

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Dear Brother Baker:

I am sending you a report of the Quarterly Meeting which convened with the Church at Calais, Me., Sept. 22-25.

The first service was held Thursday evening led by Brother T. W. Moses, his text being St. John 3rd chapter, verse 6.

The Friday afternoon service was led by Sister M. Ella Slipp, her text being the 58th chapter of Isaiah.

Friday evening Brother L. J. Alley preached. The sermon was helpful to all.

Saturday afternoon the business session was held. The meeting opened with singing and prayer.

Moved and seconded that Brother Lester have a seat with us in the business session.

President Brother Henry Benson read Psalms 1st.

The roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. T. W. Moses, Rev. C. S. Hilyard, Rev. L. J. Alley, Rev. S. H. Clark, Rev. M. Ella Slipp, Rev. E. W. Lester.

Delegates present:

Calais—L.P. McMillan and R.L. Bridges.
Beals—Mrs. M. J. Wallace, Mrs. J. P. Alley.

Wood Island—Newton Bryant, Gladys Wilcox.

North Head—Brother A. Babcock.

Seal Cove—Jack Wilson, Calvin Benson.

Jonesport—None.

Pembroke—Mrs. D. Blackwood.

Election of Officers:

President—Henry Benson.

Secretary—Rue Ingalls.

Treasurer—W. Bell.

Highway Agent—C. S. Hilyard.

Devotional Committee—Rev. S. H. Clark, Brother Albert Babcock, Brother William Morrison.

Report of Churches:

Beals Island—Our Church is in good standing spiritually and congregations good, especially on the Sabbath. Our members are united and nearly all standing true. The interest in the Sunday School is increasing. We expect to hold special meetings in the near future and are trusting God to bless us. The pastor is giving us good straight preaching.

North Head—During the last three months we have been without a regular pastor. Brother Hartley Mullen has come to us recently and we pray that he will be a help to us and the church able to help him. The dear Lord has been blessing us in the meeting. It is our determination to keep in the fight against sin, looking to Jesus for victory.

Wood Island—We have no special victory to report since our last Quarterly Meeting, yet God is keeping us, and we are looking for a refreshing of his presence and that souls will be born in his kingdom. We are now holding meetings in our new church and expect to have it dedicated in the near future.

Seal Cove—Our church is in a good spiritual condition; the prayer meetings are not so well attended as the busy season is on, but they are seasons of blessing. The Sunday school has not grown any through the summer months but we

have an average attendance of 85. Our pastor is preaching us the good straight gospel. We are looking forward for a big wave of salvation this winter.

Calais, Maine—We have a fairly good attendance in our services; the interest is not as good as it was last winter, but the people are busy and it is a hard time of the year for many to get out to church, yet we feel God is working with us. The Sunday School is fairly good. Brother and Sister Clark have done much good among us.

Pembroke, Maine—Our Church has not advanced much since our last Quarterly Meeting, but we have enjoyed the privilege of seeing one woman brought back to the fold of God. Brother Moses is a faithful pastor but we consider him in a hard place to work. We thank God for his faithfulness to us.

Jonesport—There were no delegates from the Jonesport Church. Sister Slipp reported. The Church is not in as good a condition as we would like to see it; would like to see a revival spirit on us all the time. Some are as pure as gold; some have moved away, making our numbers smaller. The Sunday School is not as large as it was, but we are determined to do our best for God. There are a few who go in prayer to God each day for a special blessing on us, and we trust him for victory.

Moved and carried that arrangements for the next quarterly meeting be left with the President and Secretary.

Saturday evening service was in charge of Sister Slipp, who preached from Romans 8-4.

Love feast Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, led by Brother Albert Babcock.

Service at 10.30 led by Brother T. W. Moses, who preached from Heb. 2-3.

Sunday School 1 to 2 p. m.

Preaching service 2.30, led by C. S. Hilyard, his text being 2nd Kings 4-1.

Sunday evening service was in charge of Rev. W. Lester, who preached from Psalm 111-89. A social Song and Testimony meeting was held, which was a great blessing to all.

All these services were seasons of blessing and all felt stronger to press the battle for God and holiness.

RUE N. INGALLS,
Secretary.

WALKING WITH GOD.

A little child gave a most exquisite explanation of walking with God. She went home from Sunday School, and the mother said, "Tell me what you learned at school." And she said: "Don't you know, mother, we have been hearing about a man who used to go for walks with God. His name was Enoch. He used to go for walks with God. And, mother, one day they went for an extra long walk, and they walked on and on, until God said to Enoch, 'You are a long way from home; you had better just come in and stay.' And he went." That was true. Enoch had become so familiar with God that he "just went in and stayed." If we love God, we shall realize the joy of much communion with Him. Jesus was ever seeking His Father's company.—Sel.

THE DROWSY PEW.

In an article in The Northwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. J. L. Gordon writes on "Mannerisms of the Pew," in which he describes the different characters which occupy the various pews. It is an interesting contribution. In considering the "Drowsy Pew," he says:

I have a profound regard and sympathy for the man who sits in the drowsy pew. He never criticises my theology. He never has "a wandering look." He seldom takes exception to what I say. He never turns over the pages of the hymn book while I am preaching. He never looks at his watch to mark the hour of the day. He never shuffles his feet on the bare floor of the sanctuary, or loudly rearranges his bronchial tubes in an attempt to "clear his throat." He always wakes up in time for the collection. He always sings the doxology with enthusiasm. He always feels refreshed after the service is over. And, strange to say, he usually affirms that he was "awake all the while." I have too much sympathy for poor, tired humanity to criticize the occupant of the drowsy pew. He very often needs his nap more than he needs my sermon.

A DREAM.

Dr. A. J. Gordon had a dream one Saturday night which profoundly influenced all his after ministry. In his dream he was in his pulpit, when a stranger entered and passed slowly up the aisle. A gentleman offered him a seat in his pew, which was quietly accepted. At the close of the service Dr. Gordon asked the gentleman, in whose pew the stranger had sat, who the visitor was. "Why, don't you know?" was the reply, "that was Jesus of Nazareth; doubtless He will come again." "An indescribable rush of emotion came over me," writes Dr. Gordon. "To think that Jesus was present! What did He think of the service? Had I preached as I would like him to hear? A lifetime, almost an eternity of interest, was crowded into a single moment." That vision of the personal presence of Christ transformed Dr. Gordon's life, ministry, and church. May our impressions of the Lord's nearness be as vivid and as potent!—Dr. George Hanson, in The Resurrection and the Life.

We are to be angry and sin not. Christ exercised wrath, but this wrath was not revenge or the heat of passionate anger against individuals but an aroused spirit of indignant jealousy for the honor of His Father and the sanctity of His temple. This kind of wrath against wrong is always coupled with the utmost tenderness and pity for the wrong-doer, the truth is, the measure of the indignation and wrath against sin and wrong should be the measure of the tender pity and love for the wrong-doer.—In Beauty for Ashes.

"The best part of human history is never written at all. Family life, patient service, quiet endurance, the training of children, the resistance of temptation, these things are never mentioned by the historian."