

MINISTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting for district No. 3 convened with the church at Jonesport, Maine, Dec. 2-5.

The first service was held on Thursday evening. Brother L. J. Alley spoke to us on the high priesthood of Christ, Heb. 8:1-2.

Friday afternoon Brother Clark spoke to us from John 1:1. This was indeed a time of refreshing to our souls. At seven-thirty Brother Moses spoke to us from Isaiah 60:1. Arise, shine for the lights has come. Brother Moses gave us no uncertain sound, but clearly showed us our privilege and duty to shine for Jesus. God grant that our brother may live to a good ripe age to contend earnestly for the Faith that was once delivered to the saints.

Saturday afternoon was the business session. Meeting called to order with the president, Rev. L. J. Alley, in the chair. After scripture reading and prayer the minutes of the last meeting was read and accepted. The roll call found the following ministers and delegates present: Rev. T. W. Moses, Rev. S. H. Clark, Rev. M. Ella Slipp and Rev. L. J. Alley.

Churches of the district: Calais, Pembroke, eBals, North Head, Seal Cove, Wood Island, Jonesport.

No delegates present except Jonesport.

Election of Officers:

President—Rev. L. J. Alley.

Secretary—Rev. M. Ella Slipp.

Treasurer—Mrs. Alice Newberry.

Highway Agent—Rev. S. H. Clark.

Devotional Committee—Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Goewey in connection with the pastor.

Reports of Churches:

Seal Cove reports services well attended, prayer meetings seasons of blessings, power of God among them. Sabbath School and mission work also growing in interest and pastor giving us God's word most faithfully.

North Head reported their services going on as usual. Their church was greatly helped by the visit of the Sterritt Sisters in company with Sister Keirstead. Looking to God for guidance.

Wood Island reported not as much spiritual blessing as in times past but holding on to God for victory.

Pembroke reported things more favorable, attendance better. Have lately organized a Sunday School. Brothers and sisters in good fellowship. A little band praying and trusting.

Calais reported good spiritual social services. Brother Clark feels that he has done what he could, prays that God will put the burden on some one's heart for the work there. Has not been able to get any special help in the way of revival work. Last quarterly meeting was a blessing to the church at Calais.

Jonesport has a faithful few holding on to God for a meeting. God blesses us in our Friday afternoon prayer meeting. Interest in church work, Sunday School increasing. Offerings good. Members search their hearts.

Beals reported good attendance. God is with us, looking for victory.

Voted that this quarterly meeting write a letter of greeting to the quarterly meet-

ings convening in the next session in March.

Voted to authorize secretary to convey to Brother Hilyard an expression of our sympathy in his recent illness.

Voted to extend a vote of thanks to Jonesport for their hospitality in entertaining the ministers and delegates during the meeting.

Voted to leave the arranging of the next meeting with the officers of the meeting.

Saturday evening Brother Clark brought us a very practical message from Isa. 40:31. Waiting upon God is the source from which all our strength comes. This supernatural strength makes us more than a conqueror.

The Sabbath was a great day. The weather was not altogether favorable, but it did not seem to hinder the people from coming to the services. The love feast at nine o'clock a. m. was led by Brother Moses. Our brother gave us an inspiring message from 1st John 3:1-3. The service was a time of rejoicing as the saints came to the platform and gave witness to the saving and keeping power of the Blood. Brother Alley came on at 11.30 and preached from John 10.10.

Brother Hilyard, who came on Saturday, was the messenger for the afternoon service. Our brother gave us a very powerful message from Hosea 2:14-16.

Brother Nease came on in the evening.

Gave us a very heart searching sermon from Luke 18:1. Men ought always to pray and not faint."

Brother Nease emphasized the fact that man is God's outlet to the world. There are five outlets through which God works, viz.: Our words, deeds, money, influence, and prevailing prayer.

Thus closed a very gracious quarterly meeting. We felt that our souls had been made fat on the good things of God. May God put a spirit of unrest upon those who are not endeavoring to put forth an effort to enjoy these meetings. We feel that our people are not making the sacrifice that is necessary for a spiritual growth of their own souls. Brethren, be sure to attend the next quarterly meeting which is to convene with the church at Beals, Maine. The date will be announced later.

REV. L. J. ALLEY, Sec. pro tem.

ONE REASON.

If, as a New York clergyman asserts, there is a decline in interest in churches, it may, in part, be set down to the fact that churches are at present engaged in too many movements that are absolutely foreign to the original purpose for which itself into a vaudeville house, a political they were intended. When a Church turns forum, or a distributing center for polite Bolshevism, and reform preached by men who have axes to grind and salaries to earn, it degenerates into an omnibus of bedlamic distractions that irritate a lot of persons and disgusts as many more.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

Men are religious naturally. They are Christians supernaturally.

A defiant spirit is impossible to a wholly sanctified soul.

BEALS, MAINE, SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT.

Our annual Christmas concert with the Sunday School tree was held on Friday night, Dec. 24th, 1920, at the Reformed Baptist Church. The following program was well rendered:

Organ voluntary with violin accompaniment.

Opening hymn—Hail the day.

Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Singing by choir—Merry Christmas.

Recitation—Sylvina Carver.

Singing—The Same Star Shines.

Recitation—Miss Eva Peabody.

Recitation—Edmund Beal.

Singing—The gift day now is here.

Recitation—Miss Gertrude Peabody.

Recitation—Lizzie Peabody.

Recitation—Lucy Woodward.

Singing—Christmas music fills the air.

Recitation—Miss Myrtle Beal.

Recitation—Lucy Beal.

Primary Song and Motions—Little Child of Bethlehem.

Recitation—Master Jerome Crowley.

Recitation—Oscar Carver.

Solo—Miss Myrtle Beal.

Singing—Whose are these voices?

Dialogue by the Misses Eva, Lizzie and Gertrude Peabody.

Solo—Harold Emerson.

Dialogue by 4 boys—Edmund Beal, Oscar Carver, George Lowell and Harley Alley.

Singing—The way from Bethlehem.

Recitation—Miss Thelma Dunning.

Singing by four boys—Hurry up, Mr. Clock.

Closing Song—Crown of the year.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The last monthly missionary meeting of the year was held by the Woodstock R. B. Society Dec. 10th, 1920. Opened with singing, then Scripture reading by President Mrs. C. O. Mutch. After a number of prayers, another appropriate hymn was sung. Then followed a short programme; readings being given by Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Estey. A duet was sung by Mrs. Bragdon and Mrs. Britton. A number of inspiring testimonies were given by different members after which the meeting closed with prayer and benediction by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Wiggins.

Yours in the work,

MRS. O. R. ESTEY.

TOBACCO QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

"What, then, was it made for?" For the tobacco worm to eat, and to kill lice on calves. Sure cure, though hard on the calf. As men are neither worms nor calves they should be exempt from it.

The minister who does not advocate missions for fear it will affect his own support, is making a great mistake. Interest in missions will affect that support, but always in the way of increasing the interest in all else belonging to the congregation.

"You can never win the heavy-weight title by doing light-weight stunts."