

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Moncton, N. D., Dec. 2nd-5th, inclusive. The first service was held Thursday night, Rev. P. J. Trafton giving us a talk from Acts, 3rd chapter and 19th verse, showing us how God wants to give us times of refreshing from His presence.

Friday afternoon we had a prayer service. Bro. Trafton had charge of the service. Some gave experiences as to definite answers to prayer. Friday evening Rev. I. M. Kierstead preached to us, taking as her text Phil. 4:19. There were a number at the altar; some prayed through to victory.

Saturday morning we again had a service for prayer. Bro. Eugene Kierstead read for our benefit the 5th Psalm.

Saturday afternoon the business session was held with the president, Rev. P. J. Trafton, in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following ministers were present: Rev. P. J. Trafton and Rev. I. M. Kierstead. The delegates were: Saint John, Ella McCarthy; Mercer Settlement, Noah Hicks; Moncton, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McCallum, A. G. Good and Mr. J. Maddison; Lutz Mountain, Oliver Trites; Westchester, Helen Doyle.

Moved and seconded that Chester Cummings be included as a delegate from the Westchester church

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Vice-President—Eugene Kierstead.

Secretary—Helen Doyle.

Treasurer—S. N. Grass.

Highway Agent—A. K. McCallum.

Devotional Committee—Ella McCarthy, Chester Cummings, A. G. Good, Eugene Kierstead.

We were glad to have with us Faith Sanders, Hazel Mullen and Rev. I. M. Kierstead, who were invited to have a seat with us in the Quarterly Meeting.

Reports from the church were read as follows:

Saint John—The church here under the ministry of our pastor is not only holding on, but making definite progress on all real gospel lines. The Lord is present by His Spirit in all our work. The missionary work in the society and Sunday school is being pushed along with vigor. We are making for the port of Heaven and expect to land.

Moncton—In reporting this church to the Quarterly Meeting, we wish to say we are still battling for the right. We are somewhat handicapped, having no pastor to care for us, but Bro. Eugene Kierstead speaks to us every Sunday. God is helping in a special manner, and our weekly prayer meetings are times of refreshing, and we are proving that God's promises are sure.

Westchester—We are glad to report victory through the Blood. We are still holding on to God. The good Lord has blessed us in many ways since our last Quarterly Meeting. We would be glad to have any of God's servants come with us. We are trusting the Lord for greater heights than we have yet ever known.

Sister Hazel Mullen gave us a report of the work she has been doing, which was encouraging.

Sister Kierstead reported as to some of the work in District No. 1. The Lord is blessing, and the folk are trusting God for victory.

Bro. Trafton told us about some of the work he has known of in outside places. He is encouraged with the work at different pastorless churches.

Moved and seconded that the next Quarterly

Meeting meet with the church at Saint John, March 10-13, inclusive.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to the brothers and sisters at Moncton for their kindness in entertaining those who attended the Quarterly Meeting. After the Devotional Committee report the session adjourned.

Saturday evening Faith Sanders brought the message from 1 Cor. 2-2. God blessed the message to our hearts. Sunday morning the Love Feast was led by Noah Hicks, who read for the Scripture lesson, John, 14th chapter. Many testified as to the power of God to save and keep from sin.

Sunday morning Faith Sanders preached again from I. John, 3-8, showing us how God can destroy the works of the evil one in the human heart.

Sunday afternoon Rev. P. J. Trafton brought the message from Rev. 22:14. God graciously blessed our souls. Conviction was on the people, and some souls yielded to God. Some were saved, others reclaimed and sanctified.

The special singing by Miss Hazel Mullen during these services was much enjoyed by all.

We feel much good was accomplished during these services, and trust that the seed sown in precious hearts may bring forth fruit, meet for the Master's use.

HELEN DOYLE, Sec'y.

AM I A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS?

Chas. V. Fairbairn

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."—2 Tim. II-4.

