

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Church at Fredericton on March 6th to 9th, 1924.

The first meeting held at 7.30 p. m. was addressed by Rev. A. H. Trafton, who gave the early history of our church and how we came into existence as a denomination.

This was followed by a powerful testimony meeting. At the close of the service over a score expressed their determination by the raising of their hands to seek the blessing of entire sanctification. Friday afternoon at 2.30 a few gathered for prayer. In the evening Brother L. J. Alley preached. The sermon was from the experience of Jacob and a strong appeal was made to those not yet in the experience of holiness. Twelve responded to the fervent appeal made by our brother and came to the altar.

On Saturday there was a social service at 10.30 a. m.

The business session was held at 2.30 p. m., Brother E. W. Lester in the chair.

Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Secretary—A. L. Baird.

Treasurer—Clowes Patterson.

Highway Agent—Rev. E. W. Lester.

Roll was called and the following ministers were present:

Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. L. J. Alley, Rev. Percy Briggs, Rev. E. W. Lester, Rev. A. H. Trafton, Rev. I. F. Kierstead.

The following delegates were present:

Fredericton—S. Minue, Geo. Crawford.

Marysville—Fred Clark, Thos. Mitchell.

Middle Southampton—Abram Cronkite, Florence Cronkite.

Green Bush—Mrs. Weyman Wright.

Lower Hainesville—Mrs. Forman.

Meductic—Allen Dow.

Woodstock—Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. R. Harding.

Lower Brighton—Mrs. Geo. Tedlie, Willie Nixon.

Victoria—Thos. Tilley, Mrs. York.

Hartland—A. L. Baird, Wm. Rideout, Mrs. S. H. Shaw, Mrs. Frank Clark.

Fort Fairfield—Mrs. L. Kinney.

Reports were read from the following Churches: Fredericton, Marysville, Mid. Southampton, Green Bush, Meductic, Woodstock, Hartland, Victoria, Lower Brighton, Royalton, followed by verbal reports from several delegates.

A vote of thanks was given the pastor and people of Fredericton for their generous hospitality.

The extension committee consisting of Revs. H. S. Dow, P. J. Trafton and Brother Norman Cochrane reported progress. Voted that the above committee continue to act.

Voted also that next District Meeting be held at Meductic June 5-8, 1924.

A letter from Rev. S. A. Baker was read requesting that an hour be spent in prayer for the Alliance and for Beulah and Riverside Camp meetings, that the unity of spirit may prevail.

Saturday night Rev. I. F. Kierstead brought a helpful message from Job. 1-6. Several were at the altar.

Sunday began with a Love Feast at

9.30, led by Brother A. L. Baird, Scripture reading in Col. I. There must have been 125 testimonies. Rev. E. W. Lester preached at 11 a. m. on "One thing thou lackest," many raised their hands desiring prayers. Rev. A. H. Trafton had charge of the afternoon service. Text Gen. 3-9; much conviction was on the meeting; twelve responded by coming to the altar, one young man professing conversion and several sanctification. The evening service was largely attended. The closing message was brought to us by Rev. Percy Briggs from Heb. 7-19 and was a strong plea for Perfection through Jesus Christ. There was deep conviction on the meeting, and when the altar call was given, twenty-five responded and a goodly number of them prayed through to victory. Then followed a social service and the glory of God was on the people; the meeting closed at 11.15. The folk said it was like a grand closing at Beulah: To God be all the glory. It was a grand quarterly meeting, one of the best. The brethren preached well, the church was strengthened and many were definitely helped.

A. L. BAIRD,
Secretary.

Now it is usually little things that cause us to stumble. I do not fall over a beer barrel, but I slip over a piece of orange peel. I have never stumbled over a bale of cotton, but if one flaw in the pavement projects a third of an inch I may be brought to grief. I can avoid the bigger things; I am careful about the trifles. The little things cause me to stumble. "Look carefully, how you walk," recollect the importance of details. Life is made of steps and incidents and trifles.—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

AN INFIDEL CONVINCED.

A prominent infidel, a few years ago, was a lawyer in St. Louis. During the progress of a great "revival" which he ridiculed, he was on his way to a drug store to procure some medicine for his sick child. It was a bright afternoon, and a street preacher was speaking of Jesus to an immense crowd in one of the worst quarters of the city. The curiosity of the infidel was excited, and he stopped for a moment on the edge of the vast throng to see what the gathering of so many persons meant.

Not a word the preacher uttered could be heard, but near him, and mounted on a wagon, stood a man who was pouring forth volume of blasphemy and obscenity and hate, cursing the Bible and Christianity. The infidel noticed that he had quite a group of sympathizers around him who laughed at his coarse jests, and loudly applauded his vile sentiments. But he also noticed that his group was made up of the very scum of society. Thieves, burglars, prostitutes, bloated drunkards, men and women and half grown lads, upon whom the police kept a watchful eye, constituted the admiring audience of the foul wretch who was flooding them with his tide of filth.

The lawyer after a while bowed his head in utter shame, as he reflected that he was thoroughly identified with this

spawn of hell. It is true that he was an infidel on far other and higher grounds, testing his skepticism upon intellectual objections to the Bible; but he remembered that the arguments and witticism of his class of thinkers dribbled down through the various strata of the community, becoming dirtier and more offensive at each successive descent, until they reappeared at the bottom in the disgusting shape that faced him from the wagon of the infidel orator. He walked away chagrined and mortified, and without hearing a sermon, he renounced infidelity, became a Christian and determined to devote the remainder of his days to the defense of the cause he had sought to destroy.—Anon.

ROOM FOR ALL.

God in His mercy and goodness and kindness,

God in His wonderful spirit of love,
Looking from heaven and seeing man's blindness,

Sent down His only Son from above;
He came to rescue, to pardon and save us,
Jesus the only-begotten of God,
There on the cross of Golgotha He gave us

Liberty bought with His innocent blood.

Lost in the depths of defilement and discord,

Lost in the danger and darkness of night,
Far from the flowing of fellowship's fountain,

Far from the luster of loyalty's light;
Gone far astray was our God's chosen nation,

Out in the regions of ruin they sat.
Then Jesus came that they might have salvation,—

Who else could come in a time such as that?

Not the Jew only, but Gentile and heathen,
They were all lost and they needed His aid,

Jesus alone was the one that could free them,

And on the cross the atonement was made;

We are all glad for the gift that He gave us,

We are all thankful for mercy and love
Nothing but heaven's best treasure could save us,

Nothing but God's only Son from above.
—Selected.

HOLIER ENDEAVOR.

After the heart-breaking experiences of the war and the shameful backsliding that followed, we need to get close to God. Let us seek Him in repentance. Let us beseech Him to forgive our backslidings and restore us to His favor. Let us offer ourselves for service. Genuine self-sacrifice is needed. Our time and our property must be on the altar. Our misfortunes should drive us to our knees. Our prosperity should not cause us to forget God. The time for revival has come. May it stir us to new and holier endeavor. Let us all pray.—Arkansas Methodist.