

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened at Westchester, N. S., Sept. 16. Rev. S. A. Baker preached Thursday evening, Rev W. W. Howe Friday at 2.30 and Rev. A. H. Trafton at 7.30.

The business session was held Saturday afternoon at 2.30. Opened by singing and prayer by Brothers Trafton and Howe. Brother Trafton then read and made a few remarks from the 34th Chapter of Ezekiel. Pearle Flemming was appointed secretary pro tem.

At roll call of ministers, Rev. W. W. Howe, of St. John, was present, Rev. S. A. Baker having to return home Saturday morning. Moved and seconded that Rev. A. H. Trafton have the privilege of a seat and vote in the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Rev. W. W. Howe was re-elected president for another quarter.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Williams.

Secretary—Pearle Flemming.

Highway Agent—Mrs. L. D. Colwell.

Grey's Mills sent a report by letter. Rev. G. B. Trafton is to be with them another year. Preaching services are refreshing and encouraging. Prayer meetings and Sunday School are fairly well attended and interest good. The prospective missionaries for Africa. Sisters Helen and Alice Sterritt were with them a few weeks between Beulah and Riverside Camp Meetings and were a great help.

Moncton also sent a written report. The work there has been somewhat retarded through the summer by a number of the members being away, but the winter outlook is bright and they are trusting God. Prayer meeting and Sunday services well attended and encouraging.

Norton reported through Brother Carson as progressing very well. Brother Smith with them last spring and Brother Lee expected next month. Rev. G. B. Trafton is their pastor. Services are helpful and a Sunday School of 4 classes well attended.

Rev. W. W. Howe gave a report from the St. John and Salem Churches. Congregations increasing at St. John. Expects Brother Potter to be with them a few weeks and hope to engage Brother Lee for January.

Brothers Kierstead and Cosman have been holding services at Salem and several places near. It is a new field with good prospects.

Mrs. L. D. Colwell reported the church at Westchester that there had only been Sunday morning services with usually four or five taking part in prayer. Doing very good financially. No debt and a little in the treasury. Sunday School of one class very well attended.

President then appointed as devotional committee, Sisters Teed and Williams and Brothers Webb, Carson and Berry.

Invitation to hold the next session at Moncton was accepted.

Closed by Doxology and prayer by Rev. A. H. Trafton.

Saturday evening preaching by Rev. W. W. Howe from Rev. 3:15-16. Sermon heart searching and helpful.

PEARLE FLEMMING, Secretary.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock we had

a love feast led by Brother A. G. Good. This was a time of refreshing and encouragement the; Spirit of God mightily come upon us, melting us to tears. At the close one young man raised his hand expressing his desire that God's people pray for him. This service was followed by a preaching service at which Rev. A. H. Trafton preached a powerful sermon from Gen. 3rd Chapter and part of the 9th verse, "Where art thou?" The Rev. gentleman truly did justice to the text, pointing out many of man's false hiding places and requested that his hearers make a personal application of the text and answer it to God.

Again in the afternoon at 2.30 Brother Trafton preached another forceful sermon. In the evening at 7 the meeting was opened by preaching by Rev. W. W. Howe from Psl. 9:17, The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. The preacher faithfully warned his hearers of the coming judgments of God and urged them to seek salvation now. At the close of the service seven came to the altar and sought salvation.

The Quarterly Meeting closed with everyone feeling that it had been a success and a decided victory for God and right.

PEARLE FLEMMING, Per A. G. Good.

THE TOBACCO CURSE.

One of the members of a firm of wholesale cigar dealers in Akron, Ohio, has made the statement, and backed it up by figures, that over \$11,000,000 will be spent in that city alone for tobacco in its various forms during 1920. He declares that 450,000,000 cigaretes and 45,000,000 cigars will be consumed there in that time. This is given out by him to a newspaper reporter simply as a matter of news.

But what a horrible condition, moral and financial, this indicates. Every tobacco user, whatever his relation or station, is a slave, a downright, indisputable slave to a perverted appetite, a filthy habit and an expensive custom. He may be educated, and a loyal citizen of a free country, but nevertheless he is a bondslave to the devil and is travelling on the downward road.

The tobacco smoker is a public nuisance and his practice of poisoning the air should be prohibited by law. No man has any more right to poison or make offensive the air another has to breathe than he has to poison or foul the water that another must drink. Recently we had occasion to take a train at Sandusky, Michigan. When within fifty feet of the platform we noticed that the air was impregnated by the fumes of tobacco. We entered the waiting room, which was vacant, but so full of the poisoned air we could not stay in it. Then we walked along the platform fifty feet in another direction and still the air was impure. Cause: One man, respectable in appearance and well dressed, was standing near the door of the waiting room smoking a filthy pipe. He was utterly unconscious of the fact that he was a public nuisance and likely would have resented any interference with his "personal liberty." It

was very evident that tobacco using blunts the moral sensibility of the user, for the ordinary smoker will violate law and indulge in his slavish habit when there are signs publicly displayed forbidding smoking in that particular place, and this individual seems to have no regard whatever for the presence of women and will puff at his pipe, cigar or cigarette in a restaurant while others are eating. Verily, the tobacco user is a public nuisance and his number is increasing.—The Free Methodist.

GRACE TESTED.

We may rest assured that whatever grace we possess will be tested. The holier we live the more will the devil hate us and the greater will be his efforts to overthrow us. He is an adept at the business. He has the experience of thousands of years in this kind of work. He always takes advantage of circumstances and knows exactly when to attack us and where our weakest spot lies. If we live halfheartedly and do but little if anything for the Lord he can afford to let us comparatively alone; but if ye are alive and active and persevering he will be after us with all his schemes and with all the emissaries he can command, both in the form of our fellow beings and with his invisible forces also.—Free Methodist.

THE HABIT OF SAVING.

It has been said that the ability to save money is the conclusive test of the ability to succeed.

The young people who are living up to their earnings and perhaps running a little behind each month, always have a reason. But the habit of spending all they make is stronger than their resolution, and increased earnings only mean increased expenditure.

Many wage-earners are saying today that until the cost of living is reduced, saving is impossible. But those who have the courage to keep on wearing old clothes and to have their old shoes re-soled, and to clean last year's hat, instead of buying a new one, and to boycott expensive amusements, will find it possible to put away something weekly. It is not the amount you save which is so important as the habit of saving.

"The blue of heaven is larger than the darkest clouds."

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\* The Hospital Fund—A pressing and immediate need at African Missionary Station. \*

\* The New Church Fund, Missionary Station, South Africa. \*

\* The House Fund—For the Misses Helen and Alice Sterritt, our new Missionaries. \*

\* The Students' Fund—To help young men in their preparation for ministry. \*

\* REV. S. A. BAKER, Treasurer. \* Moncton, N. B. \*

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