

## REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Calais on Thursday, Nov. 6, 1924.

Thursday evening Brother H. E. Mullen brought a good message from Amos 4, 12, "Prepare to meet thy God." Let us be ready to hear the welcome, "Come, ye blessed," and to say, "This is my Lord."

Friday afternoon Brother H. C. Mullen gave us a good talk from Collosians 2, showing that the substance of our lives should be Jesus, and that our hearts should be full of the Spirit.

Friday evening Brother H. C. Archer brought an excellent sermon from II Kings, 4:2, "Tell me, what hast thou in the house."

Saturday morning a prayer service led by Brother Henry Benson, a time of refreshing to those who were there.

At 2.30 p.m. the business meeting opened with scripture reading by Brother H. C. Archer, I Corinthians, 12. Minutes read and approved. Roll call found the following pastors and delegates present:

Revs. H. C. Archer, H. C. Mullen, H. E. Mullen and L. J. Sears.

Delegates:

Calais—Miss May Smith, Mr. Wm. Bell, Mr. Wm. Morrison.

Jonesport—Mrs. E. A. Kelley.

North Head—Mr. Scott, Mrs. Tom Morgan, Mr. Richardson.

Seal Cove—Mr. Henry Benson, Mr. Loren Wilson.

Wood Island—Mrs. Chester Green, Mrs. Hugh Shepard.

Welcome was extended to delegates from St. John church.

Election of officers: H. C. Archer, President; H. C. Mullen, Vice-President; Mrs. E. A. Kelley, Secretary; Miss May Smith, Assistant Secretary; L. J. Sears, Highway Agent; Devotional Committee—Wm. Bell, Mr. Scott, Henry Benson, Mrs. E. A. Kelley, with the pastor, L. J. Sears.

Devotional Committee report accepted. Resolutions of respect regarding deaths of Brother Wiggins and Sister Wm. Morrison to be printed in Highway accepted.

A vote of thanks extended to the church at Calais for the kind hospitality extended to pastors and delegates.

## Report of Churches

Calais—Much to be thankful for. Souls being saved. Good messages. Trusting in the Lord for victory.

Beals—Still in the ranks of the Lord. Services well attended. Sunday School good. Pastor giving helpful and profitable messages.

Alley Bay Mission—A part of the Beals work—Good interest. Sunday School with about fifty members.

Jonesport—Nothing especial to report. The Lord is blessing each department of the work. The pastor preaching good Holiness sermons.

North Head—Services well attended. Two prayer meetings each week. Mission Society receiving attention.

Seal Cove—Pastor is faithful in his labor among us. Trusting God for seasons of blessings. Sunday School well attended. Good interest.

Wood Island—Nothing especial to report. God has been keeping and blessing us. Pastor faithful. Sunday School doing well.

Saturday evening—Preaching by Brothers H. C. Mullen from Genesis 25. Theme: Esau's cheap sale, a very profitable sermon, warning

those who listened against selling out to the flesh and the devil.

Sunday, 9.00 A.M.—Love feast led by Brother Richardson. Surely a feast of good things, followed by about fifty testimonies.

Sunday, 11.00 A.M.—Brother Archer preached to us again from I Thes., 4.7, "God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto Holiness." A sermon very much enjoyed by all.

Sunday School at 11.45.

Sunday, 2.30 P.M.—Brother H. C. Mullen brought the message from Matt. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Sunday, 7.00 P.M.—Last but not least, Brother H. C. Mullen preached to us from Ecc. 12: 12-14, "Fear God and keep His commandments." An excellent sermon, the Holy Spirit was pleading and souls were rejecting. At the close we had a good testimony service.

While there were not any souls saved, we had a good quarterly and fell to thank the Lord for the blessings received.

MRS. E. A. KELLEY, Sec'y.

W. Jonesport, Maine, Nov. 19, 1924.

## THE SPIES.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith.

Like Canaan of olden times, the state of Holiness invites inspection. As a doctrine, as an experience, as a life; and as a ministry and a Movement this whole subject of Entire Sanctification is entitled to and requires investigation.

The twelve spies were divinely commissioned. And Jesus bids men: "Search the Scriptures." The Bereans were commended for "searching the Scriptures daily whether those things were so." Paul in enjoining us to "despise not prophesying" nevertheless bids us to "prove all things." The land we are to live in, the difficulties and enemies we are to confront, and our own abilities, disabilities are all legitimate subjects of inquiring in deciding one's course in this issue. We are not required to rush as an unthinking horse into the battle. We may count the costs. Those spies were instructed to make a thorough examination of the land, and of the people; as to their numbers, their strength, their modes of life, whether in tents or in cities, and whether or not they were so allied?

Moreover, they were allowed a full term tenure of forty days for this investigation. "He that believeth shall not make haste;" "Some anon with joy receive the words; but have no root in themselves" God says: "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." We are going to build, it behooves us to see whether or not we have rock for our foundation. Likewise whether if we begin we have resources at command to go on to a finish. We are going into war. It would be rash rather than brave to underestimate the size of the army against us.

But all depends upon the attitude of mind in which we spy on the land and the eyes with which we see. No place is allowed in God's economy for a prejudiced approach to His Word—on this or the Scriptures as a whole. The average higher critic will approach the Bible under a suspicion that he holds towards no other book. He will take up the latest volume of a Modernist author with a feeling of prejudice in its favor; but he will take up the Scriptures with a prejudice against their claims and contents.

And almost the average ecclesiastic and church officials will hear or read about Holiness with a mind biased against it beforehand.

Examination requires that one be fair in order to be faithful. Now since God invites us to have this Canaan land well spied over, it is incumbent upon his people and his servants that if prejudiced at all we be prejudiced upon the side of faith and of God's promise.

But it was not prejudice that caused the bad report of the ten spies. All agreed that it was a goodly land—even the rejectors of holiness allow that it is a good life if only everybody could attain unto it. Not only the bad spies but the good ones likewise reported the walled cities, the tall sons of Anak, and the other difficulties. But the ten only saw with the eyes of the flesh and the mind of reason merely.

The two had the eyes of their understanding illuminated. As the servant of Elisha the prophet after his eyes were anointed could see things that were beyond his view before. So Caleb and Joshua with the eyes of faith could see what the ten were blind to. That is ever the secret of seeing God's word and the promised land aright. Grasshoppers we kill are in our own self estimate, yet "if God be for us we be well able to go up and possess the land." Not only would the eye of prejudice bias and discolor our view of this or any other truth in God's word; but the eye of sense or of mere reason alone will fail to see that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."

Moreover, the natural mind, without the aid of faith, is prone to magnify difficulty and minimize helpers. Fright and fear are both the offspring of doubt and unbelief and the enemies of the spiritual life. Those who will calmly investigate both the satanic and the human sides of the question of living a holy life here on earth, and just as calmly consider the faithfulness of God to his promises, the power of the precious blood to cleanse from sin, and the abundance of the Spirit of grace at our command concludes that though we are but as grasshoppers before them, yet if "God be for us we be well able to go up and possess the land."

## RESOLUTION REGARDING DEATH OF REV. W. B. WIGGINS.

Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to call from this stage of action our beloved brother, W. B. Wiggins, and whereas the whole denomination has suffered, and feels the great loss sustained, therefore, resolved that this Quarterly Meeting in session express its sincere regrets at the passing of this useful and godly man, whose leadership and wise counsel we shall all sorely miss; also resolved, that we extend to Sister Wiggins an expression of our deep sympathy in her sad bereavement.

H. C. MULLEN

L. J. SEARS

H. E. MULLEN.

"Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free;  
Imprison me within Thine arms,  
And I shall conquer be."