

AUTHENTIC EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION.

He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs.—Acts 1, 3.

In treating the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are impressed with a sense of its tremendous importance. Christianity stands or falls with it.

If Christ be risen, what then? Then Christianity is divine and true; then Jesus of Nazareth is what he claimeth to be—the Son of God; then redemption on calvary is a glorious reality; then life beyond the grave is a fact; then the coming triumph of goodness is certain and indisputable.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an historic fact, and as such it is substantiated by infallible proofs.

The Christian Church is a witnessing fact. This is its creed, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and shall believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." The Christian Church is the fruit of Christ's resurrection.

The Christian Sabbath is a witnessing fact. It is not the original Sabbath. The Jews by their seventh-day Sabbath are raising the question from pole to pole, Why do the Jews and Christians keep a different Sabbath?

The Christian Sabbath is kept as a memorial of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and as such it dates back to the time when the apostles saw the Risen One.

The resurrection of Christ is established by the testimony of competent witnesses of two classes, Christ's enemies and Christ's friends. They agree upon three things, Christ died, was buried in Joseph's tomb, which was sealed and guarded, and that on the third day the tomb was empty. The enemies had every motive to account for the empty tomb in a way to dishonor Christ. The same bitter envy and hate that surrounded the cross surrounded the tomb. Mark what the disciples met with because they proclaimed the resurrection. They were scourged and stoned and exiled! Are these the things which tempt men to become imposters? These witnesses gave the world its purest doctrine, and principles and ideals.

The disciples were not looking for the resurrection of Jesus; they believed only when strong evidence was presented. Afterward they bore their testimony in the very place where Christ died, and on the very day he rose.

Can the genuineness of the New Testament narrative be proven? The claims of no book have been more thoroughly sifted than the claims of this book. The sifting goes on, and out of the sifting comes new confirmation.

Take the writings of Paul, who was converted six years after the resurrection. Paul searchingly investigated the history of the evidences of the resurrection of Christ. He interviewed Peter, John and James, the brother of Christ. He saw the women who were with Christ, and visited the church at Jerusalem. Behold, then, what a man must strike down in order to strike down that wonderful man Paul, than whom no historic character has greater certitude. He must strike down his wonderful life; strike down the story of his conversion; strike down the Christian churches which he founded by preaching Christ's resurrection.

He must strike down his four epistles, which the best scholarship outside of the Christian Church has pronounced authentic. What straighter historical line back to the empty

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Hartland, N. B. on the 20th inst. and continuing over Sunday.

Rev. H. C. Archer preached the opening sermon on Thursday evening from John 2-5: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it," followed by a testimony meeting.

Friday afternoon, Rev. S. A. Baker preached from John 17-21, and at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Coy preached from Heb. 7-25.

Saturday at 10.30 a. m., social meeting, led by Rev. H. C. Archer.

The business session was held at 2 p. m., with the president, Rev. E. W. Lester, presiding.

Brother S. B. Charlton was appointed secretary pro tem.

Ministers present: Revs. M. S. Trafton, P. J. Trafton, H. C. Archer, J. H. Coy, E. W. Lester and S. A. Baker, also Sister Ella Slipp. Those in the district who were absent were: Revs. A. H. Trafton, L. T. Sabine, H. S. Dow, M. S. Blaisdell and Henry Smith.

Delegates Present.

Fort Fairfield: E. Higgins, W. T. Andrews and George Cogswell.

Perth: James Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Trafton.

Royalton: George H. Hartley.

Gordonsville: Leslie Estabrook and Wm. J. Jones.

Hartland: Charles Carr and Ziba Orser.

Victoria: Mrs. George Somers.

Rosedale: Chester Culberson.

Woodstock: Charles Mutch, James E. Drysdale and F. M. Boyd.

Fredericton: D. F. Knight and Robert Barr.

Lower Hainesville: Sister White.

Churches not represented: Marysville, Peniac, Mt. Hope, Maple Ridge, Upper Hainesville, Greenbush, Meductic, Central Southampton, Lower Southampton, and Four Falls.

