

MONCTON SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The Reformed Baptist Sunday School at Moncton held its regular Annual Rally and Harvest Day on Oct. 18th, 1925, with Brother Moses Somers, the Superintendent, presiding.

The Sunday School was opened with prayer by Brother Hazen Steeves followed in concert with the Lord's prayer by the school.

There was a large number in attendance. The room where the programme was carried out was profusely decorated for the occasion with potted plants, apples, pumpkins, squash, potatoes, turnips and grapes.

At the conclusion of the regular exercises the school all assembled in the Auditorium where the following programme was carried out:

Chorus—By the school, "Gladly now we rally."

Reading—By Isabel Somers.

Exercise—By boys, "Hurrah for the corn."

Recitation by Master MasNeil.

Singing and Responsive Reading by Mrs. Somers' class.

Exercise by Mrs. Charles MacCallum's class.

Song by Douglas MacNeil.

Exercise by Boys and Girls.

Remarks by the pastor.

Song by the School, "When the Roll is called next Sunday."

To the success of the programme much credit is due to Miss Lucy Blakney and her committee for their faithfulness and untiring efforts in thus trying to make "Rally Day" a success.

At the conclusion our pastor, Rev. W. W. Howe, spoke briefly, thanking the committee for their calling upon him to say a few words. He congratulated the committee upon their excellent programme and he thanked the children for their recitations and songs. In conclusion he strongly emphasized the fact that there should be a better attendance in the school. He strongly urged all those who were present to come next Sunday and bring some one with them.

A few remarks were also made by the Superintendent and he too spoke on the same lines as did our pastor.

After the closing hymn the school was dismissed by the Benediction by our pastor.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

A company of ladies were gathered at a minister's home. As he entered the room he heard them speaking in low voices of an absent friend. "She's very odd," said one. "Yes, very singular indeed," said another. "Do you know, she often does so-and-so?" said another, mentioning certain things to her discredit. The minister asked of whom they were speaking. When told, he said, "Oh, yes, she is odd; she's remarkably singular. Why, would you believe it," he added in a low voice, "she was never known to speak ill of any absent friend!"

There are many lying spirits all about

us in the world, in the atmosphere of this earth-planet, whose chief business seems to be to carry slanderous reports and whisper them in our ears. They are careful never to appear in their true guise, and seem to support their suggestions with so much circumstantial evidence as to cause them to appear as a friend and counsellor warning you against the cunning of a treacherous deceiver. And sometimes the evidence is piled up so high as to make the purest white appear as the blackest night, and the clearest virtue as the veneer of hypocrisy. We learn to look upon those about us with doubt and suspicion and watch to find the weak joints in their armor that we may thrust the point of our weapon into their vitals, until our own advancement is over the slain bodies and souls of those about us.

To repeat an ill report, unless prayerfully and for the glory of God and the good of His cause, is to pour oil upon a fire. That is excellent advice given by Charles H. Spurgeon: "When you hear an evil report about anybody, halve and quarter it—and then say nothing about the rest." This is excellent advice and should be followed, and exceptions should be made only under the gravest circumstances.

We are sorry to have to admit that this sin is very prevalent among even those professing a high state of grace. Possibly this is because of thoughtlessness at first, and a failure to realize the seriousness of the offense, until finally it becomes a settled habit, indulged at almost every opportunity.

Evangelist J. M. Humes, of Greer, S.C., has written in a very forceful manner regarding this evil practice under the title, "Some Dangers for Holiness People to Avoid," to which we desire to call special attention, and for this purpose print it in this connection. He says:

Some Dangers for Holiness People to Avoid.

"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity," James 3:6.

Mr. Wesley said evil speaking was a universal sin, then went on to describe evil speaking. His definition was: Speaking of an absent brother's faults when it did not help either party, even if every word spoken was true.

As we travel from state to state, and mingle with the different holiness people, I find a looseness among God's people in regard to the other fellow's reputation. It is almost impossible to get a group of preachers together at camp or conference any length of time without there being more or less evil speaking, that is, bringing up the faults and failures of some brother. Why is it that some folks would rather hear about his failures and faults than hear about his good traits? I can almost smell carnality in this.

Then there is the false tongue. It starts a report on a servant of God. Then it is told to another. They don't take time to investigate. On it goes, until the man or woman of God is wounded, crippled, influence hurt, good name injured. I know of people who wouldn't steal a nickel for worlds, yet in a careless way repeat reports until they steal the good name and influence of some worthy servant of God.

A preacher's wife told the writer that she believed her husband was in his grave partly because of a false, slanderous report. Some people seem to have the vulture nature. The big black-winged bird will fly over orchards, flower gardens, and pass them all by, but when they find something that smells bad, that is dead, then it has a square meal. I have known individuals to go through an entire camp and not hear any good thing; but let a preacher make one mistake, then they go to work. It is food for them. God alone knows the hot, scalding, midnight tears Christian workers have shed, all because of some false rumor. May God put a check on our lips in regard to our brother's or our sister's character.

James 3:5 says: "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth." An old woman in Chicago went out one windy night with a lantern to milk, the cow kicked over the lantern, set a little stack on fire, and Chicago just about went up in the flames that night. Oh, the broken homes, wrecked lives, and sad hearts, all on account of some unkind tongue. Some hasty word has caused many a separation in the home.

But, thank God, there is the right use of the tongue. The tongue can be used in a kind way, such as being a peacemaker, and encouraging the weak. There is nothing so healing as a kind, gentle tongue.

The tongue can be so harnessed up by the Holy Ghost, subdued, conquered, brought into subjection to the will of God, that it can speak loaded, burning, Holy Ghost messages that will live forever. Rev. W. E. Shepard, one of the leading holiness evangelists, said he went into a covenant at a holiness convention twenty odd years ago to refrain from evil speaking. No wonder God uses that man. I have been with Rev. Bud Robinson quite a bit and I never heard him speak an unkind word about a preacher or Christian worker in my life. I was not surprised when he told me he turned down nine hundred calls this year.

The Holy Ghost will finally fail to use a man who continually gives himself to evil speaking. "Soft words turn away wrath."

Yours, to be more like Jesus,

EVANGELIST J. M. HUMES.

"There is only one remedy for the awful wave of crime that is sweeping over our fair land. That is the old-time religion. The worst criminal is the educated criminal. Education is a blessing to the individual who serves the Lord. It enables him to be more useful. The criminal cannot be educated out of his wicked ways. But Jesus can save him from sin and crime and change his heart and that will end his career as a criminal."—Exchange.

"It was when Peter got his eyes on the waves that he began to sink. The winds of adversity may blow, the waves of temptation or sorrow dash high, but if we will keep a steady eye on Jesus, and a firm grasp of His hand, He will never let us sink beneath the waves. He is still quieting the sea, and speaking, 'Peace be still' to His trusting disciples."