

The King's Highway.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness: . . . The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

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COR. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beloved Brethren and Sisters:—

It becomes my duty to lay before you the eighth annual report of the corresponding secretary.

In doing so we would first acknowledge our great indebtedness to our kind heavenly Father in the year that is passed. To Him alone we would raise our hearts in thanksgiving and praise for the kind way in which He has led us during the year, and for all the blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which we, as a people, have received from His bountiful hand; all of which are evident tokens of His continued love and care manifested to us.

Through His kindness we are permitted to meet here again upon these beautiful Camp grounds—beautiful, because God is here and the voice of His Spirit is heard among us. We look again into each others faces; we exchange again the friendly greetings that are familiar in the language and fellowship of the saints. "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

In reviewing our short history we truly recognize the hand and providence of God in thus banding us together—in bringing us out that He might bring us in. We also truly recognize that our mission is a high and holy one—the spreading and building up of scriptural holiness over these lands. God has set this before us. By the Pentecostal experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we are enabled to realize the definiteness of our uttermost salvation from indwelling sin; then comes to us the duty and privilege of spreading the precious truth, testimony and experience in every community, and in all lands, with a true, apostolic, missionary spirit. Brethren and sisters, this is our high and glorious calling.

And, while we rejoice in the fact that God has given us some humble place and work in the great vineyard of Christian usefulness, we rejoice also to know that we are identified with this great holiness movement which, to-day, has almost become world-wide in its work, teaching and influence. This movement in other lands and among other peoples has, under the direction and blessing of God, created, moulded and established great centres of deep, spiritual thought and teaching. Briefly let us refer to some of them.

In England we have what is known as The Great Keswick Meeting. This large and representative gathering stands for the work of deepening and intensifying the spiritual life among Christians. Though they differ from us somewhat in their statement of doctrine, yet in their methods of work and in their claiming for the believer the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a divine unction for a larger and fuller service, we feel to say *these are evident signs* that God is wonderfully at work in the hearts of those dear people, moving them up where they may claim their full heritage and legacy in the atonement.

In New England we would refer to the Northfield Conference, of which Mr. D. L. Moody is the founder. Concerning this Conference we are exceedingly glad to note that, during the last four years, it has taken a decidedly favorable attitude toward the doctrine and experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as a distinct second work of grace. Proof of this is found in the fact that representative spiritual men have been called to lead and determine the character of its meetings—such men as the late Dr. Gordon, of Boston; Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, and Rev. Andrew Murray, of South Africa—men whose distinctive teaching and work is the deepening and intensifying of the spiritual life in the

soul. Here, several hundreds of ministers and several thousand Christian workers, representing churches and missions of every name, come under this high spiritual teaching and scatter it north, south, east and west. These things are deeply suggestive and herald the coming of a brighter day.

In the United States we have the national and local Conventions and Camp meetings for the promotion and building up of Scriptural holiness. These are held in almost every State of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and are doing a grand and most blessed work in bringing hundreds and thousands to see their glorious privileges in the gospel.

Time and space will not permit us to refer to other great annual gatherings of God's dear children, both in America and Europe, where the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as a second definite experience, is made prominent in the teaching and in the testimony, and urged upon the people.

Thus, we see that throughout the entire Christian world the movement of holiness is arresting the attention of Christians of every name, and believers in every land are moved upon by the Holy Spirit to seek a full conformity to the divine mind and will, as expressed in the Holy Word.

In the providence and blessing of God it is our privilege, as a church, to be identified with this great world-wide movement. In this land and among these people we have an important work to do—a grand mission to perform. As a church and people called together and set for the defence and extension of Christian holiness, God has wonderfully blessed our labor in the past. We cannot fully estimate the fruit of that labor. He is now enlarging our opportunities of usefulness and laying greater responsibilities upon us, in the interest of holiness, truth and righteousness. May we be humbled before Him, and clothed with power from on high, go boldly forward to do His complete will. And to Him and Him alone be all the glory.

Dear brethren and sisters, it is with pleasure that we lay before you now the various reports of the churches with which we are especially interested.

St. John Church, Rev. S. A. Baker pastor, reports that "The Lord has wonderfully led us during the past year. We have had many manifestations of God's presence in our public meetings. Our members are desirous of living close to Him in everything. Our pastor has labored faithfully among us, but feels the burden of his many responsibilities outside of the regular pastoral work, especially his connection with the HIGHWAY.

