, asked simply: "Is this the way to heaven?" The superintendent was for a moment startled. Was his school, indeed, the way to heaven? Was he trying to make it so? Were his teachers intent upon the same object? The artless question struck home. From desk to class the question went around with a thrill. What were they all doing? Whither were they all tending? The question was like an angel suddenly come into their midst to make a record of all that transpired to that school. Oh! superintendents, teachers, make sure of this one thing: With all your efforts to impart knowledge, make the salvation of the soul of paramount interest. Whether your school be a model, or be struggling up to perfection, be sure that every scholar shall feel that it is the road to heaven. —S. S. Times.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. P. S. Trafton is meeting with an encouraging increase of interest in the special meetings at Fort Fairfield.

Rev. I. F. Keirstead and wife our missionaries in South Africa are enjoying now the luxuries of new potatoes, green peas and beans, and expect to have green corn soon. They fare twice as well as the people in the home land for they get two crops a year.

Pastor S. A. Baker preached at Hartland Sunday evening 18th inst. Brother F. L. Mooers accompanied him, an old time meeting was enjoyed.

Brother S. H. Clark spent a few days in Woodstock this week. He will return to Westmoreland Co., and continue the work at Lutes Mountain Church, the interest is good.

The ell of the new parsonage at Millville is nearing completion and Brother Richardson expects to move his family there next week. He reports good meetings.

We are very sorry to learn that Rev. J. Gravinor is in a disabled condition. We hope the plan favored by the brethren for a fund for disabled brethren is in operation. Its effectiveness will be proven by the results.

Rev. G. B. MacDonald baptized fourteen persons near Canterbury Station on the 18th inst.

Sister Sanders preached at both services at Lower Brighton on the 18th. Dr. Sanders gave an interesting missionary address at Waterville Sunday afternoon, 18th, and preached an excellent sermon at Woodstock in the evening.

Brothers Mitchell and McDonald of Marysville held services at Geary Sunday 25th inst., and report a good day.

Rev. G. B. Trafton visited his parents at Woodstock on the 29th returning home the next day. He expects to hold a holiness convention at Marysville in the near future, the work on his circuit is in prosperous condition.

Rev. M. S. Trafton came as far as Woodstock on his way to Fort Fairfield on the 30th, but was called back to St. John by telegram, We are sorry that Bro. Trafton was unable to be with us as arranged for the 20th anniversary.

Deacon G. G. Gray of Hartland is in poor health, Brother Gray is one of our staunch holiness men, of steady unwavering faith and we trust he may be spared to us yet for many years.

Rev. H. C. Archer and wife are very comfortably and pleasantly situated in a cozy home at Calais, and Brother Archer reports the work in the church very encouraging.

Rev. Henry Smith moved his family to St. John last week. Sister Smith is an excellent helper in the work of the church.

Rev. M. S. Trafton's family returned to their home in St. John last week.

Personals.

Sister R. M. Dow, of St. Stephen spent several days at Woodstock this week attending meetings held by Brigadier Roberts in the S. A. citadel.

Brother and Sister Asa McNinch of Victoria Corner, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Nov. 20th.

Brother Graham Blaney and wife have gone to New Hampshire to spend the winter with their son.

Sister Marguerite Golding has gone to Brookline, Mass., to spend the winter with her niece.

Sister A. J. Marsten had the misfortune to fall down stairs in her home last week and was badly shaken up. She is still unable to get about.

We should never preach cream and live skimmed milk.

Quarterly Meetings.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Lutz Mountain Oct. 6th, President. Rev. W. B. Wiggins A. B. in charge. Rev. J. H. Coy preached a good practical sermon.

On Wednesday 2 p. m., song and testimony service led by Brother A. F. Tanner, Rev. Henry Smith preached in the evening.

Thursday evening Rev. W. B. Wiggins A. B. preached from Matt 6-33.

Brother Tanner led a song and social service on Friday afternoon and Rev. J. H. Coy preached in the evening. These services were well attended and the brethren preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, many were at the altar and received much help and sought and found pardon.

The business meeting was held Thursday afternoon. In the absence of the secretary, Brother S. H. Clark was appointed secretary protem.

The following ministers were present, Rev'ds W. B. Wiggins A. B., J. H. Coy, Henry Smith, Licentiate A. F. Tanner, and Evangelist S. H. Clark.

Officers, Rev. W. B. Wiggins A. B., President, Mrs. W. B. Maddison, Secretary; O. M. Tites, Treasurer; W. B. Maddison, Highway Agent.

Delegates present, Moncton, P. S. Jones and wife; Lutz Mountain, O. M. Trites and Mrs. W. B. Maddison; Greys Mills, Wm. Beesley; St. John Church; T. W. Prince.

