

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at Wood Island, Grand Manan, May 17-20, 1928.

Thursday evening, Rev. F. A. Watson brought the message from a text found in 2 Thess. 2:13. Speaking from the subject, "God's plan for his People" He showed that it was God's plan. That it was a perfect plan. That it was a workable plan. Brother Watson brought a stirring message.

Friday at 2:30 p. m., a number gathered at the church for prayer. God's presence was there in a marked way. One felt as Moses did of old, like removing his shoes for the place where we were, was holy ground. At 4:30 sister Saunders brought a message to the children from the subject, "Love". She showed that true love could only come from a pure heart. At the close of her message, a number sought for purity.

Friday evening preaching by Lic. Holis Kimbell. Brother Kimbell spoke from a text found in Acts 2:4, it was very evident that brother Kimbell is a firm believer in holiness.

Saturday at 2:30 p. m., the business meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. F. A. Watson. In the absence of the president, Rev. E. C. Archer, Lic. Eugene Keirstead was chosen chairman. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Roll call found the following pastors and delegates present: Rev. F. A. Watson, Beals, Maine; Rev. C. R. Hagerman, Calais, Maine; Lic. E. A. Keirstead; Lic. P. G. Green, and Sister Faith Saunders, and Lic. Hollis Kimbell of Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Delegates from Wood Island, brother Eugene Wilcox, Lic. P. G. Green; Seal Cove, Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. G. E. Forsythe, Mrs. William Brown; North Head, brother Babcock.

Election of Officers—President, Lic. Eugene Keirstead; Vice President, Lic. P. G. Green; Secretary, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; Treasurer, Eugene Wilcox; Highway Agent, Rev. F. A. Watson.

Devotional committee—Lic. P. G. Green, Eugene Wilcox, Mrs. Chester Green, and Brother G. A. Babcock, with Lic. Eugene Keirstead as Chairman.

It was moved and seconded, that Lic. Holis and Mrs. Kimbell, and sister Faith Saunders, be given a seat in the Quarterly meeting.

## Report of Churches:

Wood Island—We are endeavouring to hold together in the bonds of peace. We are having good fellowship, and much in accord. We have had some special services the past Quarter with souls being brought in touch with the great Redeemer. Some have sought, and seemingly attained the second blessing. The talents used in the revival were local, but were yielded up to God. One member died during the winter. There have been no new addition to the church. We purpose to stand firm and strong for God, and second blessing holiness.

Seal Cove—While there is nothing new to report, yet we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for his many blessings since our last meeting. Our services are carried on much as usual, with fairly good attendance. We appreciate the labors of our pastor, Lic. Eugene Keirstead, who has been with us since the beginning of the year. He preaches the gospel in its fullness, and his messages are helpful. Our school is well attended, and our missionary meetings are held each month.

North Head—We are thankful that we have no evil report to bring. The Lord has been with us, and that is great cause for rejoicing. Bro. Archer preaches a good gospel message both Sunday morning and evening. Our Thursday evening

prayer meeting is a means of spiritual refreshing, and great blessing to God's people. There is Sunday School nearly every Sunday with the usual attendance. We pray that God will bless the efforts made in the Missionary work and souls be saved.

Calais—The church at Calais can report a great victory. The blessings of the Lord are being manifested in a great way. There has been a number at the altar the past few months seeking pardon. Our meetings are well attended; we have an average of about forty at our weekly prayer meeting, and the Young People's Society, held Friday evening, have a good gathering. Brother Hagerman preaches the Word, and souls are hungry. On Sunday, May 13, brother Hagerman baptised five candidates, and in the evening, ten were given the right hand of fellowship and taken in the church. There are others to be baptised at a latter date. We are praying and believing that God's blessing will remain with us.

Beals—Verbal. The church is in great need of an old fashion revival. The services are as usual. The Sunday School is good.

Being left in the hands of the executive committee to arrange for the next Quarterly meeting, they accepted the invitation from the Seal Cove Church. The meeting was arranged for August 23-26 inclusive.

A vote of thanks was given to the Wood Island Church for their most generous hospitality in entertaining the Quarterly Meeting.