Chosen Him—It is very natural for new-born converts to feel that they must enter the ministry; but here it is indeed true that "many are called and few chosen." The yielding is ours; the selecting is God's. He conscripts no one. He may press the call home; but the enlisting is voluntary. "No man taketh this honour unto himself. "The truly called may, like Moses and Jeremiah, hesitate; the "woe is me if I preach not the gospel" comes with greater force; then there is the setting aside of every other consideration and the volunteer's "this one thing I will do." God's chosen ones may be unlikely ones from a worldly standpoint; but "we have this treasure" often "in very, very earthen vessels."

To Be a Soldier—God chooses his ministerial soldiers, not to peel potatoes, wash dishes, be the parsonage housemaid, farm, hang paper, or paint (unless, Paul-like, they, at their post of duty, and that without neglecting their duty, make tents (or use a trade) lest they be chargeable to some pilgrims who are really poor); but God has chosen them to face real hardship, smell the smoke of real conflict, and face bullets, not blank cartridges. In doing this, they ought never to "confer with flesh and blood." The seriousness and weight of the issues at stake demand utter consecration and concentration. Brother, be a real soldier!

That He May Please Him Who Hath Chosen Him—When called to the colors, let him at once respond. Let him shake free from every besetting sin, every weight, every entanglement. Home, wife, children, father, mother, sister, brother, all must be placed on the soldier's altar. When duty or danger calls for men it is no time to take furlough. When the "fall in" sounds, he must get to his place in the ranks in a hurry. "By the left! Quick, March!" It is time to move on the instant. It demands vigilance on sentry-go. It means indomitable courage in action. It means keeping the standard aloft, keeping up with the

colors, and dying round them if necessary. It means that never-know-when-you-are-beaten spirit which enabled the British soldiers, at the Battle of Inkerman in the Crimea War, ammunition all expended, to repulse the Russians' charge with volley after volley of hand-thrown rocks.

"Sure I must fight if I would reign,
Increase my courage, Lord."

That He May Please Him Who Hath Chosen Him to Be a Soldier—He ought to report to the quartermaster and secure his uniform and weapons. (Don't go to any second-hand dealer for these. Go to hearquarters). He must not go warring "at his own charges." "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal"; therefore let the volunteer go to the Ephesian Room, Corridor No. VI., Draws Nos. 10-18. For powder let him report at the Jerusalem Upper Room (Acts i:8). The Chinese used to war with powder to make a noise; they never thought of using it to hurl a ball. They mixed chemicals to make odors disagreeable to the enemy; but our foes are not so easily terrified. Our weapons must be "dynamic through God to the pulling down of strongholds." We must have holy power, real spiritual efficiency, the ability to accomplish God. General weapons will never do; but God has provided the fullest possible equipment; and He pledges to make any man, who is truly chosen and completely yielded, truly efficient in his sphere of service. This equipment will overcome the besetting sin, offset natural inability, make up for the lack of education, smoothness of speech. Thomas, Peter, Moses, Jeremiah, Paul and a host of others are eternally living witnesses to the truth of this last statement; for "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work."

It is Willingness in the Volunteer Upon Which God Places the Premium—He is not asking: Who can speak with tongues? Who can speak well? Who is swift? Who is strong? Who is brave and bold? But God is asking: "Who is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Answer, "Here am I, Lord." Amen! Willingness opens the door to him who said: "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me. Go ye. And, lo! I am with you always."

The One Great Unfitting Thing is Sin—Sins committed, sins of omission, sinful love of ease, any one of these will prevent the soldier from being at his best in the service of his King. Sinful ease may seem to you innocent enough, if that is your besetting sin, reader; but how criminal is that love of ease which avoids sacrifice and self-denial while souls around us are dying for want of a helping hand. "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service."

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How people do trust a good boy! We never worry about him when he is out of sight. We never say, "I wonder where he is; I wish I knew what he is doing." We know that he is all right, and then when he comes home we will know all about it and get it straight. We don't have to ask him where he is going, or how long he will be gone every time he leaves the house. We don't have to call him back and make him 'solemnly promise' the same thing over and over. When he says, "Yes, I will," or "No, I won't," just once, that settles it.—Robert Burdette.