Westchester church reported by letter. Amherst church report by letter. Head of Millstream church reported by letter. Collina Corner church reported by Rev. J. H. Coy. Mercer Settlement church reported by letter. The church reports were full of encouragement and hope.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mercer Settlement beginning January 12th, 1909.

Mrs. W. B. Maddison, Sec.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at North Head on Wednesday Oct. 7th 1908 at 7.30 o'clock. The first service was led by Rev. H. H. Cosman who read a portion of scripture and spoke from it for a short time.

Thursday evening Rev. H. C. Archer preached.

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Saturday 2.30 P. M., was the regular business session. The following officers were then elected for next quarter.

Rev. H. H. Cosman, President; Rev. H. C. Archer, Secy.; Mrs. L. C. Watt, Treasurer; G. A. Babcock, Highway Agent.

The following were then appointed a devotional committee, Bros. McLean, Babcock and Sister Scott.

The reports from the churches were then called for.

Calais and Beals Me., reported by letter.

They report the interest good and services well attended.

Bros. McLean and Babcock then spoke in reference to the work and interest in church at North Head.

They said this was a hard time of year with them as many were away for the summer at their work. The interest was fairly good. The devotional committee then reported as follows.

Preaching this evening (Saturday) by Rev. H. C. Archer.

Sunday 11.30 by Rev. H. H. Cosman. Sunday 7.30 by Rev. H. C. Archer. Also Bro. Archer preached at Seal Cove at 10.30 a. m.

The next meeting will be held at Beals Me., in December or January next, exact time to be left with the church and pastor.

The meeting although held at a very busy season of the year was well attended, and we believe a season of much blessing to the church and people there.

H. C. ARCHER, Sec.

The fourth District Quarterly Meeting convened with the church at Brazil Lake N. S. Oct. 3rd. at 2.30 p. m. Ministers present, Rev'ds A. H. Trafton and E. W. Lester, Delegates Sandford Church, Brother Howard Thurston and Mrs. Thurston, Port Maitland; Mrs. A. H. Trafton, Cedar Lake; no delegates, Brazil Lake; Bro. Joseph Allen and Sister Rebecca Cann, New Tusket; Bro. J. Hartley Sabean and Mrs. Sabean.

Officers elected for ensuing quarter, Rev. E. W. Lester, President; J. H. Sabean, Secretary; Rev. A. H. Trafton, Treasurer; Sister Rebecca Cann, Highway Agent.

The church reports were encouraging as also several outposts, where the pastors preach.

The pastors on this district are doing good work and are highly appreciated by their people. Sunday was a glorious day, the services began at 10 a. m. with a song and testimony service followed by preaching by Rev. E. W. Lester from Heb. 6-9. 2.30 p. m. preaching by Rev. A. H. Trafton from 1st. Thess. 5-23. 7.30 p. m. meeting opened by song and prayer service followed by preaching by Rev. E. W. Lester from Amos. 4-12. Several arose for prayers; the attendance was good. The meetings were continued.

Place of next quarterly meeting not decided.

J. HARTLEY SABAEN, Secretary.

Father Nash.

He lived in the day of Mr. Finney and at the time of the evangelist's greatest power, and was no doubt one of the chief elements in Mr. Finney's secret of power. He was an old man, being at that time about eighty years old. It was his custom to accompany Mr. Finney, somewhat as singers do evangelists to-day, but to pray, rather than sing. During the preaching hour he would remain in his room and plead with God for the services. Was it any wonder that the fire fell out of the upper skies and the sinners were slain in great multitudes? To many it is not given to actively minister the word, nor take a public part in the services of God, but all may share in the ministry of intercession. Nor is there a field of greater usefulness, neither is there a road leading more surely to a crown than a life of prayer. And yet it comes as a special endowment, a special gift from heaven. Not all possess it, but all may have it. Will you receive it? Will I? Yes, by the grace of God. Some of God's gifts are separate from others, but that of prayer may be combined with them all so that none should be without power of prevailing with God. Who doubts but what "Father" Nash will wear as bright a crown in "that day" as decks the brow of Mr. Finney?—Sel.

It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray right; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray—but we must patiently, believingly, continue in prayer, until we obtain an answer and further, we have not only to continue in prayer unto the end, but we have also to believe that God does hear us and will answer our prayers. Most frequently we fail in not continuing in prayer until the blessing is obtained, and in not expecting the blessing.—George Muller.

Some sermons have to be analyzed carefully to find even traces of holiness in them, some are fair counterfeits, but people who have the blessing discover that the gold is lacking.

The real blessing of entire sanctification don't make people critical, but it gives them the power to discriminate between the real blessing and the thing which has the appearance only.