

### REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING.

The fourth Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Church at Belvidere, Me., on May 28 to 31 inclusive. President Rev. L. J. Alley had charge of the first service and preached from John 8: 31, 32. Those present declared it to be a powerful message. On Friday Bro. I. F. Keirstead of Royalton, N. B., arrived and preached in the evening from John 17, 3: "This is eternal life, that they may know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." After the sermon the church of Belvidere, which was a Free Baptist Church and never went into the union, organized themselves under the direction of their pastor, into a Reformed Baptist Church with fifty-five charter members. Bro. Clark giving them the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Clark has not preached organization, these brethren reorganized because they themselves desired to do so.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the business session was held, Rev. L. J. Alley in the chair. Bro. Alley opened the service by reading the one hundred and fifth Psalm, after which Bros. Mutch, Clark and Alley led in prayer. The following officers were appointed: Rev. H. S. Clark, President, Bro. I. F. Keirstead, Secretary, Sister Thorne, Treasurer, and Rev. H. S. Mullen, Highway Agent. Devotional Committee, Rev. H. S. Clark, Sisters Alice Grant and Randell.

The roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. L. J. Alley, Rev. H. S. Clark, Rev. H. S. Mullen and wife, and Rev. I. F. Keirstead.

Delegates from churches present: Woodstock—Bro. Chas. Mutch and wife and Sister H. Moore; Perth—Sister H. S. Mullen; Belvidere—Sister Alice Grant, Miss Luna Thorne. Encouraging reports were received from the following churches: Woodstock, Marysville, Hartland, Belvidere, Crestol and the Royalton circuit.

The following resolutions were passed in the business meeting:

Resolved, that the new Reformed Baptist Church of Belvidere be received into the first district.

Resolved, that we extend to the church and people of Belvidere our thanks for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, that the next quarterly meeting be held on Sept. 3rd at Lower Hainesville.

Saturday evening Rev. R. J. Alley again brought us a message from Ex. 40:36. Subject, "Keeping Step With God." The Lord helped our brother and we trust all who listened were helped by the truth.

Sunday at 9. A.M. the people gathered for a love feast which was led by Chas. Mutch. Some brethren from Fort Fairfield, Victoria, Hainesville and other places arrived by auto and a refreshing service was enjoyed. At 10.30 Rev. I. F. Keirstead preached to a congregation which well nigh filled the house, from Luke 3:16. Subject, "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost." A short session of the Sunday School was held at 1.30 P.M. and at 2.30 Sister H. S. Mullen brought the message from 1 Samuel, 15:18. Our sister stressed the necessity of destroying the Agag of pleasure and immodest dress.

One sister came to the altar seeking heart purity. Pastor Clark baptized four converts at the close of the afternoon service, and in the evening received them into the fellowship of the church. In the evening after Sister Mullen and De Vern had given a special song which was enjoyed by all, Bro. Mullen preached, using as his text Prov. 29:1. Several seekers were at the altar. The church was filled to capacity afternoon and evening and all felt we had a profitable quarterly meeting.

Pastor Clark has received a hearty, unanimous call from the new Reformed Baptist Church of Belvidere to remain their pastor another year. He is held in high esteem by his people and we trust he and the dear people of Belvidere and Crystal may be greatly blessed of God during the coming year.

I. F. KEIRSTEAD, Secy.

### THE TWO WAYS.

#### Chapter VIII.

There are accounts of certain blind persons who came up from the Broad Way to the gates of the Celestial City, demanding entrance, and saying, "Lord, Lord, open unto us." But they were dismissed by the Lord thus: "I was hungry, but ye refused to give me of your abundance; I was cold and naked while you but laid up treasure for yourselves and your children; I was sick and in prison, while you cared only for the pleasures of life." Thus they were healed of their blindness when it was too late. They then saw how they might have laid up for themselves treasures in the Royal Bank, and have had a right to enter in through the gates into the City.

The Government Records give these accounts that all may be induced to buy the Royal Eye-salve and be healed of their blindness. Another remarkable record tells of a blind farmer. It was harvest time and his potato house like his hay mows, and grain bins, was too small to contain the season's crop. After some consideration he decided to tear down these and build greater. To himself he said, "I have much goods laid up for many years, I will now retire, and live in ease and pleasure. I will enjoy the fruits of my hard toil: I will eat, drink and be merry." But this man, being blind, had never seen the Royal Bank, nor even the luminous cross, nor the crown of glory held out to him by angel hands. And, being deaf, he had not heard the cry of the fatherless and the widows, who desired the crumbs that fell from his bountiful table.

When this matter was reported at the Royal Court of Justice by the Holy Watchers, the Judge issued a summons to have this man arrested, as his blindness had now become incurable. Weeping angels bore his spirit to the abode of the doomed, chanting the sad funeral dirge, "He that liveth in pleasure is dead while he liveth." On his tombstone they engraved, "Thou fool of lost opportunities."

At the entrance of the narrow way there stands but one gate, while at the end there are twelve, large and wide, each one a separate pearl, denoting purity. It was at Beulah Camp Ground, New Brunswick, that I heard an elderly woman tell

of her visit to the Paradise of God. She died in the faith, and was born of angels to the city of gold, and precious stones, the glory of which ravished her heart. When about to enter, she met the Hero of Calvary and also saw the glory of the streets of gold and the many mansions of light. But over the gateway she noticed inscribed: "Without holiness shall no man see God!" While she thus hesitated, gazing, there arrived some blind churchgoers, clothed in filthy rags, but confident of admittance. Their eyes were healed, and they were bade to look up and read the inscription above the gate. Unresisting, and saying Amen, to their own condemnation they were bound hand and foot, by the guarding angels and cast into outer darkness.

She heard the weeping and wailing of disappointment, and was so moved with compassion, that she resolved to make a great sacrifice. To the Captain she said, "Permit me to return to earth and warn church members that without holiness no man shall see God, or have a right to enter in through these gates into this City." His reply was, "I grant you fifteen years, and then you shall return to be with Me."

Her mourning relatives and friends were astonished when she whom they supposed dead, opened her eyes and began speaking to them.

Like John of Patmos, she had seen the King in His beauty and now had a message for the Churches. Her ears had heard the angel choir, and the sad wail of lost souls—lost because they refused to go on unto perfection. Her one theme was "Without holiness no man shall see God." And yet, though she had been raised from the dead, the five brothers of Dives refused to be warned by her, any more than they had been by Moses and the prophets.

(To be continued)

### ALLIANCE FUND.

Will the deacons of the churches please see that the Alliance Fund of 25 cents for each member is paid in and sent to Alliance with the other funds. The pastors are asked to see that this is done. Please don't forget.

### NOTICE.

The Blanks have been sent to the clerks of the churches. Will the clerks please see that they are properly filled in and returned by June 20th to Rev. L. T. Sabine, Havelock, Digby Co., N. S.

### MR. MOODY'S IDEA OF THE WORLD.

I look upon this world as a wrecked vessel. God has given me a life boat and said to me, "Moody, save all you can." God will come in judgment to this world, but the children of God don't belong to this world; they are in it, but not of it, like a ship in the water; and the greatest danger is their own conformity to the world. This world is getting darker and darker; its ruin is coming nearer and nearer; if you have any friends on this wreck unsaved, you had better lose no time in getting them off.—Sel.

Learn how to creep; you use the same motions in climbing.