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THE MINISTER AND DEBTS.

The minister who is in debt is only half the moral force he would be if he were free from it. It unman's him, humiliates him, and absorbs much of his thought and energy.

There are those who are ready to say that he should not get in debt. This may be true in many cases, but in many cases again, this is quite impossible to avoid. The ministers salaries average less than ordinary mechanics, and yet they are expected to dress as well as professional men with large incomes, to be intelligent they must have books and papers, their children are expected to be dressed as well as the ordinarily prosperous people of their congregations, their houses are expected to be neatly furnished, as they have many callers and visitors, also their table should be provided with plenty of good wholesome food. Then they need a good comfortable house, to get which a good rent must be paid (unless he is unfortunate enough to own one). Then his fuel bill is equal to, or larger, than that of the professional man's, who can take advantage of opportunities of buying in large quantities, or when it is cheap. Then on a circuit he must keep a horse, which for food, shoeing, and wear and tear of waggons, harness and sleigh, robes and blankets, will foot up nearly $125.00 per year. And occasionally ministers families have sickness which incurs extra expense. Then he is expected to, and generally delights in contributing to the different undertakings and general funds of the church and denomination, beside public beneficeries, and frequently in his pastoral calls he finds persons in need who touch his sympathies and draw on his funds. Besides all this there are travelling expenses and very many other minor ways which draw upon his small salary, saying nothing of some simple luxuries he may indulge in, makes it needful to practice the strictest economy. If he smoked or drank he would be hopelessly in debt in a short time.

The average salary ministers receive is estimated to be less than $400.00 per year. So we conclude that a minister with a family of from two to six children on a salary of from $400.00 to $600.00 per year who keeps free from debt is a good financier.

But they are frequently embarrassed by debt, and at times considered dishonest, when it is absolutely impossible for him to pay. He can not easily hire money as he owns no real estate to give in security. If he farms or engages in trade, or speculates, it detracts from his influence as a minister.

There are many heroic battles being fought throughout this old world by men with burdened hearts, who bear it patiently, while they are helping to lift the burdens of others. He must meet all cheerfully and listen frequently as they relate their trials, while he himself is in need, but he does his best to cheer them, and prays with them and they never mistrust that he feels a single care of life.

While we were in business a minister came into the store and talked with us in a general way, and started to go out, when we were impressed to ask him how he was getting along for money, he replied "to tell you the truth I am dead broke, and came in to ask you for some money and my courage failed so I started to go without it. I came down town yesterday with $3.00 to buy my wife a pair of gloves, and I met a man who told me that his landlord was taking his cookstove out of his house for rent, and I could not stand that so I gave him all I had." The few dollars we gave him has paid the best of any we ever invested, as we can remember the big tear that rolled down over the cheek of that man of God.

If we were to ask for the establishment of a fund, it would be one from which the ministers of the gospel could borrow when they get in financial straits, or to inaugurate a Jubilee when every man should be set free.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several men were staggering about Hartland, and indulging in talk that generally accompanies drunkenness, on the night of the 7th instant. It reminded the citizens who saw and heard them, of the need of a lockup, and we trust that this long felt need may soon be supplied. We are told that the liquor used on the above occasion was brought down from Perth, one man is serving time for selling liquor here a few days ago, and we hope to send him company if some of these very innocent gentlemen persist in dealing out intoxicants.

Men who do this kind of business know they are liable to pay the penalty, and it is sickening to hear them cry baby when they get caught.

Our christian sympathy should take a practical form, when we see mothers weeping over their drunken boys.

CAN BEAT THE BAND.

A brother recently met a sister who professes to be a christian, and asked her why she did not attend the holiness meetings more frequently; she replied, "well I can't talk much in meeting." He answered by asking, you can talk at home can you not? Oh yes she said, "I can talk there to beat the band." We have met several sisters with the same gift, who at home could beat the band, in time, and made a fair attempt in volume, but their words were few and feeble in the testimony meeting.

Our "African Letter" by Rev. H. C. Sanders; "Sermonette," by Eugene Wilcox; "Conscience," and "When Old," by the editor; crowded out of last issue, will be found on the outside of this issue.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Quarterly Meeting convened at Lower Southampton, March 24th, 1904. No preachers arrived until Friday, except Brother Allan Stairs who came in Thursday evening and preached for us. Friday morning a prayer and testimony meeting was led by Brother Hyde from Gibson, and the power of God was with us and it proved to be a blessing to our souls. Preaching in the afternoon at 2.30 by Rev. S. Greenlaw. It was a very searching sermon followed by testimonies. Preaching in the evening at 7.30 by Brother Gaskin. It was a powerful and testing sermon followed by testimonies.

