

PLACING THE BLAME—NO. 2.

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of entertainment. We have seen a good many come out and confess they marvelled how they so long sanctioned the foolish insipid godless manoeuvring that took place in the lodge. You will never find the brotherhoods attending a holiness revival in a body with flying banners and wild hurrahs. We know of no greater enemy to the real prosperity of Zion than secret lodges. The good that is in them makes them the enemy of the better and the best.

Again Holiness makes trouble for Sabbath breakers. When a man gets truly converted and sanctified it affects his horse and carriage or automobile. The first work of grace will give people a proper regard for the Sabbath but they cannot long maintain it in the face of all the present day temptations without the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

By this we do not mean we will have the austere sabbaterian spirit of the pharisees or the punctilious regard that was prescribed by the Blue Laws. We have liberty in the Holy Ghost on the Sabbath Day, but do not run that liberty into license. It is a poor holiness that is too pious to shave if need be on the Sabbath Day or rub the mud off the shoes, but can get mad, gossip and do a lot of other things on the Sabbath Day and still think they are keeping it holy.

Holiness strikes all immorality.

It searches the thoughts and purifies the imagination. It cries aloud not only against immorality outside the married relation, but also teaches a healthy continence in the married relation. It forbid the use of illicit means of preventing an increase of family and brands as murderers those who destroy preternatal life. Many so called good women get restless under such scathing truth, but none but the guilty needs tremble.

Holiness too teaches modesty in dress, and cries out against dress too low at one end and too short at the other. It seems as though women today were vieing with one another in making appeals to the physical impulse of men by the indecent exposure of their body. The dress that a few years ago was the distinguishing feature of harlots on the street, adorns today the mothers and daughters of many respectable homes. Respectable girls invite the sensuous stare and provoke liberties from men filled with hellish lust. And more, they make it almost impossible for a young man who is struggling for a clean life to keep his imaginations pure. Holiness teaches that the best people must watch and pray and guard themselves against sins of the flesh. When those who have preached and professed holiness have gone down into this sin, it is because they grieved the Spirit, lost their real heart experience and have fallen. Their hell will be much worse than though they had not known the way if they do not repent.

Holiness preaching attacks the Money god, and all sharp practices in business. It teaches we can't spend nearly everything on ourselves and then give the fag end to Jesus. It puts the cross in the center of our lives. Jesus is the joy of our life. It demands at least a tenth and all over we can give. For that reason holiness

churches never have fairs, festivals, rummage sales of old clothes, and all such clap-trap methods for raising money for the dear Lord. Mrs. Dish Rattler loses her job when holiness prevails in the church. She either gets out or goes to the mourners' bench and get religion. Brother Skinflint looks glum when people testify to holiness, and Brother Skinum invariably groans. He likes the bye-and-forbidden paths kind of religion that will enable him to buy a cow from a widow at half its real value and practice every sharp deal he can think of outside the clutches of the law.

Thank God, holiness preaching and testimony makes a lot of trouble for many people, that opens their eyes to see the need of a genuine salvation. Many of those who once violently opposed as did Saul of Tarsus become convicted of their need and finding full salvation, preach it, live it and die by it. Holiness takes that carnality the cause of all the trouble out of their heart and gives them victory through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Now, brother, sister, if you have been troubled in reading this article, it may be what you need is the very thing you resist even the second work of grace. Amen!

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The eighteenth Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 met with the church at Sandford, N. S., Friday, Oct. 12th, 1917, no service being held Thursday evening on account of storm.

A social service was held on Friday evening in charge of Pastor L. T. Sabine, who spoke from Psalm 62:5, "My expectation is from Him."

The business session was held at 2.30 p. m. Saturday, being opened by singing and prayer.

The president, Mrs. Warren Sollows, in chair, Martha Thurston acting as secretary pro tem.

Roll Call found the following ministers and delegates present: Rev. H. S. Dow, N. B.; Rev. L. T. Sabine and Mrs. Warren Sollows, representing Port Maitland; Mr. P. B. Hurlburt and Mrs. David Scoville, Cedar Lake; Howard Thurston and Albert Shaw, Sandford.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Warren Sollows—President.

Miss Martha Thurston—Secretary.

Miss Lorenda Landers—Highway Agent.

Mr. Howard Thurston—Treasurer.

Devotional Committee—Rev. L. T. Sabine, Brothers Howard Thurston, Edgar Landers and Albert Shaw.

On motion, resolved that Rev. H. S. Dow be given a seat among us.

After reading of minutes of last quarterly meeting, the following reports were received:

New Tusket—The Reformed Baptist Church at New Tusket sends greetings to the quarterly meeting convened at Sandford.

Since reporting last, Brother H. S. Mullen has left us and we now have Rev. Percy Briggs in his place.

Brother Briggs is well liked by all and our readily increasing congregations show the keenest interest.

The pastor is much encouraged by the way God's work is prospering.

MRS. J. H. SABEAN (Clerk).

Brother P. B. Hurlburt for Cedar Lake reported. Only a few in number. Some have left but the faithful few holding true, hoping for better days in the future. Sabbath School and Friday and Sunday evening prayer services regularly maintained. Rev. L. T. Sabine preaches faithfully every other Sunday.

Sandford reports as follows:

To the R. B. Quarterly Meeting convened.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We greet you in Jesus' name, and in reporting will say Brother Sabine is with us one half of his time, preaching the word to us faithfully and we trust acceptably and with profit. There have been no special meetings since his coming with us. Our services are regularly attended and Sabbath School evergreen. Trusting this Quarterly Session and special services may result in great victory for Jesus.

HOWARD THURSTON (Clerk.)

Port Maitland reported by Mrs. Warren Sollows. Preaching and prayer services regularly maintained. Interest seems to be increasing. Pastor preaches faithfully. Hoping for an increase of interest.

Rev. L. T. Sabine reported for Brazil Lake. Since the special services last spring the interest has greatly increased. Good congregations in preaching and prayer services and Sunday School. Work very encouraging. Still seeing results of Brother H. S. Mullen's work, who was blessed and used of God in that place. Rev. H. S. Dow spoke briefly on the importance of keeping up the quarterly meetings, and Rev. L. T. Sabine spoke in the interest of the Highway and on the need of a parsonage on this field. Some discussion on the matter followed but no definite decision arrived at. Closed with Doxology.

Preaching in evening 7.30 by Rev. H. S. Dow. Matt. 3:5, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Sunday morning 10.30 Rev. Mr. Dow again preached a very helpful, practical sermon from Solomon's Songs 2:15, "Take us the little foxes." Preaching at 2.30 from Mark 9:29, "This kind cometh not out by fasting and prayer," by Rev. Dow and again at 7.30. Text, Mark 2:5, "And seeing their faith Jesus said unto the sick or palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven."

Thus closed a very helpful quarterly meeting. Owing the heavy rain on Saturday morning many delegates were prevented from attending the business session. Brother and Sister H. S. Mullen were also prevented from reaching us but came on Monday. Special services are still being carried on by Rev. Mr. Dow, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Mullen, with good success. Souls are being saved and sanctified and the work in general being strengthened.

MARTHA C. THURSTON, Secy.

DRY TOWN HAS MONEY.

"City in excellent shape financially. All bills paid and surplus on hand, auditor's report shows." No, these are not headlines from some wet town newspaper telling of booze-bought municipal prosperity. Oh, no. They refer to Freeport's good financial condition without any liquor license money.—Illinois Issue.

NEVER.

To advertise the liquor traffic you never see an exhibit marked "before and after taking."