

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, August 23-26, 1928.

Thursday evening Rev. H. C. Archer brought a very thoughtful and profitable message from Rom. 5:19.

Friday evening there was preaching by Prof. R. W. Gardener, of Eastern Nazarene College. Brother Gardener spoke from the text found in Dan. 5:27. He showed that the past, present and future were brought by God to witness against us. There was deep conviction upon the people, but no response to the call.

Saturday at 2.30 p. m., the business meeting opened with singing, the reading of Scripture, and prayer by Rev. F. A. Watson. In the absence of the president, Lic. Eugene Keirstead, Rev. H. C. Archer was chosen chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Roll call found the following pastors and delegates present: Rev. F. A. Watson, Beals, Me.; Rev. C. R. Hagerman, Calais, Me.; Rev. S. H. Clark, Jonesport, Me.; Rev. H. C. Archer, North Head, Grand Manan; Rev. F. A. Dunlop; Lic. P. H. Green, Wood Island; Lic. Rue Ingalls, Seal Cove.

Delegates—Wood Island: Mrs. Laremer, Lic. P. H. Green; Seal Cove—Colman Green, Jack Wilson; Calais—Mr. and Mrs. L. McMillin. The large delegation from Beals arrived too late for the roll call.

Election of officers: President, Rev. F. A. Dunlop; vice-president, Rev. S. H. Clark; secretary, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; treasurer, Fred Wilson; Highway agent, Rev. H. C. Archer.

Devotional Committee—Lorne Wilson, Rue Ingalls, Eugene Wilcox, Edward Thomas, with Rev. F. A. Dunlop as chairman.

Report of Churches—

Wood Island—We are trying to keep the truth to the front. Some have become stronger, and gone down deeper in experience, while there are some that have seemingly lost ground. The Sunday School has gained some until recently, when some of our folk have moved away. Our services are not as good as last Quarter, but we trust that under the ministry of Brother Dunlop we will see things advance.

North Head—Conditions in the church about the same as last reported. Our pastor, Rev. H. C. Archer, preaches twice on Sunday. The prayer meeting and Sunday school is carried on regular. Our missionary meeting is carried on monthly. The attendance in the church is not as good during the summer as in the winter.

Beals, Jonesport, Calais and Seal Cove churches brought in verbal reports. In each of these churches the work was about as reported in the last Quarterly session.

It was moved and adopted that each clerk, in writing out the Quarterly report of his church, will first read it before the church, and will then send it to the secretary of his district at the place and in care of the pastor where the quarterly meeting is to convene; and that said report will be sent to reach the secretary in time for the business meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to the Seal Cove church for their most generous hospitality in entertaining the Quarterly Meeting.

It was moved and adopted that the president have power to appoint a committee on temperance. Lic. P. H. Green, Henry Benson and Rev. H. C. Archer were appointed as said committee.

It was moved and adopted that the place and time of the next Quarterly Meeting be left in

charge of the official board of Quarterly Meeting.

Devotional Committee's report accepted.

Saturday evening Rev. C. R. Hagerman brought a message from Matt. 17:19. He spoke from the subject, "Hindrances to Spiritual Progress."

Sunday morning at 9 a. m. a Love Feast was conducted by Lic. Sewell Hilyard. He selected for his text Eph. 4:30. The blessing of the Lord was upon the service. Strong, stirring testimonies were given to the power of Christ's keeping.

At 10.30 a. m. Rev. H. S. Clark brought the message from Matt. 8:32. It is evident that Brother Clark has not lost the fire. Bro. Clark chose the little word "Go," for his text. He showed that it was Christ's plan and purpose that people should *Go*. Should have *Spiritual ambition*.

At 3.00 p. m. Rev. F. A. Watson brought a message from the text found in Heb. 12:16. He showed what the birthright meant to Esau, and the price he sold it for. In spiritualizing this, he showed how folk sold their inheritance for something worthless.