Preaching Saturday morning at 10 o'clock by Brother Gaskin. In the afternoon at 2.30 business session opened in due form. Brother Greenlaw elected president pro tem, B. R. Burtt, secretary pro tem, and Brother Miller, treasurer. No new officers appointed. Old ones stand as last Quarterly Meeting. Churches reported:—

Rev. S. Greenlaw reported Royalton church. He said he found the church not in as good condition as he would like to have found it, but he thought it was coming up. The prayer meeting was not as well attended as he would like to see, but the preaching services were well attended, and they had a good Sabbath school.

Hartland church reported by letter:—Dear Brethren,—As we will not be able to have any delegates present at this session of the Quarterly Meeting we forward report by mail. The general spiritual health of our church is good, although quite a number of our members have been ill during the winter. We united in union services with the other denominations here for several weeks, following the week of prayer. A number were converted. Four new members were added to our church by baptism. All the churches were benefitted by the special effort, a number being added to each. Brother Baker feeds us with strong spiritual food, fresh and new. We praise the Lord for a true pastor. All our meetings are well attended and are seasons of refreshing. Sister Baker is doing excellent work in our Mission Band. We praise the Lord for our dear missionaries in Africa and the work they are doing there. Our Sabbath school is interesting and profitable. We trust our heavenly Father will pour rich blessing upon you in all your sessions.

In behalf of Hartland church,
ANNETTA A. TRACY, Clerk.

Lower Southampton church reported by Brother Miller:—Brother Gaskin has been preaching for us this winter and is still with us. We have good meetings. Prayer meetings every Sabbath morning, and God has helped us much.

Meductic church reported by letter:—The church here is very weak numerically. We have held union meetings this winter. Rev. B. T. Gaskin has laboured faithfully with us. We have prayer-meeting every Thursday evening. It has not a very large attendance, but is always a season of blessing. The Sunday school is in good condition. Beatrice Marsten, clerk.

Millville Church, reported by B. R. Miller:—We as a people, though few in number, are holding on to God by faith. Rev. J. H. Coy is our pastor. The gatherings are not as large as we would like to see. We still keep up our two prayer-meetings, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The Sabbath school is very good.

Maple Ridge Church, reported by Bro. Henry Hoyt:—Very few to attend meeting as most of the men were in the woods; but we are alive and looking forward to better days.

Mouth of Nashwaak, Holiness Mission Band:—We are still pressing on here. The last three months the fight has been hard, attendance small, but I believe we have held our own. Sunday school is looking up as spring opens. In Fredericton only one meeting has been held since December 28th, that on March 14th. The Lord was present to bless and encourage us. Two rose for prayer. Trying to organize into a holiness mission. A few from other churches will join, and we will be under the pastorate of the Marysville church if they consent.—Bro. Hyde Gibson.

We also passed a resolution.

Moved by B. R. Burtt seconded by Bro. Miller, that the secretary of the quarterly meeting be requested if not present at the quarterly meeting to see that the books are forwarded in time for the business session, and this notice be put in the HIGHWAY with this report.

Session closed by prayer, followed by testimonies and song.

Preaching in the evening at 7.30 by Rev. S. Greenlaw; Sunday morning, love feast led by Bro. Hyde; 10.30, preaching by Rev. J. Gravinor; 2.30, preaching by Rev. B. T. Gaskin, and 7.30 by Rev. S. Greenlaw; collections good. I must say it was one of the very best quarterly meetings that I ever attended; the power of God seemed to settle down on every service, the gatherings large and attentive.

B. R. BURTT, Secretary.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. M. S. Trafton was in Woodstock last week.

Rev. B. Colpitts, the Scott Act Inspector, has caged four more rumsellers for two months each, unless they pay up their fines.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., baptized four persons and received 11 into the membership of the church as part of the result of the recent special meetings. Others are expected to unite soon.

Rev. H. H. Cosman expects to engage in special meetings. His son and Evangelist Morrell will assist him.

Rev. J. A. Woodworth baptized 11 converts at Simonds on the 3rd inst.

Brother John Buck and wife have been assisting in the revival meetings at Simonds. They returned home on the 11th. We are glad to find him still standing true, and full of joy.

Rev. A. J. Prosser is holding special meetings at Pembroke, N. B.

Rev. J. Perry, although 84 years of age, is still quite rugged. We are always glad to have our aged brother drop into our services.

Rev. A. McNinch is holding revival meetings at North Head, Grand Manan. Considerable interest has been awakened.

We are glad to give our readers an interesting letter from Sister Hale, and she has promised more.