Devotional Committee's report accepted.

Saturday evening Rev. C. R. Hagerman brought a message from 1 Sam. 30:13.

Sunday morning at 9:30 a love feast was held by Lic. Rue Ingalls. Brother Ingalls brought us some fine thoughts from Rom. 6. The blessing of the Lord was upon the meeting. Strong, stirring testimonies were given to the saving, sanctifying, and keeping power of Christ.

At 11 o'clock, Lic. Hollis Kimball brought the message from Rev. 1:7. He spoke on the second coming of Christ. When is he coming? Why is he coming? Who is he coming to receive?

At 3 o'clock, a very profitable message was brought by sister Faith Saunders from John 20:11,21. Her most prominent thoughts were from the 21st verse, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

At 7:00 p. m. Rev. F. A. Watson brought the message from Phil. 3:18. Brother Watson brought a strong stirring evangelistic message. There was great conviction on the meeting. Those that knew God had a strong pull on their heart for the unsaved. One young lady gave her heart to God. But we felt that if folk had minded God, many more would have been at the Altar. As I look upon the meeting as a whole, I feel that we had a fine convention. God's blessing was upon us from the beginning. May God help us as his people to launch out, and explore new realms of His divine grace.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. R. HAGERMAN

Secretary.

## MISSIONARY REPORT BLANKS

Blank reports for the Missionary Societies are being sent out. Will the secretaries please see that they are prepared and sent to me not later than June 20th.

Please do not fail to give a short account of the state of your Society, as requested.

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## WORSHIP PAR-EXCELLENT

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in humility. It seems to be unfathomable and at the same time the unattainable. For this reason its attraction is of the nobler sort—an elevating influence on life, character and morality. It is the thing which lifts men from the gutter and pollution of darkness to a clear and rarified atmosphere of love and peace. It draws men away from the commonplace—the mundane passions and lusts of a baser sort—and elevates them once more as the crown of creation. It is that element back of all religious experiences, all social alleviation and endeavor, all prison and social reforms, which is the elevating factor and moral stabilizer of human progress.

Truly it is the picture and image of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. For it was Jesus who was our symbol and living expression of the holiness of God.

Through Him the seeming unfathomable, the unattainable and the elusive has been brought within range of our vision and within reach of our grasp. In the old dispensation God sat on His throne as an apparent autocrat and judge, far removed from the haunts of men, but He who was afar off has been brought nigh by the blood of Jesus. He who previously was an autocrat is now our Father who lives in our midst by the presence of the Holy Ghost. The God who in the old dispensation gave beauty for ashes can and does give us the beauty of holiness as an oil of gladness in return for the ashes of morality.

Holiness is our inheritance. Any who desire may have the living waters flowing from his inmost being. Jesus brought that which was far off, nigh, saying: "Be ye holy or perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is holy or perfect." Jesus the matchless, the incomparable yet brother of humanity brought the transient, the elusive and the seeming impossible and unattainable within our reach—"The Kingdom of God (Holiness) is within your grasp."

Paul enlarged upon the plainer teachings of Jesus and said: "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Worship falling short of this joyousness and transcendent wonder is worship falling short of the inheritance and is worship tinged by what we may call, "inferior complexity."

The holiness and perfection of the Godhead, angels and uncorrupted man may be beyond our reach, but holiness and perfection in love, obedience, humility and godliness is our heritage.

To many, religion and holiness is beyond the eye of mortal ken, but Jesus through death accompanied the impossible by making a practical holiness which is a radical cure for a radical corruption and disease of sin.

This holiness should be placed in the line of our vision, not beyond our outlook and field of vision, where we in seeing it lived the lives of men and women would be drawn to it, where we can partake of its superb qualities.

How have we been worshipping God? By our lips, profession excuses or a life hid with Christ? Is our life an unclouded mirror in which men see Jesus? Have we obtained this possible and practicable holiness? Have we or are we willing to pay the price, crucify self and enthrone Christ? Hear David in jubilant voice saying: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

EUGENE KEIRSTEAD