

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Moncton, N. B., on Thursday evening, Dec. 1st, 1927.

Meeting was opened with a song service, led by the President, Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Sister Faith Sanders brought a message from the scripture, reading from 2nd Kings 13th chapter, where Joash was commanded to smite upon the ground with the arrows. This message brought conviction and showed how often we struck for a few victories when we might have had more. A real prayer service followed when there was a going doing before God.

Friday evening there was preaching by H. C. Mullen. Text, "Then the fire of the Lord fell." I. Kings 18:38.

Saturday a. m. at 10.30 meeting for prayer. A good time of blessing. At 2.30 the business session was held, President in the chair. Opened by singing, scripture reading and prayer. The roll call of the churches found present the following ministers: Rev. P. J. Trafton, H. C. Mullen and Sister Faith Sanders.

Delegates: Gray's Mills, S. H. Bradley and Mrs. Bradley; Saint John, Mrs. A. L. Bubar, Mrs. F. D. Foley and Harold Ingersoll; Lutz Mountain, Oliver Trites; Moncton, A. G. Good, Wesley Weir, S. N. Grass and A. K. McCallum; Mercer Settlement, Mrs. Wilbert Hayes; Salem, Percy Alward, Mrs. Alward and Willard Carson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Officers elected for coming quarter: Pres. P. J. Trafton; Secy., H. C. Mullen; Treas., S. N. Grass; Highway Agent, P. J. Trafton; Devotional Committee, A. G. Good, H. K. Ingersoll, Mrs. Wilbert Hayes. On motion, courtesies were extended to visitors.

Reports from churches were read.

St. John reports victory. Church helped by the special meetings. Some souls found pardon and some were sanctified.

Westchester sends greetings in the name of Jesus, and reports victory and God's blessing upon them. Rev. G. W. Henderson is preaching for them and is occupying the new parsonage.

Moncton reports progress, but much slower than they like, but still on the up-grade. The enemy of souls doing all he can to retard progress, but they have faith in God for a far reaching revival.

Salem says: "We are very glad to report victory. Many souls have been saved and others sanctified. We are praying that the Lord will send us a pastor. Sister Sanders has been with us about three months and we are also very grateful for the assistance of Brothers Trafton and Mullen.

Verbal reports were given by several, all with hope and expectancy.

The report of the Devotional Committee was brought in as follows:

Saturday night preaching by Miss Sanders.

Sunday a. m. 9.30, Love Feast, led by Brother Bradley. Preaching at 11 by H. C. Mullen. At 3.00 p. m. preaching by Sister Sanders. Sunday night preaching by P. J. Trafton.

A vote of thanks tendered to the Moncton Church for entertainment. Place and time of next meeting decided on. The place, Saint John, and the time first Thursday in March.

On Saturday evening Sister Sanders

brought a soul-stirring message from the text, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Amos 6:1. This was followed by a heart-searching time of prayer. The Sunday morning service led by Brother Bradley was a love feast indeed. He took his message from Heb. 13:5-6. At 11 o'clock H. C. Mullen preached on the theme, "Love that gives boldness in the day of Judgment." A communion service followed. Sister Sanders spoke at 3 o'clock p. m., taking her subject from Ps. 119:165. Two young women were at the altar to seek the blessing.

In the evening Brother Trafton discoursed upon the words, "Wilt thou be made whole." John 5:6. The blessing of God was marked in this service. After the meeting was dismissed two seekers prayed through to victory. This entire quarterly meeting, though small in numbers, was rich and full of blessing throughout.

H. C. MULLEN, Secy.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Friday evening, Nov. 25th, 1927, about fifty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin gathered at their home at North Head, N. B., to extend to them their congratulations, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was pleasantly spent in song and conversation. Rev. H. C. Archer on behalf of those present, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin the following address, accompanied by a purse of gold:

Dear Brother and Sister Griffin:

It is with great pleasure that a number of your friends in this community gather here this evening to congratulate you on the arrival of this fiftieth anniversary of your wedding-day. The passing of the years have seemed to strengthen the ties of mutual love and devotion to each other.

Faith in God, and confidence in each other, have overcome all the difficulties of life, and your little ship of state is still proudly sailing life's ocean with the prow set firmly toward the land of eternal sunshine.

We are glad to think of the many blessings which God has bestowed upon you since the happy day (many years ago) when you entered into the joys and sorrows of the marriage state. We trust that the same blessings and many thousands of joys will more and more be yours, in the future which lies before you both; may you be blessed in your family and in your home. May the autumn of your life be as bright as the spring. As the leaves of the forest take on their brightest colors in the autumn season, so may the latter days of your life be brightened with joy and hope, and abiding peace, and when the days of everlasting light doth come, may the Heavenly Father call you and each of your loved ones into his eternal home. We ask you to accept this gift as a slight token of love and respect from your many friends. North Head, N. B.

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Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were taken completely by surprise, but in a few well chosen words thanked the friends who had so kindly remembered them on this occasion. After cake and ice cream had been served by the ladies, the company took their departure, wishing the happy couple many more years of wedded life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Grand Manan and Washington County Sunday School Association met in their second convention at North Head, N. B., on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th, at 7.30 p. m.

In the absence of the president, Rev. H. C. Archer, pastor of the Church, presided. The meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Lic. P. Green.

Then followed an address by Rev. C. R. Hagerman on the subject: "The Efficient Sunday School." Such a school should have a staff of officers and teachers having the following qualifications: Spirituality, Devotion, Wisdom, Vision and Zeal.

Rev. S. H. Clark, spoke on the subject, "The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency." He emphasized the fact that there was on greater agency today in evangelizing the world than the Sunday School.

Teachers should strive to bring their scholars to the saving knowledge of Christ.

An offering was taken toward the carrying on of the Sunday School work in the district.

On Thursday at 2.30 p. m. the Association met in conference. Rev. C. R. Hagerman was chosen chairman. The session was opened with prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read. Reports were received from all the schools in the district, which were encouraging, showing an increase in enrollment, and average attendance during the quarter.

The meeting was then opened for a discussion of the work.

Rev. H. C. Archer spoke of the importance of teaching temperance in the Sunday school, and urged the adoption of the pledge card as recommended by the Alliance.

Some problems in connection with Sunday School work were then taken up.

The following were among the questions presented.

Which makes the most successful superintendent, a man or a woman?

Ans.—It is a man's job.

Is it best for one person to hold more than one office in the Sunday School?

Ans.—No! It is always best to get all we can to do the work in the Sunday School, and thus distribute the work of the different offices.

Article 5 of the Constitution was referred to, and it was:

Resolved that this article be changed so as to read: Two members shall be chosen on the Executive from Grand Manan.

Brother Ralph Beal was placed on the executive.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at time of next quarterly meeting.

H. C. ARCHER,
Secretary

Dancing, card playing and theatre-going are not by any means the only forms of hurtful worldliness that exist in the Church. The love of money, the love of ease, the love of conspicuous place; and many other manifestations of materialism, along with the well-nigh innumerable types of selfishness, should be placed in the same category as inimical to a deeply spiritual life. We must keep self in subjection and make the glory of God uppermost in our thoughts and aspirations if we would become Christlike.—Selected.