Moncton Church, Bro. H. C. Archer pastor, reports "That our meetings are very well attended and the interest is good. Though some have gone out from us, others have been added. Bro. Archer has been with us the past year and the Lord has blessed both him and us in the work. The past year has been one of trial, but God has wonderfully brought us through. Death has entered our ranks for the first time and we realized a great loss in the death of Bro. Keith. During the year we were visited by Bros. G. B. Trafton, G. W. MacDonald, W. B. Wiggins and W. H. Sherwood, all of whom did much to cheer, comfort and strengthen us. We are determined to be true to God.

Mercer Settlement Church, no pastor, reports "The members are in fellowship and harmony with each other. Prayer meetings are fairly well attended. We enjoy the presence of God in all our meetings and are looking forward to greater victories, if we remain true to God. Bro. Ward Foster was with us about two months and sister Murray has been with us once a month since September and also held some special meetings. Some precious souls were saved and a number con-

verted who have not as yet united with the church. Some special meetings were also held at Norton and a number were converted and two sanctified. To God be all the glory.

Hartland Church, Rev. J. H. Coy pastor, reports: "As a church, the presence and power of God has been with us during the year. Prayer meetings have been held regularly without a break and generally have been seasons of great comfort and refreshing. Our pastor has faithfully ministered to us in the things of God and his labor has been appreciated by the church and congregation. In February some special meetings were held by him, assisted by some others. The church was encouraged, backsliders reclaimed, four sanctified wholly and three converted and joined the church. While we regret very much that some of our members are backsliders, yet we rejoice that a goodly number are standing fast in the blessed experience of 'entire sanctification.' Our purpose is to hold true to God, laboring earnestly and affectionately for the restoring of the wanderers and the building up of Christ's kingdom. In May, Bro. MacDonald made us a week's visit. We were much blessed and profited by his opening up to us of the deep things of God. We pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the Alliance."

Sandford Church, Rev. H. H. Cosman pastor, reports: "Preaching services well attended; prayer and covenant meetings fairly well sustained, and the interest good. No additions during the year."

Lutz Mountain, Bro. H. C. Archer pastor, reports: "An average attendance at the preaching services and the interest good. Has been much prospered in building. Members ready to sacrifice and work for God in the cause of holiness. Have lately finished their church building and dedicated it to God. The future outlook is good."

Canterbury Church, Rev. S. Greenlaw pastor, reports: "Good average attendance at all the preaching, prayer and covenant meetings. A number have been added to the church, bringing to it power and strength. Meetings are lively, with no long-drawn out testimonies to kill the interest. The young people have organized a prayer meeting of their own, which ran successfully through the winter and has ever prospect of running through the summer season. Matters in the church are harmonious, every member getting along in brotherly love."

Maple Ridge Church, Rev. A. Stoerger pastor, reports the preaching and prayer meetings fairly well attended. Spiritual state is good. We appreciate our pastor's labor and hope that the seed sown will bear fruit for the Master's kingdom. We pray the Lord's blessing may rest upon you all at the Alliance.

Geary church, no pastor, reports that it is in a weak condition, the spiritual state being very unsatisfactory. They desire help from some of the brethren.

Lower Haynesville Church, no pastor, reports nothing of special interest. They are looking to Jesus as their only hope and refuge. They are walking in the light and realize that His blood cleanses from all sin. Not having any pastor they are like sheep without any shepherd.

Upper Woodstock, Rev. G. T. Hartley pastor, reports no special services and no additions during the year. Prayer meetings have been kept up regularly.

Lubec Ridge, Maine, Rev. Z. B. Grass pastor, reports that all the services are well attended and the interest good. The church is strong and the spiritual state is satisfactory. The pastor's labor is much appreciated by the church and community.

Nortondale Church, Rev. A. Stoerger pastor. This church is small in numbers. Preaching services well attended. Have no church building of their own and have

to worship in a school house. They need continued special care.

Royalton Church, no pastor, reports victory all through the year. Had visits from Bros. J. H. Coy and A. H. Trafton which were much appreciated by the people. Also, Bro. Leavitt and Bro. A. C. Thompson, F. W. B., made us short visits all of which were well received. Having no regular pastor, they decided to rely upon our evangelist and home missionary for work. Bro. Wiggins labored with us during the months of November and December and part of January. Six persons were converted and united with the church and others professed conversion who were not baptized, and many others were greatly helped. To God we give the glory.

Maplewood Church, Rev. A. Stoerger pastor. Nothing special to report; meetings fairly attended and interest good.

South Pembroke Church, Rev. T. W. Moses pastor, reports the preaching, prayer and covenant meetings well attended. Spiritual condition of the church is very good and God is working with mighty power, building us up in the most holy faith. A large number have united with the church during the year. In many ways God has wonderfully blessed them. They are united with their pastor in all his labor and love for souls.

