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Editorial.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING AT FORT FAIRFIELD.

Many or all quarterly meetings are seasons of great refreshing to the church where it is held and to the pastors and delegates who attend, but the one just closed at Fort Fairfield has so many excellent features that it was unusually good.

1st—The church really wanted the meeting, and was doubly prepared for it. (a) They were in good spiritual condition, (b) they did not expect the visitors to do all the praying, singing and giving testimony—they were ready and willing to do their part; (c) they exerted themselves to make all feel at home, and enjoy themselves.

2nd—A most beautiful spirit prevailed from beginning to end of the meeting. There were no tedious sermons, exhortations nor prayers. The brethren preached the truth in love and in the liberty and power of the Holy Spirit, to receptive hearts and minds. These conditions are sure of good results.

The testimony meetings, "Love Feast," prayer services, and services of song were full of spiritual life and ferver.

The reports of the churches without exception indicated an excellent spiritual condition over the whole district in the heart life of the churches. The heart of the church might be like the heart of our physical body — small; but its strength and vitality is exceedingly important to the life of the body.

So it seemed to the writer that we never listened to more real encouraging reports.

It would seem that holiness churches just have enough fiery trials to burn off the worldly fetters, and to manifest to the world the true character of genuine holiness. Evidently God intended men and women to be holy in the thick of the conflicts and labours and temptations of this life, and thank God the people are standing the severest tests with shining faces, unwavering courage and victorious experiences.

How refreshing it is to see a man rise in the strength given him of God, above his heavy responsibilities, in the midst of general financial depression with shining face and declare that as the depression becomes heavier and the cloud becomes blacker, that his trust in God is firmer, and his joy rises higher, saying in substance with King David, "Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed."

A truly sanctified man can always be depended on when the testing time comes.

The Sermons!

We at times joke the brethren about bringing their big sermons to the quarterly meeting, but at least one brother did not bring his, for he lost his suit case on the way, including his Bible and sermons, and at the opening of the meeting very earnestly prayed "that we might be preserved from formality and sermon competition," which prayer we think was answered, for neither was in evidence. But we considered the sermons excellent, and never heard the brethren preach so well—even the brother who lost his sermons.

Rev. Henry Smith preached a very practical and helpful sermon from Lev. 6-13: The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." His points were: Light, provision, fire, fragrance, perpetual in the Christian life.

Rev. H. C. Mullen preached an exceller sermon from 2 Cor., 3-3: "For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in table, of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

The leading thought, The Christian, the epistle of Christ, read by more people than they read books. 1st—The Book, and who wrote it. 2nd—Of what does it treat. 3rd—To whom is addressed. When people read a book they will either think more of the author or less of him. The greatest proof of the divine origin of this epistle is the fruitage. To be acceptable to God it must reflect glory upon him, it reads for God at all times. This epistle is addressed to the world at large, who read it more critically than your brethren and sisters. Being written on the heart it rules out head religion and materialism.

On Saturday evening Rev. E. W. Lester was the preacher and gave us a fine sermon from Gal. 6-7: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

He said in part: There is a possibility of some people being deceived, many have been. Our first parents were deceived by the great deceiver, and he has been in the business ever since. He has deceived, or in other words, fooled many. The unsaved are deceived, are being fooled. It is surprising how the young people are being deceived by thinking they miss all by becoming Christians. The older folk have been fooled so long that they don't know a good thing when they see it. Another class are going after the world thinking they will be wise if they get it. Another class are those who once knew the way but have been switched off in a sidetrack, and they are being fooled. Another class are being fooled by "Christian Science," and other fake doctrines. If you are trying to get to heaven by any other way than the way of the cross, you are being fooled.

There is a class who are not being fooled—they can't be fooled by these things.

How do men attempt to mock God. By profanity, denying the existence of God. Saying, Lord, Lord, and do not the things he says; praying and not meaning to do his will; professing and not possessing.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Rev. J. H. Coy preached an excellent sermon on Sunday morning to a large congregation from Rom. 6-1.2. Unfortunately the writer lost the notes of this sermon which was so richly enjoyed by all present.

Rev. P. J. Trafton preached the closing sermon Sunday night from Acts 8:14-24.

Rev. H. C. Archer is proving himself to the Fort Fairfield people as he has on his former circuits to be a good pastor and preacher and is building up the work. Brother F. W. Foster is assisting him to continue the services with prospects of a grand work of grace.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Cold logic and kiln dried theology cannot produce a joyful and fervent Christian life, and where these are the regular bill of fare in a church, cold prayer meetings will be the natural result.

"Not by power, nor by might, but by My Spirit saith the Lord."

QUARTERLY MEETING SNAP SHOTS.

The splendid Aroostook potatoes dropped to fifty cents per barrel. A brother who has 2,500 barrels on hand, said, "With full salvation in my soul, every time potatoes goes down in price, joy rises higher in my heart. I feel like a millionaire this morning."

A brother said, "I have been flying, running and walking in this blessed way for nineteen years."

A brother said: On "the way of holiness," "we have three ways of getting along. If we get tired of walking we can run, and if we get tired of running we can fly."

Speaking of heart purity, a brother said, "I am better inside than I am outside."

Another brother, who is a farmer, said, "I don't look very good on the outside, but I feel wonderfully good inside."

Brother Coy said, "But few get into the experience (of entire sanctification) because but few want it."

A brother, speaking of getting "the blessing" said, "If we want to go through, and God wants us to go through, I don't know why we won't get through, do you?"

A brother said, "Evil spirits may entangle us, but the Holy Spirit can set us free, which an evil spirit can never do."

We forget what to be thankful for. It was unusual to hear a Christian woman in prayer recently thanking God that we have the priviledge of greeting one another by the cordial hand-shake. She had been a missionary to lepers. Some of her friends have no hands. Others dare not touch the hand of one that is free from leprosy. Missionaries to the lepers have a keen sense of things to be thankful for. In many ways God is trying to teach us what he means when he tells his children to give thanks in everything.—Sunday School Times.

There is nothing that so refreshes tired nerves as communion with God.

No man ever broke faith with man, who did not first break faith with God.