

Special Evangelistic Services in the New Church at Meductic.

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin in the Meductic Church May 25th and will continue until the Quarterly Meeting, which convenes with this Church June 12-15.

The Meductic Church will be dedicated June 15th—and the special services will be continued until the 22nd. Pastor H. S. Dow will be assisted by the pastors and Praying Bands and choirs of Woodstock, Hartland and Fort Fairfield and other churches during the series of meetings, quarterly meeting and dedication services.

These services will equal a good camp meeting.

Come prepared to give this church a great lift spiritually and financially.

This is purely a work of faith, and deserves the assistance of all who love God.

Brother Dow deserves much credit; he has combined faith and works, and assumed heavy responsibilities unwaveringly.

"HOT SAINTS."

"I would thou wert cold or hot."

The following article, by Mrs. Booth, is so thoroughly in accord with what we wished to say on this subject, that we give it a place on our editorial page. We are surely living in the Laodicean age of the church, and there is need for short, sharp, striking exhortation to arouse the dormant powers of lukewarm professors to active effort in salvation work. We invite a careful reading of what Mrs. Booth says:

"Why does God like people to be hot in his service? For the same reason that we like people to be hot in ours. We have no confidence in a half-and-half, fast-and-loose friends, milk-warm adherents, who in times of danger wait to see which way the wind blows before they commit themselves to our views or interests—servants who will serve us while at the same time they can serve themselves, but the moment our interests and theirs appear to clash, will leave us to our fate. We like thorough, whole-hearted, all-length friends, and to such only do we confide our secrets or trust our important enterprises. We may use the half-hearted as far as they serve our purpose, but we have no confidence in them, no heart-fellowship with them, no joy over them; we would rather they were hot or cold, out-and-out friends or foes.

Read in your own heart and mind, in this respect, a transcript of His, and see the reason why he says, "I would thou wert cold or hot."

I want you to note two or three characteristics of hot saints, so that you may know whether you belong to the number.

To be hot implies the possession of:

I. Light.—Hot saints have such a halo about them that they reveal—make manifest—sin in others. They do this, first, by contrast. "What fellowship hath light with darkness?"

The light of God, flashed from a hot saint on the dark consciences of sinners, make them feel their sin, misery, and danger, and, if they will receive it, leads

to their conversion. It "opens their eyes," and, if they will follow it, leads them to Jesus.

Secondly, light reveals sin by antipathy: "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

The presence of a certain degree of spiritual light must produce either repentance or opposition.

A dark soul cannot dwell in the presence of a soul full of light without either repenting or opposing; if it does not submit it will rebel.

It was under the hot blaze of this light that the Jews round about Stephen "were cut to the heart and gnashed upon him with their teeth." The effect of his light on their darkness was to reveal their enmity and scorch them into a fury of opposition.

Thirdly, light reveals sin by reproof. Hot saints will "rebuke their neighbor and not suffer sin upon him." They are full of zeal for the glory of God and jealousy for his honor, and it breaks their hearts because men keep not His law. They know that they have the light of life, and they feel that they must hold it up over the wrong doing, deception and hypocrisy of their fellowmen in order to "open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light."

Hot saints will mercilessly turn the blazing lamps of God's truth on the conscience of the sinners, with reproof—pungent, pointed and personal, such as Nathan gave to David, Jehu to Jehosphat, or Jesus to the Jews.

II. Purity.—Heat cleanses, purges away dross, destroys noxious vapors: so the burning fire of the Holy Ghost purifies the soul, which is filled, permeated with it; hence, hot saints are pure. Their garments are white; they keep themselves unspotted from the world. They improve atmosphere wherever they go. Their very presence reproves and holds in check the unfruitful works of darkness, and sinners feel as Peter felt when he said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

III. Pungency.—Heat burns; hot saints set on fire the hearts of other

saints. They singe the conscience of sinners, burn the fingers of Pharisees, melt the hearts of backsliders, and warm up those who have left their first love.

IV. Power.—Hot saints are mighty.

The spirit is not given by measure unto them. They may not be very intellectual, or learned, but their heat makes more impression on the hearts of sinners and stirs more opposition from hell than all the intellect and learning of a whole generation of lukewarm professors. The fishermen of Galilee produced more impression on the world in three years than all the learning of the Jewish doctors had done in centuries, because they were hot in the love and service of God.

V. To be hot insures opposition—first, from Pharisees; they look with contempt on hot people, call them fanatics, extreme people, troublers of Israel, disturbers of the peace of the church, occasions of reproach to the respectable part of the church. The Pharisees were the bitterest enemies of Him who said, "The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up," and they are still the bitterest enemies of those who are filled with His Spirit.

Secondly. To be hot insures opposition from the world. The world hates hot saints, because they look with contempt above its level—"Because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

Thirdly. To be hot insures opposition from the devil. Oh, how he hates these hot saints; what trouble he takes to trip them! He knows they are worth it. Many a council is held in hell over these; they set fire to his standing corn; they rout his best trained legions; they shake the foundations of his throne; they take the prey out of his very jaws, they pull it out of his fires. He must do something; he sets his principalities and powers to work on them. Love and feeble friends will do for lukewarm people; but these he must take in hand himself, and try all the guile and force of his gigantic intellect on them. He troubles them on every side; and at last, when God permits, he has their heads off. He got Paul's.—The Way of Faith.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The monthly missionary meeting of the Reformed Baptist Church of Woodstock was held Friday evening, the 15th.

Scriptures were read by Mrs. Phillips, followed by a season of prayer.

The following programme was then carried out:

Instrumental solo by Marion Dymond.

Chorus by Mrs. Mutch's class.

First Psalm recited by Avis Reynolds.

Recitation by Edward Mutch.

Chorus by Harvey Blaney.

Solo by Bertha Clark.

Recitation by Helen Jones.

Chorus by Mrs. Colpitts' class.

Recitations by Pearl Coulthard, Hazel Winchester, Edna Hagerman, Grace Clark and Rilla Shea.

Reading for the children by Mrs. Mutch.

Chorus by Miss Scott's class.

Meeting closed by singing and benediction.

LUELLA COLPITTS,
Corr. Secretary.