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EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The eighteenth anniversary of the organization of the Woodstock Reformed Baptist church was celebrated as previously announced by a three days meeting beginning Friday evening 2nd instant. It was a stormy day and the streets and sidewalks were covered with slush, yet a fair congregation gathered and a good service was enjoyed. Rev. H. C. Archer preached a good and appropriate sermon from John 11:56, "What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?" He said when preparing for an occasion of this kind our first thought is, who will be there, and generally some that we expect will not be present. They are hindered in various ways. Some who were here eighteen years ago cannot be here, they are gone to another and better world. Jesus will come to our feasts if we live in harmony with his will. After the sermon an excellent testimony meeting was enjoyed.

Saturday, 10.30 a. m., a very enjoyable meeting was led by Rev. B. Colpitts who read 1 Thess. 5th chap. Brother Colpitts was endowed with the old time power. Another rich feast was enjoyed in the afternoon at 2.30. The experiences of the past eighteen years were related by many and waves of joy swept over many hearts as conflicts and victories were told. Among those present at this meeting were Brother J. C. Smith, of Bridgewater, Me., and J. H. Seeley, of Blaine, Me. All were glad to meet these true and tried men on the old battle field again. Brother Seeley said in his testimony that during the meeting the Lord had blessed him almost to death. Saturday evening's train brought quite an additional force of workers from Fort Fairfield, Me., Aroostook Junction, Bristol and Hartland, and several came with teams. Saturday, 7.30 p. m., being the exact date and hour on which the organization of the first Reformed Baptist church took place eighteen years ago the service was a roll call. The pastor led the service assisted by Rev. B. Colpitts. After singing and prayer the pastor read Acts 4th chap. and spoke briefly, saying, that to him this was a triple anniversary. On the evening of the 2nd instant was the

eighteenth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Baptist denomination, tonight is the eighteenth anniversary of the organization of this church, and tomorrow evening 4th instant is the eighteenth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. A. Hartt, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., and himself. The varied experiences of the past eighteen years, with its conflicts, and heart breakings, and faith testings, and triumphs were of priceless value to him. Thank God for them all. He would not have one thing removed. He referred briefly to those who were leaders in the founding of the denomination and church who have gone to the church triumphant. After singing by the choir Brother C. N. Scott read the following sketch of the history of the church.

In November, 1882, the site on which this building stands was purchased by the Main Street Baptist church and in the spring following the erection of a church edifice was commenced. Much delay was experienced in the prosecution of the work and it was not until February, 1886, that the vestry was completed and dedicated for divine worship. Many of the members having embraced the doctrine of instantaneous and entire sanctification through faith subsequent to conversion, fellowship was withdrawn from the church by the Baptist denomination. Soon after, those opposed to holiness withdrew from the church, leaving the building unfinished and a debt against it of \$3,334.31 which the holiness brethren had to assume. The brethren and sisters, who had been disfellowshipped by the Free Baptist church, cast in their lot with us, and unitedly we continued to worship as a holiness body without any denominational recognition or legal standing and without any settled pastor, but the Lord was with us and there were frequent additions to our number. On November 1, 1888, a meeting of representative holiness brethren from different sections of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the State of Maine convened with us to consider the situation and determine what action should be taken in regard to the future. The result of their deliberation was the institution of the Reformed Baptist denomination and the organization of the Woodstock Reformed Baptist church with forty-one charter members. On November 3rd the late dear Brother G. W. Macdonald was chosen as pastor. On Sunday, November 4th, several more were added, and in the evening Brother W. B. Wiggins, Brother Aaron Hartt, and our present pastor were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. These were times of great blessing and power and the Lord gave us great victory in His service and added many to the church. Since the years have been rolling on but He has never forsaken but has given us many victories far surpassing our expectation. Under divine guidance the building has been completed and today there remains only about \$800.00 against it. Many have gone out to help and bless the people of other lands, some have been called to the heavenly home, but others tarry to do His will until the Master calls. When we think of the individual members coming from under different denominational training working together in love and harmony during these years until the present moment we are led to praise Him who hath so wonderfully helped and lead us. To Him be all the glory.

The pastor read the following telephone message:—

I feel that the brothers and sisters of Woodstock church eighteen years

ago today, took a step in the right direction led by the hand of the kind heavenly Father. Praise His dear name. Amen. B. N. GOODSPEED.

A selection was sung and Brother C. N. Scott, clerk of the church, called the roll. In all 105 responded. Being Saturday evening many were unavoidably absent. It was an exceedingly rich season. A special feature was Brother S. L. Churchill's sacred song "The Book of God" (see HIGHWAY October 31st) which the whole congregation sang with a will.

The following testimonies are from members of the Woodstock church who are scattered abroad, and other friends who are associated with us in the work of holiness.

