

in a weak and sickly condition, for each one may have power enough to keep him in a healthful and progressive state. If each one will maintain the habit of secretly communing with God there will be no backsliding, no coldness of heart, no standing still in the spiritual life. Neglect of secret prayer means leanness of soul, and consequently a loss of spiritual forcefulness. It is difficult for me to see why it is that a genuine Christian should be at all indifferent to the great importance of such praying. Love to God impels one to want to secretly pray to him.

#### AMANDA SMITH'S TRANSLATION.

On Feb. 26, after an extraordinary life of eighty seven years, Amanda Smith made the landing and went home to her coronation. She passed away at her cottage in Sebring, Fla., where friends had provided every comfort for her declining years, and there she was cared for by her own sister. The end was glorious in peace and triumph.

The body was brought to Chicago and the funeral service was held at the colored church known as Quinn Chapel, on Monday, March 1. A great concourse of people of both black and white races, was present. Many eloquent and fervent tokens of esteem, appreciation and affection were given; and our hearts thrilled with them all. There were bishops and general secretaries and dignitaries of many ranks to pay tribute to her unusual gifts, marvelous power and unparalleled ministry. One half the platform was filled with her dear little children from the orphanage who sang an intensely touching selection toward the close of the service. The memory of her inspiring life will prove a rare legacy to these doubly orphaned little ones for whom Amanda had made such great sacrifice.

Several speakers referred to her great work for temperance in England with Lady Henry Somerset and her unique career as missionary evangelist in India and Africa, while very tender reference was made to her faithful devotion to her own people in the founding of her orphanage. But we must be pardoned for mentioning that to us the climax of her marvelous life work was omitted. In all the programme not one speaker represented her relation to the Holiness Movement or spoke of her unwavering fidelity to the blessed doctrine of heart purity. Could Sister Amanda herself have spoken, we are certain her ringing testimony would have been to the praise of Christ for His sanctifying power.

We love to do honor to this truly great woman—great not with any borrowed luster from schools or other human advantage. Born a slave, she became the greatest evangelist the negro race has produced. Taught of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, as few are taught, she gave her expositions of scripture before crowned heads and ministered to both high and low as earth counts its standards. It brings an ache of homesickness to our own hearts as we think of her triumphal entrance into the city, of her welcome into the King's presence, and her glad reunion with Frances Willard, Margaret Bottome, Inskip McDonald, Updegraff and Thompson, and the many other saints with whom she fought the Holy War so valiantly while here.

In the fullness of years she has passed from the infirmities of age to the radiant prime of glory. We must fill up the ranks and carry forward the banner of an uttermost salvation until we may hear the secret whisper—"Child, well done."—*Heart and Life*.

### Ministers and Churches.

Rev. P. J. Trafton attended the quarterly meeting at Fort Fairfield. Last evening he opened a series of special meetings at Gordonsville and will be assisted by his father, Rev. A. H. Trafton. The former will be at Hartland on Sunday evening as usual.—*Observer*.

Brother F. T. Wright is to be ordained at St. John on the evening of April 6th, by a committee of the Alliance. Brother Wright is engaged in special services at Seal Cove, Grand Manan. A considerable number have been converted, or reclaimed.

Rev. A. P. Gouthey will hold a series of meetings at Jonesport, Me., March 30th to April 11th. Sister Slipp, who is in charge of this church is looking for much blessing from these meetings. Pray for a grand victory.

Rev. A. H. Trafton preached at Coverdale, Carleton Co., on the 21st inst.

Rev. E. W. Lester is assisting Rev. H. C. Mullen in special revival services at Royalton, N. B.

Brother F. W. Foster is assisting Rev. H. C. Archer in revival services at Fort Fairfield, Me. Considerable interest is developing in the services.

Rev. P. J. Trafton has received a call and will remain on the Hartland circuit for another year.

The Woodstock church has given Rev. H. S. Dow a call to remain pastor for another year.

Some of the brethren are talking of changing circuits, but nothing definite has been done as yet.

The Editor has received a call to remain with the church at Fredericton for another year and he has the matter under consideration.

