

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, S. A., June 1st 1908.

Dear Friends:—We have many things to praise the Lord for this morning, above all else, that He abides with us by his Holy Spirit, and gives victory. By a misunderstanding about there being five Sundays in May, many thinking yesterday was the first of the month, we had the rest of the people called, so had a grand day yesterday. It was indeed a time of refreshing. Had large gatherings, two young men followed the Lord in baptism, with faces shining because of the knowledge of sins forgiven. They were given the right hand of fellowship, and sat with us at the Communion of the Lord's supper in the afternoon.

There were five women present who want to finish believing as they say right away, one asked me for a cloth to wear on her head, as you know the heathen women have a peculiar manner of dressing their hair, when they are nearly in earnest about believing, they cut their hair so as not to look as the heathen. I gave her a yellow cloth, which made her very happy.

I helped a girl to dress for the first time, she was here also, though she hasn't the witness yet, of her acceptance. I believe she means business and will soon get through.

Another girl testified that she believed her sins were forgiven, yet her father will not allow her to believe. Please pray for this girl, that we may be enabled to persuade her father to consent for her to live a Christian life. They tell us she ran away from home yesterday, to come to a meeting. Those other girls also were here; said they want to believe, but their fathers refuse. How our hearts yearn over these girls so kept in slavery.

A middle aged man stayed over Sunday with us who greatly enjoyed the meetings, he too is anxious to become a Christian.

How we do praise the Lord for these new faces. We are striving to lead them a step by step, until they can grasp for themselves the promises of Jesus. Oh yes; we are rejoicing over a woman a wanderer, who has got back to God.

In the midst of life we are in death. This was brought to us very forcibly yesterday, when news reached us of the death of one of the oldest men of this form Ludibi. But sad to relate, we fear without a ray of hope, although he would usually listen with respect, when we talked to him of his need, yet he did not want to believe.

We are having meetings around at different kraals each day this week,—hoping for much victory.

One of our members left this a. m. to visit her old home across the Pongola where, she says, many people are there and are crying for Teachers as they want to believe. Oh beloved, help us to pray that the Lord of the Harvest may very soon send more laborers to these needy fields.

Yours trusting in Him,
IDA M KIEDSTEAD,
BEULAH CAMP.

DEAR HIGHWAY,—Some time has passed since reporting myself in your columns but the Lord has been with me and helped me praise his name.

I closed my meetings at Keswick Ridge and Kingsclear on 31st of May and came to Fredericton on June 1st, was with the Brothers at the Mission meeting the same evening, God was present and manifested his presence. Two young men manifested a desire to follow God. I trust they will go on and find him to the joy of their soul. I also was present with Brother Trafton on Tuesday and Friday evenings at Marysville which were meetings of special blessings to all. We missed very much the presence of Brother Moses Clark from the meetings who at the present writing is passing through a serious trouble with his eyesight which renders him unable to attend service and may result in the loss of his sight. Brethren let us remember him in our progress of faith.

On Saturday morning the brothers of Penniac thinking it not advisable to put on special work at present "as we had expected," I took boat and came to Grey's Mills finding a hearty welcome from the brethren in that place. On Sabbath Bro.

Howe of St. John had appointments and I joined with him for the Glory of God and the extension of the Master's Kingdom. I spent three Sundays with the people in that place finding them a little band of people zealous for God and souls and full of faith and work.

I also visited Kingston one evening and Holdenville, went up to Geary visited the church there over Sunday erected a tent for Quarterly meetings and spent a part of the time in that meeting, coming back to Grey's Mills for Sunday 28th inst.

And to-day am enjoying Old Beulah with its fountains of living waters. Can not say when I may go from here but I can say, "where he leads I will follow."

S. HARRIGH CLARK.

Quarterly Meeting.

The third quarterly meeting of district No 4 met with the Reformed Baptist church at New Tusket, June 22nd, 1908.

Sunday, June 21st, at 10.30 the church building was dedicated. The service being held by Rev. A. H. Trafton, speaking from I Kings, 8; 17.

Dr. and Mrs. Sanders occupied the afternoon, giving an account of their work in South Africa and exhibiting some curios of dress and customs.

Rev. A. H. Trafton preached in the evening, subject, "Prodigal Son."

Business session opened Monday, at 2.30 p. m. with scripture reading and prayer.

President in the chair.

Officers for ensuing quarter as follows:—Rev. A. H. Trafton, president; Brother Leonard Sabine, secretary; Brother Handley Mullen, treasurer; Sister Nina Mullen, HIGHWAY agent.

Delegates from the churches represented are as follows:—

Sandford—Brother Dowers. Sister Martha Thurston.

Port Maitland—Brother Elias Porter. New Tusket—Brothers J. Hartley, Sabean, Manning and Mullen.

Reports of the churches as follows:—Sandford, not as strong as in former years, notwithstanding many are holding true to God and praying that He may increase our numbers. We are happy that Jesus is still our portion. The pastor is very punctual to his appointments and faithful in labor.

Port Maitland church is standing true and God wonderfully blesses us. Seven have been added to our numbers. The prayer meetings are very strength giving; each member in their place. Pastor continues faithful. He speaks encouragingly of the work.

