

QUARTERLY MEETING

St. John, N. B.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Head of Millstream May 27-31 inclusive. The first meeting was held Thursday night. Rev. P. J. Trafton had charge of the service. He talked from Acts IV. Friday night Rev. H. S. Dow preached to us from Matthew, II. Chap, 28 verse.

Saturday evening the business meeting was held. The President, Rev. P. J. Trafton in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The following ministers were present: Rev. P. J. Trafton and Rev. H. S. Dow. The delegates present were: Moncton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hopper. Grey's Mills, H. S. Bradley and Jas. Bradley. Mercer Settlement, Noah Hicks, Saint John, Mrs. F. D. Foley and H. K. Ingersoll. Head of Millstream, Henry Hayes and Leslie Hayes. The following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

President—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Vice President—Rev. H. S. Dow.

Secretary—H. K. Ingersoll.

Treasurer—Walter Hayes.

Highway Agent—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Devotional Committee: Alex. Hayes, S. H. Bradley, Noah Hicks.

Reports from the Churches were read as follows:

Grey's Mills—Brother S. H. Bradley gave us a verbal report. There are only a few of us left, but we have a good time in the Lord. Tuesday evening Prayer Services and Sunday services are times of blessing. Sunday School good and souls are being saved.

Head of Millstream—We have no pastor, but God blesses us in our efforts. We have services Sunday and Prayer Meeting Wednesday nights. We are anxious to have a pastor. Sunday School attendance good. We had an evangelist here last fall and souls were saved.

Salem—We are anxious to have a pastor, and although our numbers are small, we would do all we could towards the support of a pastor on this field.

Mercer Settlement—We have no meetings, but are willing to join with these other churches in securing a pastor.

Marysville—Our Church is enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Services are well attended. Prayer meetings are seasons of blessings; also our young people's meetings. Our pastor is faithful and true, always warning the people of the deceitfulness of sin. He is a true man of God. The Church here is very sorry to part with him. Our Sunday School is good. We had special meetings and souls were saved.

Moncton—We are still in the fight to win with God's help. Our meetings are quite well attended, but sickness has hindered the work to some extent. Our pastor is carrying the work along splendidly. We believe conviction is gripping hearts in such a way as to lead them to higher ground, and to a closer walk with God.

Westchester—We are glad to report victory through the Blood. Our services are carried on by the deacons and others. There is a good interest being shown in all our services. We have started our parsonage, and trust the Lord will see us

through to the end.

Saint John—We are glad to report victory. All our services are seasons of real spiritual blessing. Preaching services well sustained.

Prayer meetings are times of much refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Our pastor, Rev. P. J. Trafton, brings to us in his preaching some grand uplifting messages of full salvation. He has the hearts of the people with him in all his labors. In spite of much opposition and indifference from the world God has greatly blessed us and the little body of believers are marching on to greater victory. Praise the Lord.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Church at Head of Millstream for their kindness in entertaining those who attended the quarterly meeting.

An invitation for the next Quarterly Meeting was extended to meet with the Church at Westchester, N. S., Sept. 2-5 inclusive.

The report of the devotional committee was read and accepted.

The following committee, Rev. H. S. Dow, H. S. Bradley, Leslie Hayes, was appointed to draft a letter of sympathy to send to Mrs. W. W. Howe.

A short testimony meeting followed the business session. A great number testified to the saving and keeping power of God.

Sunday morning H. K. Ingersoll lead the Love Feast. He read for a lesson Rev. 22 Chap. In this lesson we got a glimpse of our future home if ye are true to God here in this life. This was a blessed service. The power of God was very real and Heaven seemed not very far away. Many witnessed for our Lord and Master.

Sunday morning Rev. H. S. Dow preached to us, showing to us that one sin was as great as another before God. Sunday afternoon Rev. P. J. Trafton preached from Hebrews 12th Chapter, 2nd verse. A very helpful sermon. Sunday night Rev. H. S. Dow preached from Nos. 32 and 23 verse. God's power was in our midst. At the close of the sermon four seekers were at the altar for help from God. This service was followed by a testimony meeting.

Brother Jos. Richardson, of Nova Scotia was at the closing service and proved a blessing and a help to all. He is a man of God.

Our Quarterly Meeting was a very sad one on account of the death of our beloved brother Rev. W. W. Howe which took place while attending these meetings but God understands better than we do why these things take place and we know His will is best. God's blessing was in our services and we feel much good was accomplished.

H. K. INGERSOLL,
Secretary.

FAITH

Faith in God, is one of the fundamental requisites of a Christian experience. "Without faith, it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarded of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. It is that grace within that gives substance to things hoped for or desired.

Prayer is the expression of the desire of the soul to God. Sometimes spoken, otherwise unspoken.

"It is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear;
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near."

But faith is that repose of the soul in God, which takes Him at His word and implicitly and confidentially relies upon Him.

Faith is based, not on circumstances, appearances, or outward indications, nor indeed on anything that might point to the fulfillment of our desires apart from God, but simply on the veracity and unchanging goodness and ability or promise of the Eternal. Circumstances may all appear to point to the uncertainty of the accomplishment of our purpose, or fulfillment of our desires pay more, they may point to the apparent impossibility of this, but

"Faith lends its realizing light.

The clouds disperse, the shadows fly,
The Invisible appears in sight.

And God is seen by mortal eye."

and "Faith,—mighty faith,—the promise sees,

And looks to this alone;

Laughs at impossibilities,

And cries, 'It shall be done.'"

Yes, faith sees victory, and knows it is coming when other things would seem to all say it could not be. It gets a promise, or indication, an inkling, or an assurance from God, and fully relies on this, even though the end was already accomplished. "Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city," was the call of faith in the command of God to Israel before Jericho, even while the walls were yet as solid as they were, but "by faith the walls of Jericho fell down."

What is it that God requires of thee? Does it seem too much? Does it appear beyond your ability to do? Read Jeremiah's experience as in the first chapter of his prophesies, Moses' call at the burning bush, Gideon's commission to deliver Israel from the hand of the Midianites and other "impossible" things people have been given to do when following the leadership of the Great I AM. Behind every exhortation or command of Jehovah is His Omnipotence and Grace to enable you to carry out His will, and obey His word. All Glory to Jesus!

"All things are possible to him,

Who can in Jesus' name believe."

for hath He not said that "all things are possible to God, and all things are possible to him that believeth?"

"Oh for a faith that will not shrink,

Though pressed by every foe;

That will not tremble on the brink,

Of any earthly woe."

"A faith that shines more bright and clear,

When tempests rage without.

That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt."

Oh, the ineffable sweetness of a life of simple faith in the Son of God, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Praise His matchless and ever adorable name!—S.J. Shields in The Holiness Era.