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MISSION BANDS.

There is a very interesting field of labour for our wholly consecrated sisters in every church, among the children, one that will bear abundant fruit if properly conducted. The children need this missionary training, our future missionary work needs this department developed. The missionary work of the future is entirely dependant upon the children of today; the children are ready to enter heartily into it but the difficulty is to find even among holiness people those who are competent, that are willing to make the sacrifice of time, and energy and patience, to organize and carry on this grand department of missionary work.

Beloved our consecration should include our homes, carpets, furniture, time, talents, strength, all. But when we come to mission band work, we think of muddy little feet, sharp eyes, meddlesome little hands, mischievous actions, and many other little annoying things and we prefer quietness, and a dainty piece of fancy work, and clean well ordered rooms undisturbed fancy articles on our tables, and shelves, that little hands are likely to disarrange, and to quiet ourselves with the thought that we give our dollar a year to missions, and we help arrange, and take part in a few public missionary meetings during the year, and that is good enough, but we lose the blessing of knowing that we have blessed future generations and the world by developing missionary forces for the generations following. What is a nice carpet, a well ordered room, a little weariness, to the grand fruits to be reaped in the grand harvest day, sisters improve this grand opportunity.

Watch for the dates of Beulah and Riverside Camp Meetings. Plan to spend ten days at each of those beautiful camp grounds in the first part of July and the first part of August.

Are you a partner in purchasing Balmoral Farm? If not, will you not take a share?

Some communities have weakly preaching, weekly, and some weakly preaching monthly.

Don't forget your renewal for THE HIGHWAY.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS UNION.

NO. 1.

The question of "Union" is so exceedingly sensitive a thing, at such a time as we write, that we need to approach it with the kindest and most charitable feelings. And we hope that what we write on this subject will be inspired and governed by the purest motives. "Love to all who agree and ill will to none who differ."

1. It is an apparent fact in religious history today that the trend of denominational fraternity is towards solidarity of church interests. The is growing a common sentiment among all classes of christians, that in all church work, both at home and abroad, there is much waste of energy, time and means in pressing forward Gospel work, by reason of the laborious and exhausting repetitions both of methods and plans which many denominations have to continually keep up in order to hold or properly occupy the land that they regard as theirs. And this growing feeling and common sentiment have resulted, in some denominations, towards combining the religious activities of these different churches in a larger plan of work, mutually entered into and shared alike, both as to its burden well as to its profit.

And the question of union here, in such peculiar and special conditions, may always be regarded as advantageous, mutually, and spiritually profitably to the churches concerned. In such cases as these, union of effort, energy, and means can be carried on successfully even to the highest degree and the Spirit of Jesus Christ can be preserved and honored by all the parties concerned. And the reason of all this is because in all these efforts towards unity of plan and purpose, there is no sacrifice of any essential doctrine or principle of faith. The fundamentals, the basic doctrines of each church entering into these combinations of religious activities, are never to any extent reflected upon; or in any way discussed or touched.

These are cases where and when church union, along the line of combined religious effort, involving no reflection or ignoring of essential doctrine, can be rightfully and consistently entered into, and where and when God's spiritual blessing can richly descend and quicken into life and vigor all the efforts thus put forth. Towards this union we gratefully lean and would most heartily accept. And present church history gives it that the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Canada, and some sections of the same churches in the United States, are now leaning quite heavily in the direction of church union on a general plan, and which will involve no sacrifice of essential doctrine in the carrying out of that plan. In all these things we see indications of the removal of the non-essential and over-emphasized distinctions of church creed and polity, and a blessed return to a simple faith in all the essentials of our glorious gospel. We verily believe that when these churches get a little closer together in real spiritual fellowship they will no doubt perceive many things, both in teaching and polity, which are real obstacles in the path of true christian unity and vital fellowship. And what applies to the above-mentioned churches, applies with equal force to the different sections of all other truly evangelical churches. And we would here be remiss in our duty did we not very gently remind the great Baptist family and ourselves also as a truly humble but not a tardy or lifeless member of that historic body, that the coming of us together in prayerful and vital discussion would surely mean the

removal and abandonment of many an old tradition and a few old musty creeds which standing in the centre of our religious prejudices, have flapped their homely wings in the face of any and all honest inquirers after the best scriptural light and experience. The facts of recent history in the Baptist family in Canada well sustain the positions which we take. While there has not been as great gain as there might have been in true Christian union, when understood and interpreted by the prayer of Jesus for his disciples, in the 17th chapter of John's Gospel, yet there has been a great gain by these denominations coming together as they did; and their greatest gain is not so much the addition of strength by members, as in the removal of many traditions which were occasions of stumbling, and in the gain of a simple creed which these bodies, in this present experience, can properly and fully express.