North Head Church, no pastor, reports the regular services fairly well attended. had some visits from ministers during the year, but no additions to the church and no special religious interest. This is an important field and needs regular pastoral care.

Millville Church, Rev. A. Stoerger pastor, reports preaching services well attended; prayer and covenant meetings not so well. An addition of three to the church during the year.

Brazil Lake, Rev. H. H. Cosman pastor, reports some additions during the year and the meetings fairly well attended. No special interest. Spiritual state about medium.

Upper Haynesville, Rev. A. Stoerger pastor. This church is small, but steadily growing, and the interest good. Christian fellowship exists among the members. The meetings are all owned and blessed of God. They feel to praise Him for His love.

Victoria Corner, Rev. G. B. Trafton pastor. This church is small and has materially weakened. No increase during the year. Prayer meetings are regularly kept up.

Green Bush, Rev. S. Greenlaw pastor. Church reports good attendance at all the meetings. Members are united and self-sacrificing for the cause of God. They appreciate the labors of their pastor.

Parker's Cove, Bro. C. S. Hilyard pastor. This church is young and surrounded by opposition, but God is giving them the victory in spite of the devil. They are looking for greater success in the future. They report some additions to the church.

Lower Brighton Church, Rev. G. B. Trafton pastor. In making their report they say: "We praise God and take courage. Although we have had no special ingathering, the interest is good, and our meetings are seasons of blessing. In August we held a convention, Sisters Mary Everett and Mamie Gosline being present, also Bro. MacDonald, who came in for a few services; each faithfully presenting the Word." Some believers entered into the experience of perfect love, and the church was generally helped.

Seal Cove, Grand Manan, no pastor. Meetings well attended. The spiritual state of the church is good. Members in active condition and trusting God under all circumstances. Bro. W. H. Ingersoll has given them valuable assistance.

Phinney Cove, Nova Scotia, Bro. C. S. Hilyard pastor. Reports some ingathering. Interest very good. A good attend-

ance at all the meetings. Considering the opposition the church is fairly prosperous. Have had visits during the year from Bros. A. Kinney, H. H. Cosman and G. W. MacDonald, who greatly encouraged us.

Marysville Church, Rev. W. H. Sherwood pastor. We regret to state that the spiritual condition of the church is not, at the present time, as good as it ought to be. We believe, however, that our pastor has done his best to promote harmony and brotherly love. The interest and attendance at all the preaching services have been above our expectations. Our prayer and covenant meetings have also been well attended. Though a number have been baptized during the year, yet our additions to the church were small, owing, we believe, to prevailing opposition. We have a preaching station at Gibson, where there is also a weekly prayer meeting. At Fredericton there is also an established holiness meeting, which is well attended and a good interest manifested. Altogether this is an important field and we trust it may be well cared for.

Nashuaak church, Rev. W. H. Sherwood pastor. The regular services of this church are held with the church at Lower Peniac; but as a number of the members reside at Upper Peniac, about four miles above, regular Sabbath and week-night services have been established there. During the summer season these meetings are held in an unfinished church, and in the winter they are held in the cottages. Meetings have also been held in cottages a short distance below Lower Peniac. At all of these meetings our pastor has been in constant attendance and there is a good spiritual interest existing. The attendance at all the services has been increasingly good during the year. The pastor has been untiring in his efforts to meet the spiritual needs of all in the community. The truth as presented by our faithful pastor has been well received. This church, in connection with the Marysville church, viewing the state of the cause at Gibson and feeling desirous that something might be done to help a faithful few in that community, have opened up regular Sabbath and week-night services at that place. This church has also, in connection with the Marysville church, built a neat and comfortable parsonage at Marysville. We feel sure that the cause has been very much strengthened during the past year under the faithful labors of our pastor.

Woodstock Church, no pastor, reports that our meetings have been good, and well attended, considering the fact that we have had no regular pastor. Bro. Wiggins was with us during the months of April and May, preaching to us the "Word of life." We believe the Lord is among us and we are expecting great blessings from Him during the coming year. Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. Quite a number of the scholars have made a start for the kingdom and we expect they will come into the church within the next few weeks. During the past year two of our beloved sisters have died and, we believe, gone to be with Jesus. We still live to enjoy on earth the manifold blessing of God.

Jonesport Church, Rev. D. Hilyard pastor. This church was organized on November 6th of last year, and consequently only been in existence about eight months. Its growth is something wonderful, having a present membership of sixty-eight. Bros. Grass, MacDonald, Moses and Rumery have assisted the pastor at different times and have contributed largely to the spiritual strength of the church. The pastor is much beloved by the people, and they, with him, are already preparing to put up a church building. This church gives promise of

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