

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 1.

The quarterly meeting of District No. 1 convened at Fort Fairfield, Maine, May 31st to June 3rd. The session opened Thursday evening when Brother L. J. Alley brought the message from 2 Thess. 2:3. A good time was enjoyed.

On Friday evening the message was delivered by Brother H. S. Mullen. He spoke from Matt. 6:23, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." It was a practical, helpful and delightful sermon which echoed in the hearts of the people. The musical number of this meeting was a quartet, "Closer to Jesus," sung by Brother and Sister Mullen, Sister Christian Hudson and Brother Albert Stafford. Everyone was stirred by the music and it was repeated by request.

Saturday morning a prayer meeting was held. Brother Wright was in charge.

The regular business meeting was held Saturday afternoon. The ministers present were Brothers F. T. Wright, H. S. Mullen, E. W. Lester, H. S. Dow, I. F. Kierstead, L. J. Alley, Sister Mullen and Licentiate Stillman Mullen.

The delegates were as follows—Hartland, Mrs. Henry Seeley, Mrs. S. Hayden Shaw, Mrs. Cora Belyea, Miss Agnes Belyea; Lower Brighton, Murray Brown; Victoria, Mrs. Thos. Tilley, Miss Cora Tilley; Marysville, Mrs. Thos. Mitchell, Albert Stafford; Fort Fairfield, Mildred Todd, Alma Slipp, Frank Kimball, William Andrews; Waterville, Mrs. Chester Culberson.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Brother F. T. Wright; Secretary, Mildred Todd; Treasurer, Howard Cogswell; Highway Agent, Brother H. S. Dow. The devotional committee was made up of Brother F. T. Wright, Frank Kimball, Israel Kilcollins and Mr. Whitten.

Letters were read from Marysville, Millville, Hartland and Lower Brighton. Verbal reports were given by delegates from Victoria, Waterville, Perth, Royalton, Fort Fairfield and Knoxford. All were encouraging. We were sorry to learn of Sister Kierstead's illness and hope that any who can help in finishing the verandah of the parsonage, so that she may be able to get out and thereby gain strength, will send their contributions to Brother Kierstead as soon as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the people of Fort Fairfield for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the quarterly meeting and delegates.

The place of the next quarterly meeting was left open to Millville or Meductic if they wish to entertain it, if not it will be held at Marysville.

The Saturday evening service was in charge of Brother Kierstead who spoke from Prov. 3, stating that wisdom was another name for Christianity. He said that we must make Christianity attractive, a life without partiality and hypocrisy. After the preaching a good praise service was held.

The love feast held Sunday morning

was in charge of Eugene Kimball, President of the Fort Fairfield praying band. His scripture was Isaiah 40:31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, etc." It was a time of rich blessing.

At eleven o'clock there was preaching by Brother Lester. His text was 2 Sam. 2:24, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord of that which doth cost me nothing." He said that profession would not bring dividends. Testimony in action about the home and shop must coincide with that spoken in words, or it will seem cheap goods. When we believe, we must forsake sin, and yield all to Him—our love, talents and all.

Immediately after this service a baptism was held at the river. There were two candidates.

Brother Fred Foster was with us and preached for us Sunday afternoon from I. Thess. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." This epistle was addressed to the church. Then he said that the sanctified life was measured by Cor. 13, and he brought out separately each one of the qualities mentioned in that chapter. As a result of this sermon two candidates were at the altar seeking sanctification.

The Sunday evening meeting was in charge of Brother Dow and a good crowd gathered in to hear him. His text was Isaiah 4:18 in which he calls the people to God as a broken hearted parent. He said we need not be puzzled as to what God's will is concerning us because he has spoken to us through his word. A donkey knows where to get food. That is more than Christians know when they do not go to God. As soon as a child gets to the age of understanding it is natural for him to run away from God. But He is not only able to forgive our sins, but also to remove that sin nature, for the carnal mind is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can be. At the close of his sermon the remainder of the time was spent in praise.

We were extremely fortunate to have at the quarterly session Brother and Sister Mullen and Christian and Albert Stafford, for the gospel in song which they gave us in each meeting was indeed a great blessing to all.

Others who were here from out of town were Gordon York and his mother, of Rosevale, N. B.; Mrs. John Golding and son, Hastings Golding, and the Misses Williams, of Peel, N. B.; beside Brother Dow, Sister Dow and daughters Marie and Grace, and son, Burpee, also Mrs. Thos. Mitchell, of Marysville; Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Phillips, David Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson, of Woodstock, and Carl Kierstead, of Royalton.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED TODD,

Secretary.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland P. O.,

Paulpietersburg,

Natal, May 6th, 1923.

Dear Highway:

Had a good service at an outpost about two and a half miles from the station.

There were thirty-three persons present. They were of all ages.

It is wonderful how the Lord is working in their hearts. About two years ago their hearts were hard and only about eight or ten persons used to attend the meetings. But since February there has been quite a number of deaths and they are all, as it were, softened.

For instance, there is a young man of about twenty-three, the eldest son, therefore the heir, who is attending the services every Sunday, who always planned to be away when a meeting was at his village. He has one wife and three girls besides (whom he intended to make his wives later on) but now he is a very earnest seeker.

His uncle died May 1st. Today his mother and sister were there. His mother asked for prayer for her head-ache. I told her the Lord was speaking to her and reminding her that he wanted to save her.

Two years ago Paul had to go to another appointment and that left this place vacant, so I took it over.

The meetings were held in two kraals (or villages) alternately. One moved away. Now I have them in three different kraals because I could not reach all the people as they are lazy and do not like to go far to church.

The Lord is not only working in their hearts, but in their bodies also. He healed a crazy man who would run away in the night, when the one who was watching him was asleep, and go to the hills and keep running until his strength was finished, and then there would be a hunt for him and when they found him they would have to carry him home. Now he is well as ever. Also two women who were slaves to snuff and beer, were delivered and one leaves her kaffir-corn garden to pray with the sick.

Yours in Jesus,

GEORGE SANDERS.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Pamela Margison.

Mrs. Pamela Margison, of Knoxford, passed to her eternal reward June 3rd, at the age of 76 years.

Sister Margison was a charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Royalton. Having entered into the life of full salvation, she lived a saintly life, and loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn their loss three sons, Allan and William with whom she lived. He and his devoted wife tenderly cared for her in her declining years, as she was frail in body for a long time. Another son, Norman, of Mars Hill, and one daughter, Mrs. Ransford Lawrence, of Knoxford, besides a host of relatives and friends who will long miss this dear one. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Miller (Methodist). Interment was made in the Upper Knoxford cemetery beside that of the her husband, the late Amos Margison.

I. F. KEIRSTEAD.