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Doubts are not rest-producers; but there is peace in believing.

Confidence in God is the true foundation of peace—fear brings torment.

Storms and time and constant use cannot destroy the buoyancy of the promises of God.

A doubt is an unjust and mean suspicion of God and an insult to him as if he were unable or unwilling to keep his word.

What is salvation if it is not freedom from sin? The atonement was a complete solution of the problem of sin. The son of God was successful in his work.

God has a right to our best efforts by all our strength and all procurable grace and power. What we can be and do we ought to be and do and will for this give an account unto God.

The measure of our privilege is the measure of our accountability. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship with him and the blood of Jesus cleanseth us from all sin."

The Christian is an automobile and needs not to be pushed or pulled but should have the motive power within himself for all religious activities and doing for God. The power of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart is that which drives the man of God forward in love and effort and sacrifice.

A New Brunswick judge says that the reason crime is prevalent may be that the schools are without the Bible and religious teaching. This is wisely said and in addition it is sadly true that a great many homes are destitute of God and religious influences. The Bible has a place in the making of character which cannot be supplied by any substitute. Do we want our boys kept from crime and shame? Then let us first learn for ourselves and then teach others of full salvation through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost.

Living grace will take away the fear of death.

"WHY STAND YE GAZING UP INTO HEAVEN?"

It was after the ascension of Jesus that the disciples were thus addressed by two men in shining apparel. sorrowfully the still gaze into the mysterious skies where their Lord had disappeared from their sight. These were they who had been chosen by divine wisdom to be the "light of the world," and whose commission it was to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The question was heaven's interrogation to the infant church. "Why stand ye?" to whom it is given to bless the world. Your Master's earthly work is ended; true, yours is scarcely yet entered upon. The King's business requires haste. "Why stand ye gazing?" Have you been stunned by what has transpired? Has grief at the departure of your dearest friend paralyzed your usefulness? Have you become so sentimental that you forget to be practical?

Star-gazing, mourning, rhapsodizing, dreaming, is unprofitable occupation for men with work before them. Life is real. You must face its realities. Life is earnest; its earnestness commands our attention. Its conflicts are not mock warfare. We need movement, energy, action. Gazing up into heaven is very pleasant at times, but the glory of God, our own usefulness, the salvation of men, demand that we look elsewhere. The world, the pit, the millions of doomed sinners; are we blind to them and all things earthly in our study of the celestial? We conclude, then, that this is a call to the church from the sentimental to the practical, from living upon the traditions of the past to such a realization of present conditions of human suffering and need as shall impel her to emulate primitive obedience sacrifice and devotion that her mission may be fulfilled.

The manifest need of the world confronting the church as its gaze turns earthward is a practical salvation.

Of religions there have always been a plenty. Throughout all the ages human beings have had creeds, religions, faiths, and have given worship. Gods of wood and stone have received homage from men; but from all these the world has received no benefit. Sin has cursed the race and like a great octopus has clutched after all that is good in mankind. Something must be had to lift men above the power of evil, to stay its ravages, to transform society, to tame savage natures and to revise human laws. This need of a practical salvation always has been, is now and ever will be apparent in the world, and the realization of this need must ever abide with the church, through which it is the divine idea to supply that need. The church to which the heavenly message was given (text) was invited to cease its study of the heavens in order that it might contemplate the desperate situation of the race of men to whom they must be the agents of relief.

A practical preaching is another need confronting the church now and in all ages. Dissertations on popular themes will not supply the need of the message of life. Not infrequently preachers leave the earth with its suffering, its want and soul hunger to wander among the stars. Practical Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, and it is true that by the "foolishness of preaching" not foolish preaching, the world must be convinced of sin and salvation. Preaching to be practical must be direct as was Peter's sermon at Pentecost and Paul's at Athens, and his address to Felix. The preaching that treats of men and of God, the

fact of lost relations and the possibility of having them restored, that stirs up human hunger and points the way to the Bread of Life, that lays bare human guilt and shows the sufficient atonement of Calvary, that insists on the power of the blood to destroy sin, and the power of grace to preserve the Christian, this is the kind that makes for the glory of God and the inbringing of really saved men and women into the church of God.

Practical effort is another need to which our attention is invited. Intelligence, common sense, tact, these are indispensable adjuncts to successful work for the Lord. Victory will come when Christians mean business for God and lend themselves to the work of helping him save the world. These men in early days went from this place of questioning, this viewpoint of the need of men to the upper room at Pentecost where the purifying, empowering baptism of the Holy Ghost was given and thence to the glorious victories of the early Church of Jesus Christ. Education, culture, brains and common sense are all helpful, but supplemental and Christians will never be as useful, practical and efficient for God's purposes until they have their Pentecostal experiences and in the strength of these give themselves body, soul and spirit to God for his glory and for the souls of men.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The twenty-fifth quarterly meeting of District No. 1 met at Maple Ridge, Sept. 18th, 1902, continuing over Sunday. God's seal was upon the meetings from the beginning.

The officers, previously appointed not being present, Rev. W. B. Wiggins was chosen president and took charge of the first service. Preaching from John 4:42: "Now we believe, not

because of any saying, for we have seen Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ the Saviour of the world." Our brother was greatly helped by the Holy Spirit in lifting up Christ as a Saviour from all sin. Many testimonies were given after the sermon. The devil was cornered by the truth and finally had to run.

