

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened at Perth, N. B., Dec. 26th-28th inclusive. The first meeting held on Friday evening was a social one led by H. C. Mullen. Saturday morning another meeting for prayer and praise was held in which the Spirit's presence was very real. In the afternoon the business session was held, preceded by a season of prayer and testimony. Business meeting opened at 4 p. m. with the President, H. C. Mullen, in the chair. The Roll Call found present the following ministers and delegates: Ministers, H. S. Dow, P. J. Trafton, I. F. Kierstead, H. C. Mullen.

Delegates—Fort Fairfield, Brother Leonard Kinney and Frank Kimball. Gordonsville—Sisters Mrs. Frank Pelkie and Mrs. Carl Nye. Perth—Robert McCrae and Handy Nevers. Hartland—Brothers Z. Orser and Wm. Rideout. Victoria—Brother Henry Elliott and Miss Cora Tilley.

Election of Officers resulted as follows: President—H. S. Dow; secretary, H. C. Mullen; treasurer, Robert McCrae; Highway Agent, P. J. Trafton.

Reports were read from Hartland, Victoria and Royalton churches. Verbal reports were given by Mrs. Pelkie, Frank Kimball and Handy Nevers. The devotional committee was appointed by the President and consisted of Brothers McCrae, Kinney, Orser, associated with H. S. Dow.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered the people of Perth for their kindness in entertaining the quarterly meeting. On motion it was voted that the next quarterly meeting should convene with the church at Marysville, if it be the wish of that church. Saturday evening there was preaching by Rev. I. F. Kierstead when a strong and inspiring message was given from Deut. 30:37.

Sunday began with a love feast at 9.30 led by Frank Kimball. This was a time of much blessing and victory. The leader read no particular scripture message but exhorted all to bring in all the tithes that God might pour us out a blessing. This resulted in some of the literal tithes and offerings being brought in, God having put it on one brother's heart to make a little donation to help the brethren toward purchasing the hall at Perth for a place of worship. Others caught the fire and son \$47.00 had been placed on the table for the hall and \$10 from one brother for the expense of the meeting. In the afternoon the amount for the hall was swelled to \$127.50. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Brother P. J. Trafton gave us a strong message from Matt. 5:6, as a result of which a number of seekers were at the altar. In the evening Rev. H. S. Dow preached to a full house from John 5:1-9, from which he drew many helpful and convincing lessons. The Holy Spirit moved upon the audience in a marked manner. Three were at the altar of prayer. The quarterly meeting was blessed of God in every meeting.

H. C. MULLEN,
Secy.

"But many that are first shall be last, and the last first."—Jesus Christ.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Salem on Friday, Dec. 26th, 1919.

Rev. G. B. Trafton led the opening service with preaching Friday evening at 8 p. m. Text, I. Thes. 5-19. "Quench not the Spirit." Brother Trafton pointed out what great danger there was by refusing to follow the gracious leadings of the Holy Spirit, and how that God would certainly and wholly sanctify and save all who truly believe in Christ and continue to serve him.

Saturday 3 p. m., Business Session was called to order by President, Rev. G. B. Trafton, in the chair. Song, followed by prayer. Sister W. S. Thorne elected Secretary pro tem. Minutes of last meeting held at Grey's Mills, Sept. 25th, read and approved. Roll Call; ministers present, Rev. G. B. Trafton, Norton; Rev. W. W. Howe, St. John.

and Sister W. A. HopperesP di AGttr.

Delegates—Norton, Brother C. Murphy, Brother Howard Robertson; Mercer, Brother Noah Hicks; Moncton, Brother and Sister W. A. Hopper; St. John, Brother G. S. Cosman.

Officers elected for ensuing quarter: President—Rev. W. W. Howe. Secretary—Sister W. S. Thorne. Treasurer—Brother T. Martin. Highway Agent—Brother W. A. Hopper.

Devotional Committee appointed as follows: Brother Chas. Murphy, Brother Chas. Corey, Brother T. Martin, Brother W. A. Hopper, Sister Hopper.

St. John reported by Rev. W. W. Howe, spoke encouragingly of the work. Meetings good and God was with them.

Grey's Mills—Rev. G. B. Trafton reports a spirit of unity. Meetings good, and the pastor and people were working in harmony and pressing on to greater things in the Master's service. On account of some of the members being absent, prayer meeting was held at cottages and the Lord was blessing.

Norton—Brother C. Murphy reports they have had no special meetings, but God was blessing them through. Brother Trafton preaching; not much increase in the attendance but the interest is good, and there is a real spirit of progress in spiritual things. The church is strong in faith, and is standing in the bonds of holy love.

Moncton—Brother W. A. Hopper reports. The work is very encouraging under the faithful labours of Rev. S. A. Baker. Spiritual condition good. Church membership about the same. Trusting in God for greater spiritual power.

Salem—Brother Charlie Corey reports encouraging, although without pastor. He exhorts the faithful few at Salem to hold on and stand true to the cause of holiness, and is looking forward to a time when there will be a greater interest in the advancement of God's Kingdom. The outlook is hopeful. God has wonderfully blessed the people of this place by bringing us the gospel of spiritual deliverance from sin and death.

Devotional committee reported as follows:

Saturday, 7.30 p. m. preaching, Rev. W. W. Howe.

Sunday, 10 a. m., social service. Brother G. S. Cosman; 3 p. m., preaching, Rev. G. B. Trafton; 7.30, preaching, Rev. G. B. Trafton.

Resolution passed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Westchester, N. S. Time of meeting left in the hands of the President for arrangement. Thanks of the ministers and delegates were expressed to the Salem Church for their hearty welcome and generous entertainment. The meeting closed with prayer.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m., Rev. W. W. Howe spoke with power from the words found in Job 2:9-10. Great conviction rested on the people. A number manifested an interest in prayer. Three sisters knelt at the altar.

Sunday, 10 a. m., Love Feast led by Brother G. S. Cosman, which was enjoyed. Scripture read James 3. This service continued until noon.

3 p. m. Rev. G. B. Trafton preached a very impressive sermon from I. Thes. 4, Chap. V. 5. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness. The whole council of God's holy word was declared. The Lord used the message and a number manifested an interest in prayer. Altar service followed.

7.30 p. m. Rev. G. B. Trafton again preached to a large congregation from Eph. 4-13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature, of the fulness of Christ, dwelling on the fulness that belongs to Christ, that is Christ considered in his body the Church. God's divine plan of salvation, a sermon which stirred his hearers and gave great encouragement to a stronger faith in God.

The meeting proved a blessing and stimulation to all who attended.

Rev. W. W. Howe took charge of the altar service and closed with an earnest appeal to the unsaved to accept Christ.

The meetings were all seasons of blessing and well attended. Closing hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

MRS. W. S. THORNE,
Secretary.

The following was written by Brother Shaw:

The last Sabbath in 1914 at the home of G. B. Nixon, I was alone for the evening, all were at church except myself. I spent the time in reading the book of Malachi. Then I called on God in prayer. God put on my heart a great burden and travail of soul for Sister Sanders, Faith and Paul and the native christians. At 8.15 my soul was in great agony for them and the native christians. I believe God was answering in their behalf. (Written Dec. 26, 1914).

S. HAYDEN SHAW.

Note.—Brother Shaw was a man of prayer. How he loved to pray, and men do what they love to do.—Ed.

No neutral ground—"He that is not with me is against me—He that gathereth not scattereth abroad." Obstructive? Destructive? or Constructive? Which?