New Tusket reports by letter as well as by delegate:—

Church is going forward. God wonderfully blesses us. Two have been added to the church since last quarterly meeting. The church is practically free from debt, for which we thank the giver of all good and take courage.

Cedar Lake reports by pastor. The church is going through hard struggles and much testing. Same are dropping out while the remaining few are holding true and faithful.

Brazil Lake also reported by pastor. It is a place that needs much plowing and thorough work of the Holy Spirit. A few are true and faithful here. Mrs. H. C. Sanders being given a seat among us spoke briefly of their work in South Africa. The church is about four years old though having been organized only about two. It has a membership of about forty, has five young men evangelists, one receiving pay; also five young women evangelists. "The Dutch Reformed" having been awakened by them has caused some disturbance. The prospect as regards winning souls is very encouraging. Very few in the church are weak. Three have moved away but we hope they may keep true to God and spread holiness. We have a public meeting every Monday evening. Other missionaries speak highly of the work.

Brief reports of Brother E. W. Lester's work in out-lying districts are given.

Riverdale.—Bro. E. W. Lester comes once a fortnight. A few welcome him and thank God for the truths presented through him.

Easton reports rather encouraging. A small number giving God's Spirit its sway and others hungering and thirsting after righteousness. "They shall be filled."

Forest Glen and Richfield—Outlook quite prosperous. People are gradually

coming out to the light. They are becoming eager to have the longings of their souls satisfied.

Next Quarterly Meeting is to convene with the church at Port Maitland, N. S. Monday evening preaching by Rev. A. H. Trafton, subject part of 12th chapter of St. Luke, the man who was not rich toward God. Brother Trafton also preached Tuesday evening taking for his subject Rev. 3,20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Preaching Wednesday evening by Dr. Sanders, subject, "Christian Perfection." Preaching Thursday evening by Mrs. H. C. Sanders, subject, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

LEONARD SABINE SEC'Y.

The Ordination Service.

The ordination of Brother G. W. Lester of New Tusket, N. S., took place in the Tabernacle on Wednesday morning of the 8th inst., at 10.30 o'clock. Revs. S. A. Baker, H. C. Archer, H. C. Sanders, C. S. Hilyard, J. H. Coy, G. B. Trafton, A. L. Burbar, A. H. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, and P. J. Trafton attended.

Brother Baker had charge of the singing. Brother Hilyard read the Scripture Brother G. B. Trafton asked the questions. Brother Burbar gave the hand of fellowship. Brother Wiggins gave the charge to the candidate. Brother P. J. Trafton gave the charge to the people. Brother A. H. Trafton made the ordaining prayer. Dr. Sanders also offered prayer and Brother Coy delivered the sermon, of which the following is a rude sketch:—

His text was taken from 2 Cor. 4, 5; "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." Preaching is of old date even from Noah's time whom the Bible says was a preacher of righteousness. The first requisite for a minister is he called of God. If we have not the Divine call we are not called to preach the gospel. Then the preacher must preach Christ—the gospel of Christ. The text also states a negative—what we must not preach. We must not preach ourselves. We preach ourselves when we preach the fleece and not for the good of the flock. When we preach isms, which cause divisions in families and churches, when we preach to please the people rather than Christ, when we make a display of our eloquence or knowledge, especially when we have but little of either, when we preach smooth theories to increase our congregations, &c. But we should preach Christ and Him crucified. Not the wooden cross or crucifix, but the blood—the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth from all sin. "The blood, the blood is all my plea, Halleluiah! For it cleanseth me, Halleluiah!"

The congregation was pleased and richly enjoyed the service all through. Brother Coy's sermon was a most excellent one and delivered by the Spirit's power and blessing. All the brethren did their parts well. There was a good audience present. Brother Lester, the candidate, pronounced the benediction.

MARRIED.

Nixon-Hoskins.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday June 24th 1908 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson, Jamaica Plains, Mass. when their granddaughter, Miss Effie M. Hoskins was united in marriage to Frank W. Nixon of Hartland, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Johnston pastor of the Baptist Church in the presence of a large number of relatives of the contracting parties. The bride looked very pretty dressed in white swiss muslin, and carried a bouquet of beautiful white flowers, and little Nellie Nixon, niece of the groom acted as flower girl, while Miss Maude Hoskins sister of the bride performed the duties of bridesmaid.

The presents were both valuable and numerous showing the esteem in which the parties were held by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon after spending a short time in U. S. A. left for N. B. where at Hartland the groom has a fine residence which has recently been made ready for them.

"Desires not purely for the glory of God will bring your soul into bondage—try the spirits,"

Notes From Beulah.

