

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Jonesport, Me., Jan. 3-6.

On Thursday evening H. C. Mullen brought the message from Acts 16-31. This was a timely message indeed. Both preacher and people were blessed as he held up Christ as the only Saviour.

Conviction was on the people and at the close of the service three sought the Lord for freedom and one backslider was reclaimed. Several hands were raised for prayers.

Friday morning prayer and social service led by Brother Jack Wilson. The blessing of God was upon us, everyone taking their liberty in the Holy Ghost.

In the afternoon Licentiate G. A. Rogers brought a helpful message from Luke 19-1:10, after which a few minutes were spent in testimony and song.

On Friday evening Hartley E. Mullen brought a strong message from Ecc. 12:13-14, showing us that the greatest of all human pursuits it is to "fear God and keep His commandments." The Holy Spirit was again faithful to His office work, so mightily convicting hearts of their need that one young lady came back to the church after the meeting was dismissed and was gloriously saved, proving to us that "godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation."

Saturday morning was spent in prayer and praise. Business meeting at 2.30 p. m. Meeting opened with scripture reading by the president, H. E. Mullen, 121st Psalm.

Prayer by T. W. Moses.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call found the following pastors and delegates present:

Revs. H. C. Mullen, S. H. Clark, T. W. Moses, H. E. Mullen, Lic. F. A. Dunlop.

Delegates:

Seal Cove—Jack Wilson, Lorne Wilson.

Beal Island—Sisters L. Simmons, Melvin Wallace, Brother J. E. Beal.

Calais—Brother Bell.

Jonesport—C. Beal, E. Kelly.

Brother Dunlop voted membership in this quarterly.

Election of Officers—H. E. Mullen president; F. A. Dunlop, secretary; Mrs. Alice Newbury, treasurer; vice president, Jack Wilson; asst secretary, Mildred Beal; Highway Agent, S. H. Clark; devotional committee, F. A. Dunlop, Brother Bell, J. E. Beal.

Report of Churches:

Seal Cove reports Church in good condition. Prayer and missionary meetings held regularly, Sunday School thriving; average attendance during last quarter 100. Pastor H. E. Mullen giving us good spiritual food; preaching the word in all its fulness.

North Head reports regular Sunday services, two midweek prayer services and missionary meetings held monthly.

Rev. H. S. Archer is our pastor and we enjoy having both him and his wife with us very much. Our prayers are that the blessings of God may rest upon this quarterly service.

Beal Island reports great blessings during the special services when the pastor

was assisted by H. S. Mullen. Over one hundred were forward either to be saved, sanctified or reclaimed. Between thirty and forty were baptized and twenty-nine were taken into the church. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Jonesport—God has wonderfully blessed us by sending us a pastor and we feel God's smile and approval upon us. Brother Dunlop has been assisted in special services by G. A. Rogers. There has been six at the altar for pardon, three backsliders reclaimed and four sanctified. I want to add to this report that up to the present date, Jan. 9th, fifteen have been to the altar. Last evening was one of those meetings that you cannot explain. The Spirit was upon us; two were at the altar seeking pardon, and even after the meeting was dismissed the people seemed loath to leave the place. Nearly an hour or so was spent in prayer, testimony and song. We expect to keep on with the services so long as hungry hearts are finding God. We enjoyed having Brother G. A. Rogers with us very much. He has not lost any of his zeal while at school. He preaches good stirring messages and lives only for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. May the Lord abundantly bless him is my prayer.

A verbal report from Pembroke by T. W. Moses. Brother Moses says that although the interest is small, yet the Lord is blessing. One backslider has been reclaimed and one young man found the Lord to the saving of his soul. He is still proving to the people that God can keep a man in the midst of all kinds of opposition with victory in his soul. We enjoyed Brother Moses very much and pray that he may be spared to meet with us in many more quarterlies.

Brother H. E. Mullen reports work at Wood Island encouraging. Voted that Brothers H. E. Mullen and F. A. Dunlop arrange for next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Jonesport for the kind and cordial entertainment given to the visiting delegates and pastors.

Saturday evening Brother S. H. Clark preached from John 2:5. This was a powerful message. We surely felt that the speaker was pulling on the right line.

Sunday was a day of gracious victory. Brother T. W. Moses led the love feast. Speaking from John 31-3. The service began at 9.30 and lasted until 11.45. We all got blessed and one seeker prayed through.

Sunday afternoon H. C. Mullen brought the message from Isa. 6 chapter. This was a searching sermon. He showed us very clearly that only they who keep close in touch with God and was open to his leadings would receive revelations of their true condition in His sight. Showing us that God desires to give us the best possible fitness that we might be victors over all the power of the enemy.

In the evening H. E. Mullen spoke from Matt. 5-20. God surely blessed our brother as he proved to us from God's word that mere forms and ceremonies would never give us a passport to the eternal city. Four seekers came to the altar at the close of this service and prayed through. Several testimonies were given

after which we joined in singing "Jesus Saviour pilot me." Thus ended a very successful and enjoyable quarterly meeting. To God be all the praise.

F. A. DUNLOP, Secretary.

THE DEFINITENESS OF SALVATION.

Salvation as an experience, is definite. It is something definite both in seeking and finding. It is something to be definitely sought, definitely trusted for and definitely received. It is taught all through the Bible. Indefinite seeking and believing are not Scriptural. This is illustrated in a multitude of instances. The commands of God in the matter of experience are definite. Abraham was commanded to be "perfect." God in many places commanded His people definitely to "be holy." Jacob said that the angel redeemed him from all evil, and as his name was changed at the same time we know it was a definite experience or change of character. David prayed, not for "more religion" or a "deeper work of grace" or to get "nearer to God," but for the definite experience of a clean heart. If he had prayed for more religion or for a deeper work of grace, he could hardly have known how much he had, for he might have had more religion and not have had as much as he should have had. The publican prayed for mercy and went down to his house justified. He got a definite experience. Jesus said that children ask for bread and do not get a stone, or they ask for a fish, and do not get a serpent, or they ask for an egg and do not get a scorpion. This is definite asking and definite receiving. So we are to ask definitely for the Holy Ghost and get what we definitely ask for. If we ask for the Holy Spirit, we are to call Him by that name when God gives Him, for if we ask bread, He will not give us a stone.

Paul declared to the Roman Church that when he came to them he would come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. This is a double blessing. The blessing is definite but the "fulness of the blessing" is still more so. If there is anything today in which there are signs of decay it is in the matter of being definite. We need definite seeking, believing, preaching, and testifying that men know just what we mean so that seeking souls may find.

'How many there are who talk about not getting rid of sin till death. But Paul says, NOW being made free from sin.'

Much is said about "getting rid of sin," as though we could 'get rid of it by our own efforts; by praying more, doing more, etc. But our text says 'being made free from sin,' as though we were 'made free' by a power outside of ourselves.

This is the true idea of getting rid of sin. If we ever get rid of sin, it will be through Him of whom Isaiah said He is "the mighty God." Of whom the angel spake, when he said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Also "Jesus that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Through Christ's blood and that alone can we be made free from sin. NOW is the time!"