

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Reformed Baptist Church of Lower Hainesville on Sept. 3rd. In the absence of the President, Rev. H. S. Clark, the secretary, Rev. I. F. Keirstead, led the first meeting, reading and commenting on the 55th Chapter of Isa. Rev. E. W. Lester and some friends from Millville were present and assisted in the service Friday afternoon. Rev. E. W. Lester gave us a helpful talk on 2nd Cor. 10, 15. A number of testimonies were given. At 7.30 a goodly congregation gathered. Rev. I. F. Keirstead was the preacher and was assisted by the Holy Spirit in bringing the message from Acts 16:30-31. Rev. H. S. Mullen and wife arrived at the beginning of this service and greatly helped by their soul-stirring songs.

At 10.30 a. m. Saturday, Sister H. S. Mullen brought a message from the 32nd Psalm. The Spirit of the Lord was present to bless, and a seeker was forward for reclamation from years of backsliding.

Our business session was held at 2.30 p. m. The roll call found the following ministers present: Revs. E. W. Lester, H. S. Mullen, Mrs. H. S. Mullen, I. F. Keirstead and Fraser Dunlop. The following churches were represented by delegates: Woodstock, Royalton, Victoria, Millville, Maple Ridge, Upper Hainesville, Lower Hainesville, Fredericton and Marysville, Fort Fairfield, Hartland, Lower Brighton, and Belvedere reported by letter only.

The reports from the most of these churches were encouraging. Victoria is weakened by the removal of so many members from the place. Let us pray for them.

Gordonsville is coming to the front again. Rev. E. W. Lester preaches for them twice monthly. The churches generally are pushing vigorously the foreign mission work.

The officers for the present quarter are:
President—Rev. E. W. Lester.
Secretary—I. F. Keirstead.
Highway Agent—B. M. Colpitts.
Treasurer—Sister Forman.

The necessity for a larger attendance of ministers and delegates from the churches was stressed in the business session. The Devotional Committee reported.

Preaching at 7.30 by Bro. Fraser Dunlop. Love feast Sunday at 9.30, led by Rev. E. W. Lester. Preaching at 11 by Sister H. S. Mullen, at 3 p. m. by Rev. I. F. Keirstead, and at 7.30 by Rev. H. S. Mullen.

Good congregations were present, the church being filled to capacity all day on Sunday. Many earnest and inspiring testimonies were given in the love feast. All the preachers were helped of the Lord in bringing the messages and the truth had a telling effect upon the people present, five being at the altar at the close of the evening sermon. All felt that the Lord gave us a successful Quarterly Meeting, the result of which will, we trust, be far-reaching in its influence. The next will be held at Millville on December 3rd.

I. F. KEIRSTEAD,
Secretary.

THE TWO WAYS
(Continued)

Rev. H. C. Sanders

Chapter XIII.

The Government Records, known as "Church History," describe this gradual decline from clear vision to almost total blindness. During all these centuries, however, there were some who, by the use of eyesalve, retained their power of sight. They tried in vain to induce their friends to buy this ointment; for, strange as it may seem, this eye disease was painless, and developed so insidiously as not to be perceptible. The afflicted ones, therefore, naturally resented such counsel, and, when continually urged, appealed to law.

The loss of sight was accompanied with other symptoms, as the whole soul and spirit were diseased. A delicious drowsiness overpowered these nearsighted soldiers, so that often they fell asleep at prayers, councils, and even at work or on the march. Some called this symptom "sleeping sickness," but they were too blind to recognize it as abnormal. It was so pleasant just to sleep when one felt like it, and any person who tried to arouse such, did so at the risk of prosecution. Thus it came about that new laws were formulated, making it a crime, punishable with death, to sell the Royal Remedies, or even to try and arouse one who had fallen asleep. Organized police effort was set on foot to rid the countries of the troublesome vendors of the Royal Remedies; and pushed with such zeal that they were imprisoned, tortured, stoned, sawn asunder, slain with the sword, burned at the stake or crucified, until the Captain Himself interfered and had the flood of persecution stopped. The earth opened her mouth and swallowed the flood, gradually, until the laws were changed and the Royal Remedies could again be sold without let or hindrance.

Especially commissioned officers and soldiers, as Martin Luther, John and Charles Wesley, John Calvin and thousands of others, took their lives in one hand and these Royal Remedies in the other, and travelled in and out among the dead and dying soldiers, counselling them to anoint their eyes with the Royal Eyesalve. Their testimony was so powerful that even the dead soldiers heard and revived. First there was a noise, a shaking among the dry bones. Then sinews and flesh came upon them, and skin covered them. The complete miracle of the Royal Remedies appeared when they all stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. (Ezek. 37:1-10.)

A new era now began for the kingdom of our Captain. Everywhere diseased or dead armies were, by this means, fully restored to life, and their strength renewed. The Armory Building, with its great iron doors on hinges, now rusty from centuries of non-use, was thrown open. Swords, helmets, breastplates, shields and mighty weapons of prayer, were brought forth, polished and distributed to every soldier.

Dr. Luke was recalled from exile, with his staff of physicians and nurses. Thus health and clear vision took the place of the insidious eye disease. The wolves in

sheeps' clothing, together with the enemy, masquerading as an angel of light, were all dismissed from the councils of war. New cities were built, with walls of righteousness and gates of praise. These were set upon hills, where the light, a reflection from the cross, could not be hid, and the dark ages were passed.

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OUR CALLING.

God created man in His own image—the image of holiness. Infinite intelligence can have no changing scheme. Man has changed and fallen but the purposes of God are the same. To redeem fallen man and bring him to a condition of holiness we read, "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." There is no use to sit down in doubt or despair. God has called us to holiness and we can have it. Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it. Thess. 5:24. Did you ever think, beloved, what the result would be if all the dear people in our holiness assemblies enjoyed their privileges and were clear in the experience? Our churches are too often delayed in their progress because we have to carry so much ambulance and nursery equipment to care for the spiritually infirm and the undeveloped children. Would it not be glorious if it could be said about us spiritually as concerning the Lord's people of old, "There was not a feeble person among all their tribes."

A sanctified church is distinct in any community. Its influence is felt. People about them do not sin so freely and unthinkingly. Formal professors of religion see their lack and often set up an envious opposition while some fall in line and seek the Lord. A clear standard of holy living holds every compromising tendency in marked contrast and illuminates the standard emphasized in God's holy word. It is more telling in its influence for good than much harsh, rabid legalism that has inflicted itself on many assemblies. If the law is necessary, have the spirit well seasoned with the grace emphasized in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. It will have a more virtuous effect and far reaching influence.

A sanctified church produces conviction. The spiritual nature in every man is seeking satisfaction. Because of the absence of spirituality in many of the religious gatherings of the day many walk in darkness and think there is no better light for them. But when the supernatural is displayed hungry hearts everywhere respond. Conviction seizes the conscience and a voice says, "This is the way, walk ye in it. The carnal nature may hold back but the innermost spirit is convinced. What the world wants to see is religion that really saves and keeps men and women free from sin. God has called us to hold up that standard and there is a responsibility on every member to have the experience. God has called us. Are you heeding the call?—Free Methodist.