ANNIVERSARY.

Sunday was indeed the great day of the feast. It began at 9.30 a. m. with a love feast; about 20 minutes were spent in prayer, then followed songs and testimonies, every moment being taken until 11 o'clock, joy springing from the memories of the past victories, and from the present consciousness of full salvation, was manifested by tears, shouting, and singing and praising God. It was a soul feast, indeed. At 11 a. m., after a selection by the male quartette and prayer by Rev. B. Colpitts, the pastor preached a short sermon from 2 Tim. 4-7, "I have fought a good fight." He said: "This is a triple anniversary, viz., the 18th anniversary of the Reformed Baptist denomination, and of this the first B. B. church, and of the ordination of Revs. A. Hartt, W. B. Wiggins, B. A., and of himself to the gospel ministry. He might consider the text from those three standpoints, but would consider it from a denominational and church point of view.

Our fight has been a good one:—1st, Because we have fought in the spirit of our Master, our weapon has been love. 2nd, Because we have fought for a higher standard of Christian living. 3rd, Because we have not compromised with wrong in any way. 4th, Because our victories have been a source of gain to ourselves and to those who are opposed to us as our converts are to be found in the membership of most all evangelical denominations. They are glad to put their mark on our lambs and take them into their fold.

5th, We have fought a good fight, because the spiritual life is quickened in every community in which our men labour.

6th, It has been a good fight from a numerical standpoint. What denomination can show such gains in proportion to the number of labourers?

7th, It has been a good fight from a financial standpoint, starting without means "nor where to lay our heads" as a denomination, even the churches that we had helped to build were closed against us. With only a handful of people, without money or influence, yet we have built up over fifty thousand dollars worth of church and denominational property.

8th, It has been a good fight, because it has always been aggressive. We have pressed the battle by sending out a clean aggressive paper "THE KING'S HIGHWAY," and by holding holiness conventions. Then the establishment of Bethel Camp Ground, where many hundreds have been converted and many have been brought into the blessed experience of entire sanctification from which the country generally has been blessed and spiritual life quickened in all denominations, also Riverside Camp Ground which is a centre of spiritual power, the effect of which is felt over a large section of country, both in Maine and New Brunswick.

9th, It has been a good fight from a missionary standpoint manifesting courage and faith in the establishment of a Mission Station in South Africa at which we have four excellent wholly consecrated missionaries; beside little Faith and Paul Sanders, who are very helpful in the work, also much home missionary work costing many hundreds of dollars has been kept up.

10th, Our Sunday school work has kept pace with the other departments, and in the temperance work we have fought a good fight, for our fight is against all intoxicants, including

many kinds of patent medicines (?) which are simply whiskey in disguise, with all alcoholic liquors and beers, and tobacco, opium and morphine, for we believe to be wholly sanctified is to be delivered from bondage and cleansed from all defilement. Amen.

At 11.45 a communion service was held in which Rev. B. Colpitts assisted the pastor, and over a hundred persons partook of the emblems commemorating our Lord's great sacrifice for us.

At 2.30 p. m. a Sunday school rally was held when the classes rendered several scriptural exercises, and excellent selections in singing, recognizing the Sunday school as a very important part of this 18 year old church.

At 3.15 the Praying Bands of Fort Fairfield, Hartland and Woodstock led by James W. Carr, held a service that for power and blessing would be difficult to surpass. Thirty young men were on the platform, every one of them fully saved. They were assisted by the choir and male quartette, and probably of the large audience present at least one hundred and fifty were fully saved, and with these conditions it is just impossible to describe the meeting. Songs, prayers, testimonies and shouts of praise had uninterrupted right of way until 5.30 p. m. At 7 p. m. there was a song service led by Brother F. L. Moore. At 7.30 after singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. B. Colpitts, the pastor preached from 1 Thess. 5-23, followed by a grand altar service and testimony meeting which continued until 10.15 p. m. Thus closed the 18th anniversary of the first Reformed Baptist church organized Nov. 3rd, 1888. These services resulted not only in a very enjoyable time to those present, but has been a great quickening to the church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, — I would very much enjoy being with you at the anniversary of our church. I would love to look into your faces and hear your testimonies. As this cannot be I want you to know that through all the years since the early days of the church I have been glad for the time when a few of us said "Come and let us join ourselves unto the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten." Jer. 50-5. The Lord has been my light and my salvation. He has brightened the pathway by His own presence every day. Blessed be His name forever. I realize now as at the beginning that "We which have believed do enter into rest." My testimony now is, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin and that the comforter abideth and I take the promise given that He has come that He may abide forever. May we each receive strength and blessing from the Lord and be ended with power to go forth to do all His will.

DIADAMA McLEOD.