The Mission at Caribou was recognized by the Quarterly Meeting and the delegates, Mrs. James Erb and Mrs. H. S. Dow, were received. Brother A. B. Craig, of Millinocket, was given a seat in the quarterly meeting as a delegate and all members of the churches who were present were received as delegates.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:—

President: Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Vice-President: Rev. M. S. Trafton.

Secretary: Brother S. B. Charlton.

Treasurer: Deacon S. Hayden Shaw.

Highway Agent: Rev. S. A. Baker.

Devotional Committee: Rev. P. J. Trafton, S. Hayden Straw, Charles Mutch and Robert Barr.

Written reports were received from the following churches: Four Falls, Perth, Hartland, Millville, Fredericton and Upper Hainesville, all of which were very encouraging.

Verbal reports were given by Brother G. H. Hartley of Royalton, Brother Leslie Estabrook of Gordonsville, Sister Somers of Victoria, Brother Chester Culberson of Rosedale, Brothers Charles Mutch, J. E. Drysdale and F. M. Boyd of Woodstock; Brothers George Cogswell, E. Higgins and W. T. Andrews of Fort Fairfield; Sisters H. S. Dow and Mrs. James Erb of Caribou Mission, and Sister A. H. Trafton of Perth. All spoke in the highest terms

tomb of Christ can reasonable men demand?—*Condensed from an article by Rev. David Gregg, D. D.*

of appreciation of their pastor's work and of the encouraging features of the church and Sunday School work in their respective churches. Rev. S. A. Baker spoke of the benefit of organized class work in the Sunday School.

Rev. M. S. Trafton spoke of the good results of special services at Fort Fairfield, specially commending the work of Rev. E. H. Post of Pawtucket, R. I. Brother Trafton also said that Rev. H. S. Dow's labors at Caribou, Me., were highly appreciated by the people. In the church report from Fredericton special mention was made of Sister Ella Slipp's and Brother H. S. Dow's work in that church. It was voted to change the constitution governing quarterly meetings, so as to change the dates, and it was agreed to hold the quarterly meetings in the early part of September, the latter part of November, in the early part of February and the last part of May. Also that the quarterly meetings begin on Tuesday and close Friday. This will enable the pastors to return home for their Sunday services if they wish to do so. Rev. H. C. Archer announced that the church property at Peel had been deeded to the Reformed Baptist Alliance, and the Adventist Christian Conference.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Lower Hainesville in the latter part of May.

Rev. E. W. Lester preached Saturday evening. The love feast at 9 a. m. Sunday was led by Brother James Anderson, of Perth.

Rev. M. S. Trafton preached an Easter sermon at 11 a. m. Communion service was conducted by Revs. J. H. Coy and E. W. Lester at 12 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Coy preached at 3 p. m. and Sister Ella Slipp preached at 7.30 in the Reformed Baptist church, and Rev. M. S. Trafton at the same hour in the United Baptist church. Both churches were crowded. All the services were seasons of great helpfulness, and high tides of joy prevailed, and those present report that it exceeded all previous quarterly meetings, and the people returned to their homes full of joy and renewed courage.

Four persons were at the altar Sunday evening; the service continued until 10.30 p. m.

S. B. Charlton, Secretary.

Personals.

Sister (Ralph) Seely will visit New Brunswick again this summer and will attend the camp meetings at Beulah and Riverside. All of her old friends will be glad to see her again.

The writer called on Brother Joseph Bullock at his residence in St. John on the 18th inst. We were very glad to find that Brother and Sister Bullock were enjoying good health, and are looking forward to the camp meetings again this season.

Sister Margaret Golding, after spending several pleasant weeks at Millville, has returned to Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Storey, of St. John, spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Storey's sister, Mrs. F. W. Nevers.

G. R. Burt returned home on Saturday from Norfolk, Va., where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Paul Taylor.

COTTAGE FOR SALE.

A recent letter from Rev. G. N. Ballentine states that he would like to sell his cottage at Beulah Camp Ground. Price, with furniture, \$600.00.