A. L. BUBAR.

Ministers and Churches.

The special meetings at Hartland will probably close this week, and the pastor will resume his regular work next Sunday, at Lower Brighton 10.30 a. m., Victoria 3 p. m., Hartland 7 p. m., Prayer meetings, Lower Brighton, Tuesday evening, Victoria, Wednesday evening, Hartland, Thursday evening.

Rev'ds W. B. Wiggins, and S. Greenlaw Licentiate P. J. Trafton and W. J. Hamilton were present at the quarterly meeting at Millville, it was an excellent meeting, a large number were forward for prayer Sunday night. Licentiate P. J. Trafton and W. J. Hamilton remained to assist Brother Greenlaw, and the meetings will be continued.

Rev. A. L. Bubarr reports the church work at Beals, Me., in a prosperous condition.

The Waterville church has become Alliance property.

Hartland church building is to be enlarged early in the summer.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins will begin a series of special meeting at Woodstock on the 18th, Rev. W. Howard Hoople of New York is to assist. We believe a grand victory will be the result.

Rev. A. H. Trafton is holding special meetings at Royalton, his sons Rev. M. S. and J. P. Trafton are to assist him.

Rev. G. B. MacDonald preached at Woodstock Sunday evening 11th. Rev. H. H. Cosman is supplying for Brother MacDonald in N. S.

Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Baker, will celebrate their 25th, wedding anniversary on April 26th.

PERSONAL.

Sister M. H. Miller, of Hartland, reached the ripe age of 85 years on the 4th instant.

Brother Thos. Whitten, of Caribou, and Brothers F. T. Kimball and A. W. Tapley, of Fort Fairfield, attended the Quarterly Meeting at Millville last week.

Brother W. F. Cogswell, of Fort Fairfield, spent Sunday the 11th instant in Woodstock, returning home Monday.

WANTS HOLINESS PREACHING.

A Sister Writes,—Please find enclosed my renewal and one dollar for the purchase of the Missionary Horse. I feel that I cannot get along without THE HIGHWAY for all that I read in its pages is dear to my soul and my home. Oh how my soul is longing for some one to come here and preach with power from on high the unsearchable riches of Christ that my soul might be fed.

Brethren, can we still remain at ease, when souls are crying for the bread that God has entrusted to our hands to give?

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT.

The thirty-seventh quarterly meeting of District No. 1, convened at Millville, York Co., Thursday, March 8th.

The first session was in the evening at 7.30 when Pastor W. B. Wiggins, of Woodstock, preached to a good sized and attentive audience, and there was evidently conviction on the people.

Friday morning at 10.30, Pastor P. J. Trafton, of Fort Fairfield, Me., led the service and gave us an earnest talk on prayer. Many earnest prayers followed, and after testimonies an altar service when one sister sought full salvation. At 2.30 Pastor W. J. Hamilton, of Meductic circuit, led the service and gave an interesting and profitable talk on "Faith" from Mark 1:5. "When he saw their faith." A good number of earnest testimonies followed expressive of faith in God and his promises.

A very heavy storm of sleet and wind now began and it seemed that very few, if any, would be out to the evening service, but we were agreeably surprised to find the church pretty well filled, while Bro. P. J. Trafton gave a very earnest and practical address from Heb. 12:1 on "laying aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us" in order to serve God acceptably. A number of grand testimonies followed.

Saturday's session at 10.30 was led by Bro. James Rogers of Hartland, who read and commented on 1st Cor. 1:18-31. Man by human wisdom could not know God nor understand the Gospel, but by faith in Christ we could receive a knowledge of God and sanctification. A number of testimonies followed as to the saving and keeping power of God. At 2.30 in the afternoon the business session was held.

The roll being called, the following ministers and delegates were found to be present: Revds Samuel Greenlaw and W. B. Wiggins, Licentiate P. J. Trafton and W. J. Hamilton, and delegates Frank I. Kimball and A. H. Tapley from Fort Fairfield, Me., Mrs. George Somers, Victoria Corner, Jas. Rogers, Hartland, Mrs. A. H. Trafton and Mrs. W. B. Wiggins, Woodstock, B. Burr, A. J. Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Sharp, Millville, P. G. Blaney, John Young and Henry Hoyt, Maple Ridge, Mrs. Percy Stewart, Nortondale, Mrs. Amos Knox, Upper Hainesville, Arthur Chute and Mrs. Mary Forman, Lower Hainesville. Rev. Samuel Greenlaw was chosen president, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, secy, Bro. B. Burr, treas, and Bro. W. J. Hamilton, Highway agent. The reports from the ministers and churches followed. Revs Baker and G. B. Trafton reported absent because of special services in their churches. Rev. Coy was unable to attend. The reports from the churches were cheering.