An excellent "love feast" was held on Sunday morning during the quarterly meeting at Fort Fairfield, led by Rev. Henry Smith, who read from the fortieth Psalm. There were over fifty definite full salvation testimonies, and many prayers and songs of praise.

#### DON'T MENTION IT.

There seems to be in human nature a sort of innate love for scandal, a fondness to repeat scandal and, we dare say, a disposition to add to it. It is a bad practice and can grow on one if indulged, until the mind becomes a sort of reservoir with perhaps a placid, pure appearance from the surface, but with all manner of dead carcasses, bones, marred lives, and blasted characters lying in mud at the bottom, ready to float to the surface and be dragged with all their filth through the minds of gossipers' friends.

"Cut it out." Guard against gossip; be done with petty filth; practice silence on subjects which are disgusting. The apostle exhorts that "we let not such things be mentioned among us;" and again, "let not filthy communication proceed out of your mouth." When you have a fine bit of fresh scandal and you feel eager to communicate it, fight back the inclination, gain the victory, remain silent; don't mention it, and you will think better of yourself, and have a comfortable feeling in the region of your heart.

Evangelists, pastors, church agents, camp meeting goers, and the Lord's people who move up and down and shift about from place to place on the earth, have won a victory that means building of good character, the preservation of pure heart and clean lips when they have successfully conquered and crucified the innate disposition of gossip.

—*Pentecostal Herald*.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting convened with the church at Fort Fairfield, Me., on Thursday, March 18th, 1915. The first service consisted of preaching by Rev. S. A. Baker, from II Cor. 5:17, followed by a testimony meeting. Brother Baker gave a strong discourse built upon the Bible truth that Christian character is not produced without the foundation of a divine work in the heart. This opening service was one of blessing and was prophetic of what the following ones proved to be.

On Friday a. m. at 10.30 there was a social service led by Brother Coy, reading and commenting on the first part of Romans 5. At 2.30 p. m. H. C. Mullen brought the message from 2 Cor., 3:3, title of subject—"Epistle of Christ." This was an attempt to show that the life of the Christian was being read as a book and in view of this should read for the glory of God. Also that this epistle was written in the heart by the Holy Ghost, beginning by the birth of the Spirit and completed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by which the laws of God was fully written on the fleshy tables of the heart.

At 7.30 p. m. Rev. Henry Smith spoke from Lev. 6:13. This message impressed upon us the necessity of keeping the fire of God's love continually burning upon the altar of our hearts. One thought in particular impressed the writer. The speaker showed that some parts of true worship may be imitated, but we could not imitate sacrifice. This thought is well worth consideration.

Saturday a. m., social service led by Rev. S. A. Baker; topic—"The Two Builders,"—Luke, 6:47-49. This was an excellent service and showed that many had digged deep and laid their foundation sure. One thought which impressed the writer most was that of digging down below personal interest. It would seem by general observation that most people stopped right in this strata.

Saturday at 2.30 p. m. the business session was held, President P. J. Trafton in the chair. In the absence of the secretary, H. C. Mullen was elected secretary pro tem. Roll call found present ministers and delegates as follows: Ministers — H. C. Archer, S. A. Baker, J. H. Coy, Henry Smith, P. J. Trafton, E. W. Lester, H. C. Mullen.

Delegates: Fort Fairfield — Bros. F. Kimball, L. S. Kinney.

Royalton—Frank Weade.

Gordonsville—Mrs. Frank Pelkie.

Hartland—Mrs. and Sister S. H. Shaw, and Sister D. H. Nixon.

Victoria—Miss Tilley and Wm. Somers.

Lower Brighton—Bro. C. B. Bryant.

Woodstock—Sister J. H. Coy.

Rosedale—Gordon York.

Peel—Bro. and Sister John Golding.

Perth—Mrs. E. Lovely.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Bro. Baker that Rev. Mr. Richmond of the Congregational Church be invited to a seat and take part in deliberations.

Next in order election of officers.

On motion Rev. H. C. Archer was elected president.

H. C. Mullen, secretary.

L. S. Kinney, treasurer.

S. A. Baker, Highway agent.

The devotional committee consisted of Bros. F. T. Kimball, S. H. Shaw and John Golding, and Pastor H. C. Archer.

Next in order, reports from churches.

Marysville Church: "We are enjoying the