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EDITORIAL

THE OLD GUARD.

We record in this issue the death of one of the founders and Charter Members of our denomination, Elisha Cosman, of St. John, N. B. He was chosen Treasurer at the time of the organization of the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada, Nov. 3rd, 2.30 p. m., 1888, at Woodstock, N. B., and continued to hold that position until the day of his death. He was a man quiet and unassuming in his character, deep in piety, unsullied in reputation and integrity. We can rightly designate the men of his class as "The Old Guard" of the Holiness movement in the Maritimes. They were the men who had a firm grip on God, in his justifying grace and power, but also had the knowledge of the great conflict that raged in the soul, on account of the dual nature. When they heard the preaching of Scriptural holiness, there was the hunger begotten, for the experience of entire sanctification. They did not want the blessing so much to be happy as holy. They were not looking for manifestation so much as they were for purification and in consequence they got what they desired from the Lord. "A Holy Heart" filled with perfect love. They then went forth to live the life of holiness, for how can a man live that which he does not possess? Their lives had the desired effect: others coming in contact with them, began to realize there was a difference, and a hunger was begotten in consequence. The Old Guard are passing, there are not many now, who were on the battle line in the early days. The Church today needs men of that same quality. They braved the dangers, stood the tests, triumphed through the cleansing blood, and the power of the Holy Ghost, dwelling within them. They left their impress on the lives of others for good, and have gone like shocks of corn fully ripe for the harvest. God is calling for recruits in "The Old Guard." Will you enlist and uphold the honor of this company? John saw them, and it was said of them: "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and

have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Praise the Lord for "The Old Guard."

THE PRAYING BAND.

This should embrace every member of the Church, for how can any church expect to prosper if its members do not pray. We are speaking, however, more particularly in this article of that organization within the church, that is seeking to do special work for the Master. This band is not a separate organization from the Church, but an integral part of it, and as such can be of great and lasting benefit. These bands should work in conjunction with the pastor. First, to keep the base a power. The army in action is not stronger than its base of supply, so the church from which the band goes must be a strong and healthy institution, if the band is to continue. Second, there must be the spirit of co-operation. The band needs the advice the pastor can give, for his experience in years of service has taught him lessons as only experience can. We fear that spirit of subordination that does not want to submit to any dictation or church rule. The Apostle Paul admonishes the Church to honor them that have the rule over them. Then there should be sympathy on the part of the pastor. These bands are largely composed of the young blood, that longs for activity, but that activity should not be to divide the church, but to build up the church. We need the praying bands, and the bands need the Church. The bands should co-operate with the pastor, and the pastor give the needed sympathy. The enemy does not care how he divides the cause of holiness, but it is our business to stand together, to build up the cause and see that it is rightly maintained.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. ONE.

The Quarterly Meeting of this district met with the church at Fort Fairfield, Me., March 5-8. Thursday evening service preaching by Rev. L. J. Alley from Heb. 4:38.

Friday afternoon a social service, led by Rev. L. J. Alley, an enjoyable time was spent in prayer and testimony. The evening was in charge of Rev. L. J. Alley, who preached from Psalm 11:3. The sermon was fitted to the time and conditions. Had much freedom in preaching followed by testimonies, but they came quite slow.

Saturday morning service Sister I. M. Keirstead spoke briefly but good. The meeting was thrown open for testimonies. Saturday afternoon at 2.30 was the business meeting, opened by President Alley. Roll Call found very few ministers present, but the following responded to their names: Revs. H. S. Dow, Mrs. I. M. Keirstead, C. S. Hilyard and L. J. Alley.

The following churches were represented by the following:

- Four Falls—Mrs. Thos. Wolverton.
- Hartland—Mrs. J. W. Moores, Mrs. B. J. Nixon.
- Victoria—Mrs. Haywood.
- Royalton—Mrs. Silas Burt, Frank Wade.
- Woodstock—B. M. Colpitts.
- Millville—O H. Brawn.

There were fourteen churches unrepresented.

The election of officers resulted in Rev. L. J. Alley re-elected President; B. M. Colpitts, secretary; Sister Annie Higgins, treasurer. Devotional committee, Frank Kimball, Mrs. Ames and Rev. C. S. Hilyard. Highway Agent, Hollis Kimball. Rev. Aaron Kinney was invited to a seat to take part in the deliberations.

Six Churches reported by letter as follows:

Lower Brighton reports very little sickness, adding that Brother Lester had been able to attend the services through the winter. We are praying that we may not be content to simply enjoy these good things, but that there may be a greater burden for those who are strangers to salvation.

Hartland says Brother E. W. Lester keeps before them the truth of full salvation. Our services are all good, are real seasons of refreshing. Several have been to the altar of late. The foreign missionary work is being carried on with interest.

Victoria reports the blessing of the Lord is upon us. Brother Lester is dearly loved by us and is faithful in preaching Scriptural holiness.

Fredericton reports the Lord's blessing continues. The attendance at prayer meeting has increased so that we have had to forsake the vestry. Some of the sick are regaining health.

Royalton is still holding on but the attendance is somewhat smaller by removals. Hold their prayer meetings in the homes during cold weather. Brother Keirstead preaches for us, also at Wicklow and Knoxford. The interest is good in the Sunday School.

Woodstock reports encouragingly. Some of the older members are not able to attend the meetings as of yore and truly we miss them, and quite a few have been sick. Brother Alley certainly preaches to us good and God helps him to touch the spot. Have had quite a few at the altar in our regular services. A good live missionary society and a real interesting Sabbath School with 132 present last Sunday. Verbal reports were given by all the delegates and on the whole were real encouraging.

The next place of meeting has been left open for the executive to settle later. The business meeting was enlivened by singing and testimonies.

Preaching Saturday evening by Rev. A. Kinney, who used to belong to us in the earlier days of the holiness movement. His text was from I. John 3:3, giving some of his experiences of the early days. Truly all enjoyed listening to him. At the end of the sermon he got down on his knees and prayed fervently for the services and thanked God for the Holy Ghost.

Sunday morning a Love Feast in charge of Brother B. M. Colpitts, showing up some of the dangers and pitfalls of Christian work and calling to mind the need of standing by the pastor and encouraging him by prayer and sympathy. The meeting ran to 11.00. When Sister I. M. Keirstead took charge and preached from Psalm 124:1, giving the names of five hills as types of Christian life, viz., "Sinai" for the Law; "Calvary"—suffering. Mount Moriah—Faith. Mount "Tabor"—Glory. Mount