BROTHER SIMON McLEOD.

Circumstances over which I have no control prevent me being present at the anniversary of the organization of Woodstock church, but beg to say that I still serve the Lord and trust in the blood that cleanseth my heart from unrighteousness. I enclose a small offering to assist you in your good work and pray that God's blessing will rest and abide with the brethren and sisters in Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

SISTER KATE STEVENS.

Dear Brother Baker, — Yours to hand Monday. I regret very much that I cannot be present at the 18th anniversary of our church. I know you will have a grand time and I am going to pray that in a wonderful way God will pour out His blessings on all the services. He has blessed us in a wonderful way as a church and people in the past and His storehouse is just as full as ever it was and He waits to bestow His blessings just as freely as in the past. Praise His dear name. How blessed to know that we can walk with Him and no matter if we are in the east or west we can find Him the same loving Saviour. Although I miss our services very much yet I find Jesus to be very precious and loving and I am proving these days that perfect obedience is the only thing that brings perfect peace. It was fifteen years ago the 4th of last May since I was baptized and joined the Reformed Baptist church at Woodstock. Though young in life then and not knowing much about the sins of the world yet I felt my need of a Saviour and I am glad that I obeyed His voice. I regret

that part of that time I did not live as close to Him as was my privilege. Yet I found Him to be unchangeable, loving and true. I praise Him for all past and present blessings. My life is given to Him and my prayer is that I may be a blessing to all I meet. Pray for me that I may be true and kept under the precious blood. This is my testimony.

TESTIMONIES.

MRS. R. K. JONES.

We sincerely pray that you may all enjoy the meetings, and be abundantly blessed. Jesus everywhere present; always the same yesterday, today and forever.

REV. W. B. WIGGINS.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: As being a charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church, of Woodstock in particular, and as a member of the Church of Christ in general, being absent in body but present in spirit, I am pleased to send you my present testimony. The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the strength of my life. He only is my rock and my salvation and my glory. The Lord is my sun and shield and no good thing does he withhold from my soul. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth me from all sin and I am kept by His power through faith. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, bless and praise His Holy name!

Yours in Him,

MRS. W. B. WIGGINS.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, As a member of the Reformed Baptist Church of Woodstock, I am pleased to send the following testimony:—In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge, is in God. I praise Him for the privilege of having Him as an all sufficient friend and Saviour, and I am proving that he is indeed strong to deliver and mighty to save. He is wonderfully precious to my soul these days, and I can truly say that where Jesus is 'tis Heaven. I praise Him for his sweet companionship, and for the knowledge that he is my Saviour, sanctifier and keeper. The language of my heart is, I have made my choice forever, I will walk with Christ my Lord, Naught from Him my soul can sever, While I'm trusting in his word; I the lonely way have taken, Rough and toilsome tho' it be, And although despised, forsaken, Jesus, I'll go thro' with thee.

Yours in sweet fellowship,

BROTHER S. L. CHURCHILL.

My Dear Brother Baker, How wonderfully mysterious are God's ways and plans uniting the hearts of his dear people with bonds of everlasting love and true fellowship. My little heart leaped for joy when I received your Christian like letter announcing the contemplated anniversary which, in my opinion, will eventuate in lasting good to the dear holiness people. Enclosed herewith you will please find P. O. order. Wish it were five hundred. Nothing would please me more than to be present on that occasion. I thank my God that I can be there in Spirit and true fellowship. Why not have a shout in very deed, dear brother. I am sure the King yet lives and all the hellish darts of the infernal region cannot touch to harm God's dear ones who trust in the living God. O how good to be rooted and grounded in love. O, this abounding love, how great. Wonderfully kept I am. Thank God the light still shines and I am walking with my hand in the hand of my blessed Lord. Love to all the brethren.

From your brother in Christ,

MRS. F. H. HALE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I shall be much with you in prayer during the anniversary services of our church, and confess I greatly desire to be with you enjoying the blessings that must be yours during the days of waiting upon God in prayer and praise. I am very thankful to be able to witness that Jesus is still my Saviour, giving me of his precious love that keeps from my heart the world of sin and gives his peace within. I miss the refreshing seasons of the services of my own church, but my Lord, at times calls me apart with him, when he grants me new views of his promises, new lights in the word and deeper communion with himself. So I continue to praise him that after I believed, I found that, sealing with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our own inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory. Truly his mercies encircle my pathway. He guides me with his counsel and gives me pleasure in the little I can do for him, then what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation, call upon the Lord and pay my vows in the presence of my people. My testimony today is that by faith I am under the precious blood that cleanseth me from all sin. To his dear name be all the glory forevermore.

Faithfully,

REV. A. H. TRAFTON.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ, I regret that it is out of my power to be