Friday morning Bro. Coy led a prayer and testimony meeting in which the saints were much helped. In the afternoon Rev. A. H. Trafton preached a powerful sermon, after which many testimonies were given. Rev. G. W. Macdonald was the preacher of the evening, and though unwell in body our brother was helped by the Holy Ghost in thrusting the sword of the Spirit into the heart of the old man of sin, using for his text II. Cor. 7:1: "Having therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God." The apostle here strikes at the root of sin. Not enough for the tree to be cut down; if the roots are not taken out the sprouts will spring up again. So inbred sin must be eliminated from the heart. Bro. Macdonald showed clearly the difference between Holiness and perfect Holiness. Men are holy when born of the Spirit. The filthiness of the flesh spoken of in the text may be applied to the use of beer and tobacco. Pride, jealousy, anger, evil surmizings and the painting of vile pictures in the mind, are filthiness of the spirit from which we should cleanse ourselves by plunging into the fountain of Christ's blood opened for sin and uncleanness. This sermon caused the old man to squirm, and we trust some were wise enough to cast him out with all his baggage.

Saturday, at 10.30 a. m., the writer preached on "Pericet Love."

The business session commenced at 2.30 p. m. Officers appointed: Rev. W. B. Wiggins, president; I. F. Kierstead, sec'y, and Rev. H. C. Archer, HIGHWAY agent. Roll call found the following ministers present: Revs. W. B. Wiggins, A. H. Trafton, G. B. Trafton, H. C. Archer, J. H. Coy and J. Gravinor, Rev. G. W. Macdonald having returned to his circuit. Bro. I. F. Kierstead was invited to a seat to take part in all deliberations. About thirty delegates were present representing the different churches. The most of the churches were reported in good condition.

Bro. Archer reported in the interest of the HIGHWAY. The ministers do not write as much for the paper as they should, nor send as much money. We hope the brethren will respond to Bro. Archer's appeal.

Rev. J. H. Coy, Bros. Blaney and Dunlop were appointed a devotional committee. They soon gave the following report: Preaching Saturday evening by Rev. G. B. Trafton; love feast in the church Sunday at 9.30 a. m., leader Rev. J. Gravinor; preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. W. B. Wiggins; at 2.30 by Rev. H. C. Archer; at 7.30 by G. B. Trafton; an overflow meeting at the hall, preaching at 10.30 by I. F. Kierstead; 2.30 by Rev. A. H. Trafton; at 7.30 by J. Gravinor.

The meeting Saturday evening resulted in much good. Bro. Trafton preached from the words "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord," to a large and attentive congregation. On Sunday both the church and hall were filled to the utmost capacity all day, and the Holy Spirit helped all the preachers in declaring the power of Christ to the uttermost. Several during the day went down in self surrender and consecration under the power of the truth. To God be all the glory. Thus adjourned a very successful quarterly meeting, to meet next at Pemaic upon the invitation of that church.

I. F. KIERSTEAD, Sec'y.

MUST STAND THE PENALTY.

A child came to his father at bed time and said, "Will you please untie this shoe string? I have tried and tried and can't get it undone." The string had been tied in a hard knot in haste in the morning, without any care as to how it would be untied later on.

In daily life there are many things carelessly done which we find it difficult or impossible to undo. A young man lay dying in a hospital. He was asked by a visiting minister if he could do any thing for him. "No, sir," he cried, "you cannot do anything, but I wish you could undo some of the things I have done." In an agony of remorse he told of pure lives he had ruined, of companions he had led astray, and said, "Oh, sir, can you undo this awful work that I have done? Can God undo it?"

Our Heavenly Father forgives our sins and blots out our iniquities, but neither God, our fellow-men nor ourselves can undo the evil done nor stop the bad influences set in motion by our wrong-doing.—Selected.

If there be no everlasting hell for the wicked, then there will be no everlasting heaven for the holy, for Jesus and the Bible affirm the same duration of both.

It is the Holy Spirit in what we say that convicts, converts, comforts, edifies, sanctifies wholly, and matures in the divine life.

When the angel reads the charge, "Theft," many will cry out in astonishment, "Why, Lord, that was only business."

"Oh, it is just my way." Well, brother, it is just your way that God wants to take out, and puts in his way.

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Pastor S. Greenlaw is encouraged with the work at Moncton. The Lord is with them and prospering them. Bro. Greenlaw has visited and preached at Springhill recently. He anticipates visiting the people there again and probably has done so during last week. We trust the Lord may open a door for our brother to enter in and be useful in that locality.

Pastor S. A. Baker is at work as usual, always busy and always to some purpose. The work under his care is moving on successfully.

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MARRIED.

Sept. 17th, at the home of the bride's father Mr. David Varney, Robie Maine, by Rev. S. A. Baker, Mr. John R. Krins, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Bertha A. Varney of Robie Maine.

The bride received many useful gifts from her many friends, the happy couple left for Boston on the 20th, where they will reside.

At Moncton, September 24th, by Pastor S. Greenlaw, Mr. George Colburn and Mrs. Etta Colburn, both of this city.

OBITUARY.

Died at the General Hospital in St. John on Sept. 9th, Bro. Ezra Bent aged 53 years. Our brother was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis while in his vessel in St. John and was carried to the Hospital where he was operated on from which he never recovered. He leaves a family of orphans, four boys and two girls, his wife having passed away five months ago.

May God bless the children in their sad bereavement, and may they find God a father to the fatherless.

Services were held at Hampton by the writer on the following Sabbath.

C. S. HILYARD.

MEETING AT MIDDLE SOUTHAMPTON.

A meeting for the promotion of Holiness will be held at Middle Southampton, York Co., N. B., on Friday Oct 10th, at 7.30 p. m. and continuing over Sunday, Revs. W. B. Wiggins, G. W. Macdonald and others are expected to be present. We invite all our friends to this meeting. Come praying for victory.

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