Fort Fairfield church now numbers 77 members, and in almost every meeting there are inquirers after salvation. The power of the Spirit is manifest in every service. They are planning for a spring campaign and expect to build a church this coming summer.

Hartland had been wonderfully blessed with a gracious revival, 14 new members had been received and more to follow.

Woodstock was advancing in all departments and was preparing for special services to begin on the 18th inst.

Victoria Corner had been blessed through Hartland services.

Millville was increasing in strength.

Maple Ridge was fully alive, as also Upper and Lower Hainesville.

Green Bush church, under the care of Licentiate Hamilton, reported victory. The cottage prayer meetings were very helpful. The Sunday school kept up all through the winter. Missionary society doing well. Preaching services well attended and three had been added to the church since last quarterly meeting.

Marysville, under the care of Rev. G. B. Trafton, had enjoyed increasing prosperity. He had been assisted by Bros. P. J. Trafton, A. W. Morrell, S. Greenlaw and W. B. Wiggins and wife, and a number had been reclaimed, converted and sanctified. He was now assisted by Rev. D. Rand Pierce and wife.

The reports called forth very earnest addresses from Bros. P. J. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, Samuel Greenlaw, Sister A. H. Trafton and Bro. A. J. Hoyt.

Bro. Thomas Whitten, of Caribou, but formerly of Upper Hainesville, whom all were glad to see and hear, gave us an idea of the state of the churches in his town.

Our brother still has a full salvation testimony to give.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the people of Millville for their kind entertainment, and prayer.

The next quarterly meeting will be held with the church at Green Bush in June.

Saturday evening Rev. Samuel Greenlaw preached to a good congregation from Jer. 13:15-17. Sunday morning love feast at 9.30, led by Bro. James Rogers. It was a season of blessing. Preaching at 11 by W. B. Wiggins. God was manifestly present in the service. At 2.30 Licentiate W. J. Hamilton preached from Rev. 18:4, to a full house. Bro. P. J. Trafton and A. Greenlaw followed in earnest talks. It was a time of conviction. In the evening the closing session was held, Licentiate Trafton giving a very searching and spirited address from 2nd Kings 5:1. The church was filled with a very attentive audience, and the spirit of the Lord was present. An altar service followed in which a score or more came forward to be reclaimed, converted and sanctified. The most of them were young people. It was a time of prayer and joy and a fitting closing of "the best quarterly meeting" as Pastor Greenlaw said, he ever attended. It was indeed an excellent Quarterly Meeting and considering the very severe and heavy storm well attended. The people of Millville showed their usual kindness in entertaining the ministers and delegates. And all who came were much pleased with all the services and enjoyed a blessed season not soon to be forgotten. Bros. P. J. Trafton and W. J. Hamilton remained for a few days to assist Bro. Greenlaw in special services. We expect to hear of grand results. To God be all the glory!

W. B. W.

PASTORS.

The time is at hand when the question of location of pastors is to be considered for the coming year, which is a matter of vital importance, one that requires prayerful consideration by the churches and the pastors. The spiritual welfare of the church should be the one consideration for changing or remaining. There is a danger of a pastor leaving when it would be injurious for the best interest of the church for him to do so. There is another danger of him staying on account of agreeable situation and personal friendship after his work has been completed. A pastor's gift may be profitable to a church or circuit during a life time, when another's work would be completed in a single year. The Holy Spirit is the infallible guide in these matters, and according to Paul's charge to the elders of Ephesus, Acts 20-28, the true pastor or elder is such by the Holy Spirit's appointment. Wholly sanctified ministers are under his direction, as also wholly sanctified people in the churches, and if both will seek to know the Holy Spirit's will, without leaning to their own will in the case, a right and profitable decision will be reached.

NOTICE.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Third District, embracing the churches in Maine, Grand Manan and Nova Scotia, will convene with the church at Sandford, N. S., on Wednesday, April 4th, at 7 o'clock, p. m. All the ministers in this district are expected to attend. Delegates and letters from each church are looked for.

A. L. BUBAR, Secretary.

Beals, Maine, March 12, 1906.

PRAYING BAND.

The young men of Hartland church are about to organize a praying band, and will enter into active work as they may have openings in and about the Hartland circuit.

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion," or a preacher of the gospel with a cigar or pipe in his mouth.