We are receiving encouraging words about the HIGHWAY, and we are encouraged by the valume of original matter we are receiving for its columns to hope that it will be enlarged or be made a weekly in the near future.

Rev. A. H. Trafton had a very narrow escape from death recently. While gathering up a load of wood under the Woodstock bridge, which was being repaired, a piece of timber fell so close to him that it injured his foot quite badly.

Rev. A. L Bubar baptized three persons on the 10th inst.

Rev. H. C. Archer held special meetings at Two Islands for two weeks. Some were reclaimed and others converted and many helped.

NOTICE.

I would like to make a tour of the churches in the interest of missions sometime before the first of June if satisfactory arrangements can be made. If the pastors would like any such arrangements, I wish they would write me, stating what they would consider a suitable time.

M. S. TRAFTON.

THE RIGHT THING.

At the organization of a stock company composed of the farmers in the vicinity of Goodrich Maine, to build and operate a starch factory, one article in their agreement is that the factory is not to be run on Sunday.

GAMBLING DEN.

It is alleged that there is a gambling den in Woodstock. The citizens should invest in spectacles for their police, so they can see to locate it.

EASTER EXERCISES.

Nackawick, York Co. April 5th, 1904.

The Easter services in this place were of an interesting character. Mr. Brown occupied the pulpit at the morning service and delivered a very interesting sermon. In the afternoon at 2 p. m. the Sunday School was convened. It being review Sunday, also Easter, a special programme was prepared. The school was opened by the choir singing two Easter anthems. Mrs. Earnest Maxon presided at the organ. Next was responsive reading by Superintendent and school of Malachi third and fourth, when prayer was offered by S. W. Parent.

After a few remarks by Superintendent Trail the school commenced a review of the last quarter in respect of which they acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, after which the school recited verses of scripture or poetry, many responded with excellent selections. Miss Maud Quigg who is secretary of the school was invited to read her report of the quarter which she did in a very efficient manner. S. W. Parent responded to an invitation to address the school, who urged the importance of reviewing life not only at the close but at every stage. In closing the speaker urged the importance of proper home training as a means of implanting christian principles. The address was well appreciated. Bro. Gideon Stairs was called to the stand who selected as his theme the truth taught in the scripture lesson read by the school viz., the superiority of the christian religion, having in its design, the elevation of a sinful race to holiness, happiness, heaven, and in this respect it affords convincing proof of its superior and heavenly origin. The speaker's arguments was logical and impressive. Deacon Issac McFarlin came to the front and gave expression to his gratitude in witnessing the advance of the school, it was even beyond his most sanguine expectation, the future was full of hope the possibilities for the school were excellent, he wished ever to be identified with the work. The superintendent informed the school that it was the day for them to choose officers for the ensuing year. The former officers were unanimously returned. An assistant secretary was appointed in the person of Mr. Byram McFarlin. After a selection by the choir the school was brought to a close, all having enjoyed the exercises.

S. W. PARENT.

MARRIED.

At the house of the brides brother Mr. Alden Varney, Robie Maine, on the 6th. instant, by Rev. S. A. Baker, Mr. Parker W. Kinney of Easton Maine, and Miss Gertrude J. Varney of Robie.

The marriage took place at 6o'clock, in the presence of the relatives of the bride and groom, after which supper was served. A reception was held in the evening when about 70 guests assembled and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, leaving many tokens of their friendship to the bride, who has been so helpful in the church and Sunday School. Brother and Sister Kinney are to reside at Easton.

Highway Acknowledgements.

Mrs. A. J. Hoyt, Millville, Feb. 1905; Mrs. Alex. Johnston, Prairie, Wash, Jany. 1905; Mrs. M. E. Pugsley, Amherst, N. S. April 1905; Mrs. Maria, Scribner, St. John, Mch. 1904; Mrs. A. Lamereaux, St. John, Mch. 1904; Mrs. J. R. Reid, St. John, Dec. 1905; Mrs. C. A. Lawton, St. John, Dec. 1904; Wm. How, St. John, Dec. 1903; T. W. Prince, St. John, Dec. 1904; Mrs. Wm. Brawn; Millville, Feb. 1905; Rev. J. A. Woodworth, Woodstock, 1905.

Aura Smith, Milford Mass.: Quite a number of souls converted and a few sanctified in the Ridgefield, Conn., meeting. Began here the 3rd of this month; souls have been converted and sanctified in almost every service; fully a score forward Sunday, who professed to get what they came for. Will go to Providence, R. I., next week. 597 Branch avenue will be our address.

Rev. Aura Smith is to be at Riverside Camp Meeting. August 5-14. Ed.