At 7.00 p. m. Prof. R. W. Gardener spoke from Gal. 6:7. His subject was "Sowing and Reaping." He showed that the tendency of the age was to humanize God, make a Deity out of man, and to minimize sin. He showed that man was considered but as a physical, mental and social being. He showed that while man was all that, he also was a spiritual being. He pictured to us how man sowed and reaped in the physical, mental and social; and then proved according to the Word that man would reap according as he sowed in the spiritual. His message was strong and stirring. At the close of the message, four found their way to the altar of prayer.

We were privileged to have with us Mr. H. B. Ward, a student from Eastern Nazarene College. He sang in all the services, and some times he sang twice. We were greatly blessed under his singing. God's blessing was upon the meeting from the beginning, and I believe all who were there felt that it was a good convention. May God help us this coming Quarter to move out in larger realms of His Divine grace than ever before.

Your brother in Christ,

REV. C. R. HAGERMAN, Sec'y.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona M. S.

P. O. Berbice,

care Welkom Police Camp,

via Piet Retief,

Transvaal, S. A.

Dear Homeland Friends:

After eight months absence it is very sweet to be here among these needy people.

Saturday afternoon after visiting 5 kraals where all were heathen and looking out upon many more where not one Christian is found, my heart felt suffocated with the overwhelming thought of the many souls around us who have as yet hardly heard the gospel.

Wednesday Isaya went in one section and I in another, and we returned with the sweet consciousness that God had blessed His Word to hearts that day. Isaya said to me that evening: "You don't know how it blessed me today to know that others were hearing the Word of God besides those I visited. One person cannot reach all the kraals in this section, the area is so large." He is truly encouraged with the fact that he is no longer alone in this needy field. He had some errands

to do and while attending to them his heart was drawn to a certain kraal to have prayer and he was wonderfully blest in talking with a heathen man there who listened very attentively. Next day the people told him that the young man said he would like very much to attend meetings and hear more about this matter of becoming a Christian. Isaya's face was beaming with joy and blessing.

We had a beautiful time in prayer that night, the Lord leading us out in travail of soul and assuring our hearts of His willingness to answer prayer and give us souls in this place. The wisdom deepens the longer we stay and we do feel in His sweet will in being here.

Prayer is the greatest work to be done, for unless conviction settles upon hearts and they are deeply aroused to see their need they cannot seek definitely and be saved.

In one kraal a heathen woman who seemed to have never before heard the gospel listened hungrily and said, "Though I am not a Christian, I know this matter is indeed true for it touches my heart as nothing else has ever done." A heathen man said, "Yes, this matter of being a Christian brings a fear to our hearts every day, for we think of it and know we shall believe."

Dear friends, pray for these heathen souls and for us all that a real visitation of God may be in our midst.

I rejoice to tell you that among the thirty who attended service here last Sunday was the widow of the dear old man who died from cancer. She came from her far away home to stand up in the church and give herself as a seeker of the Lord. Her face is much changed and softened since last year and we do praise the Lord for what He is doing in that kraal, for many of their hearts are tender now. Betu Drlundhlu has prayer there every week and this widow and another relative expressed their desire last week to become Christians. Betu and I went there during the week and the Lord graciously blest. God is truly working among them, and my heart is filled with praise about it, a joy which is inexpressible. The dear old man's dying request was that they should all turn to the Lord, and God is answering prayer.

Keep praying for us all and that He may have His perfect way in the work here and many souls be brought to Jesus.

I must close now. It is too cold to sit in the tent in the evenings. We have frost nearly every night, but it is hot at noon time.

The bricks are finished, so we hope soon to have a proper dwelling at Altona, for which we shall praise the dear Lord.

Yours in Christian love,

ALICE F. STERRITT

WE SHOULD LOVE THE BIBLE.

The Bible is God's Book and speaks with His authority. We should love it because through its revelation we can know what is righteous, pure and ennobling. In no other book can we learn this as from God through the Bible. Then we should accept the whole Bible. If we take only the part that suits us, we will spoil many important things in it for us.

Those who have been most devoted to the study of the Bible and have been most energetic in proclaiming its message to men, have accepted all its teachings and urged others to do likewise. On the flyleaf of Mr. Mood's Bible was this sentence:

"The Bible will keep you from sin; sin will keep you from the Bible."