

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Observance of the Lord's day will report great regrets as to the lax way in which we as a Christian Nation and people observe the Sabbath day. We are as Paul says in 2 Tim. 3.—Surely living in perilous times, when men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and not only do we feel that the Sabbath is taken alone for pleasure and recreation but a large amount of unnecessary business is being drawn into it, of late since the struggle among the nations at war we find so much of the Lord's day taken for patriotic meetings benefit concerts, and the pulpit we feel has been robbed of its sanctity on the Sabbath day by preaching of patriotic sermons. Not that we disapprove of anything patriotic, in its proper place and time, but feel that on the Lord's day we should be strictly loyal to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Automobiles which God has given men wisdom to build have been made a great curse rather than a blessing on the Sabbath day, the slightest excuse causing many to spend the major part of the day in his auto. It is not the fault of the laws of the country but the lack in the enforcement of them.

We appreciate the efforts of the Lord's day Alliance and the work they are doing for a better enforcement of the law on the Sabbath day and would recommend that a more united effort on behalf of the Christian church be accorded them, and that we as a church and people professing Holiness guard carefully the interest of the work remembering the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Signed,

S. H. Clark
H. Smith
T. W. Moses.
Committee.

THANKS

We have received many favors from the Papers in reduced prices for advertising and free notices of our Camp Meetings, and we appreciate these favors very highly and sincerely, among the papers, The Fort Fairfield Review has been especially generous with us in advertising Beulah, and Riverside Camp Meetings, and frequent notices in the local columns without charge. A vote of thanks was passed in the Alliance to the many Papers that have treated us so kindly. Mr. C. C. Harvey of The Fort Fairfield Review was specially mentioned.

WOODSTOCK MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society of the Woodstock Church met on Friday evening, June 18th. The President Mrs. Phillips occupied the chair. After an opening chorus Rev. Mr. Briggs led in prayer. The President then read the 2nd Psalm.

The following officers were elected for the year.

Mrs. C. P. Phillips, President.
Mrs. Reynolds.—1st Vice-President.
Mrs. B. M. Colpitts, 2nd Vice-president.
Miss L. Colpitts, Secretary.
Miss C. Scott, Asst. Secretary.
Miss L. Colpitts, Cor. Secretary.
Mr. C. P. Phillips, Treasurer.
Miss McClusky, Organist.
Receipts of evening, \$34.92.

The Highway Committee at a recent meeting added Rev. H. S. Dow as one of its members.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Your committee beg leave to report.

We find there have been six quarterly meetings this year, four in District No. 1 as follows: One at Maple Ridge in September, on account of room this was held in a tent. It was largely attended and was a time of power and victory, nine preachers were in attendance, all preached with power and the churches were represented by spiritual minded delegates and a few sought and we trust found pardon.

Another in Hartland in December which had similar results.

Another in Woodstock in March which was largely attended by Ministers and Delegates, the testimonies were full of life, the preaching was with power. Saints rejoiced and believers were strengthened.

Another was held in June at Millville.

The congregations were large and the churches of the districts well represented by spiritual delegates which added much to the strength and power of the meeting.

District No. 2 is composed of four churches with Pastor Wiggins, Sabine, G. B. Trafton, and Howe.

The distances between the churches is great and Bro. Wiggins being ill for some time no quarterly meetings were held.

District No. 3 is composed of two fields, viz: the Nova Scotia Churches with Rev. S. H. Clark as pastor and Newtusket with Bro. T. Moses as pastor, no quarterly meeting was held on this district.

District No. 4 is composed of three churches at Grand Manan, namely: North Head, Seal Cove and Wood Island, also Beals and Jonesport in the State of Maine. There were two quarterly meetings one at North Head and one at Seal Cove. These were attended by the Pastors Bro. Mullen and Wright and Sister Ella Slipp, we understand the congregations were only fair and had no special results.

Your committee feels assured that the quarterly meeting is no small or mean thing, but if the interest is taken in them that should be would be a strong factor in the strengthening of the churches and encouragement of the pastors, they are a real Holiness Convention, and would urge that the pastors and churches to take more interest and make a greater effort to attend, Ministers should plan to go and stay over the Sabbath, and send delegates who are spiritual who will be a help in the meeting and when possible let them be followed by special services. We also suggest that a Doctrinal sermon be preached at each quarterly meeting setting forth our Doctrine and why we are a separate people and what we stand for as a body and in that meeting especially strive to encourage Believers into the Blessings, and finally we urge on the Brethren and the church the necessity of having the Spirit of Christ the Divine Master who is full of love and "holy harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners."

Respectfully submitted

J. H. Coby
C. S. Hilyard
H. Smith
A. H. Trafton.

An Indian attended a church service, and as he came out was asked what he thought of the sermon, replied.

"Heap big wind, much dust, no rain."

This is worthy of a few moments consideration by preachers who aspire to preach big sermons.

SOCIAL REFORM.

Your committee on Moral and Social Reform beg leave to submit their report under the following headings, viz:—Moving pictures, literature, dress, and good company.

1. Moving Pictures.—While sometimes the moving pictures have taken up and represented subjects that may be educational and ennobling yet in the main they are found to be highly sensational, passing before the eye and fixing upon the mind of the young low and false ideals of life. What passes before the eye fixes and stamps itself upon the brain and might influence the character either toward good or evil.

Not only do the moving pictures tend to weaken the moral character but we believe in many cases parents are losing the influence they should have over their children in that many evenings are spent here that should be enjoyed in the home and also that much money is wasted that should be given to the cause of God.

2. Literature.—A man is known by the company which he keeps. Even so in our choice of reading are we keeping company just as surely with the class of people whose company we prefer.

In reading good literature we may keep company with and absorb the thoughts of the noblest minds that ever lived and are to be inspired to lofty aims and noble deeds. Moody was called a "one-book man" that book was the word of God. Happy is that man or woman who, realizing that in the busy rush of life their time for reading is limited choose as their principal book the Word of God, read it carefully, prayerfully, shape their lives by it, and it will shape their destiny, a destiny of endless joy.

3. Dress.—The time has come when those who would be godly in Christ Jesus must make the choice whether they will fall in with the prevailing style in wearing the vulgar low-necked dress with the short skirt that would do away with old-fashioned modesty or whether they shall be willing to be unlike the world and dress themselves in modest apparel, having as their adorning in the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptable, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

While some think that the question of how we dress is not closely connected with our spiritual standing, yet it is constantly a silent witness and testifies to the world of our sympathy and support or quietly speaks of the fact that we have chosen in all points to be one of God's peculiar people.

4. Good Company.—In these days when many young men as recruits are flocking to the different cities designated as recruiting stations, do our young women need to be extremely careful as to their choice of company.

We feel we should discourage as far as possible our young christian people from keeping company with ungodly companions.

That "evil communications corrupt good manners" is still true, and those who would know many days of happiness and a vital christian life should avoid questionable companionship. Let us as christians, young and old, delight ourselves in the Lord, and He will give us the desires of our hearts.

Signed in behalf of your committee.

Mrs. H. S. Dow
Mrs. S. H. Clark
M. Ella Slipp

Don't forget the dates of Riverside Camp Meeting. Aug 4-14.