The Annual Missionary Meeting was held at Beulah on Saturday evening the 11th inst. The treasurer's report was read by Rev. P. J. Trafton as follows:

Bal on hand July 1907.....	\$1826.35
Rec'd for Home Missions.....	236.91
" " Foreign ".....	1031.65
" " Rest Fund.....	599.71

Total.....	\$3694.62
Exp. for Home Missions.....	\$ 192.00
" " Foreign ".....	1720.09
Balance on hand.....	1782.53

Total.....	\$3694.62
Offerings were taken amounting to \$102.00	
Gift Rev. H. C. Morrison.....	\$25.00

The corresponding secretary's report was read by Mrs. S. A. Baker giving reports from eleven societies with a total membership of 369. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. F. H. Hale seconded by Mrs. A. L. Bubar. Dr. and Mrs. Sanders made telling addresses, Mrs. Joseph Bullock made a short address contributing \$500.00 the interest of which is to be used for home missions or evangelistic work in the home fields, stating if it was used wisely more might follow, this makes over \$2000.00 which has been given to our work by Brother and Sister Bullock the interest of which goes into our missionary work.

Sister Sanders in her address spoke of the need of a young man to accompany them on their return to Africa, and Brother F. T. Wright immediately volunteered to go.

Rev. G. B. MacDonald preached in the afternoon and evening, the tabernacle was well filled at each service. Space will not permit us giving report of the excellent sermons, they were followed by helpful altar services.

The Hotel had about 300 persons at dinner and supper and about 200 at breakfast, there are over 100 regularly eating at the Hotel, and all the sleeping rooms in Dormitories and Cottages were full from Friday night over Sunday, a large number left on Monday but many more are expected during this week, there is a large increase in the attendance every year. Beulah is likely to be enlarged during this year.

Sunday the 12th was a grand day beginning with prayer meeting at 6 a. m. and a rich love feast at 9.30 led by G. B. Trafton 93 persons testified in quick succession and 60 others arose to their feet, expressing their wish to give testimony if time would permit.

Col. Turner, Provincial Commander of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Turner, together with Ensign B. Coy, Commander of the Salvation Army Citadel in St. John were at Beulah on the 9th, they were delighted with Beulah as are all who come. Col. Turner has asked for terms for the use of Beulah Camp Ground for a two weeks Camp in 1909.

Courtesy at Home.

Many persons who are never guilty of discourtesy to a stranger, or to an acquaintance in the outside world, lay aside much, if not most, of their suavity on entering the home circle.

The well-bred hostess will certainly bid her guests "Good morning;" why should she fail to treat her daughter with this simple expression of good feeling? The cordial interchange of this simple morning greeting between parents and children often scatters incipient ill humor or drives away some lurking weariness or adness. It acts like a sort of tonic before breakfast.

But if the mother waits for her daughter to say "Good morning," and the daughter waits for her mother, the charm of it all has gone. The greeting must be mutual, spontaneous, loving. And when it so comes, a fresh, delicate sort of atmosphere begins to pervade the household. There will be no moody silence at breakfast table, no complaints no discordant reproofs or discussions.—The Australian Christian World.

Words worth considering: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."—Sel.

Between Two Evils.

Between two evils choose neither. It is a great and dreadful evil when a pastor or an evangelist wins the reputation of being a lover of money. On the other hand, it is a great evil when a pastor is neglected by careless members of his church and permitted to suffer actual want or come even close to such suffering. Is there any way to choose between these evils so as to avoid both of them? A pastor ought never to be forced to ask for a dollar for himself, and if he properly instructs the people and asks enough for the general benevolence of the Church he will very seldom need to make even his wants known, except to the Lord. Thus he can altogether avoid making it appear that he is a seeker of money for himself, and by leading the church in contributions for general work he will confirm them in the belief that he is wholly interested in the work of the Lord, and he will at the same time set before them a standard which will include him with the other generosity of the people. The church that pays hundreds of dollars to missions and other enterprises will hardly permit its own pastor to go empty-handed.—Wesleyan Methodist.

The Long Sermon.

How long ought a sermon to be? Well, that depends on the sermon. Ten minutes is terminable for some persons; an hour is short for some other persons. Campbell Morgan preaches fifty minutes, and you can't get a church large enough to hold him. Other men preach tiny sermons, and announce that the service will not last over an hour, and you have to get out a search warrant to find the congregation. The average man of us had better not preach more than thirty minutes, but that is because we are average, not because we are preachers. Lincoln said a man's legs ought to be long enough to reach the ground. A sermon ought to be long enough to go down into the hearts of hearers and be clinched. A too long sermon is one that does not go down into the hearts at all, but down at one side, or having gone there, changes its course and wanders away.—Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., in C E World.

Sir Walter Scott On The Bible.

It is good for you to know that most—nearly all—great men have had great regard for the Bible. To many of them it was the Book of all books. That was true of Sir Walter Scott, whose works many of you are beginning to read.

When Sir Walter was attending some lectures in Paris, he was in company with a number of infidels who sneered freely at the Bible. He said nothing, but later read them as a selected essay, the Prophecy of Habakkuk. They thought it was wonderful, were delighted and marvelled that they had never heard of this fine composition before. They asked him who was the author and where he got the essay. He said, "God is the author, and I got it out of the Bible."

Sir Walter Scott on his death bed asked Lockhart to read to him.

"What book shall I read?" asked Lockhart. And Sir Walter replied, "Why do you ask that question? There is but one Book; bring me the Bible."—Selected.

Dr. Bresee says, "A dead horse is bad enough, a dead man is worse, but a dead church is the worst thing on earth!"