

Dr. Arthur of Chicago and Fred Suffield of California and the fellowship of prayer and the battle for souls around the altar. The spirit indeed was beautiful. Mighty prevailing prayer and Holy Ghost preaching brought us great results. All the services were fruitful, but the Sunday afternoon service was remarkable. When we saw the great altar double-lined with seeking souls for pardon or holiness, while the Spirit of God settled down upon the great audience, we thanked God the old gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. The best of all, souls found what they sought for.

On Tuesday we took a run of a hundred miles to Eaton and West Eaton which was our first charge in Central N. Y. Conference of the M. E. Church. We took our bride to this charge thirty-one years ago, and there we spent seven years. These two towns, two miles apart, are in one of the most beautiful farming sections of the great Empire state. A great double-lane trunk line road sweeps through them. What changes have taken place since we left this pastorate! Very few of the old official members are alive. The parents of the home in which I was entertained were children less than ten years of age when I left that charge. They now have a hoy nearly that age. While the church property has been improved yet no prayer meetings are held. Such churches remind one of a freight train on the track with no fire in the engine. All around there were evidences of great material prosperity. In this same section is the town of Hamilton, where is located Colgate University from which we were graduates in 1904. We drove around the old campus. Wonderful new buildings have been erected including a gymnasium which cost about half a million dollars. This institution, the foundations of which were laid a hundred years ago by the prayers, the faith and the heroic sacrifice of the old rugged Baptists, who believed the word of God from cover to cover, is now one of the most ultra-modernistic institutions in all the land. From this university came Harry Emerson Fosdick the brilliant Chameleon exponent of German rationalism. When we were there, there were some stalwart defenders of the old faith on the theological faculty. They are all gone. Their places have been taken by younger men of the so-called progressive scientific school. They boast of the open mind. But their minds are open to everything but Spiritual truth and they are only mouthing the theories of Arius, Socinius, Semlar, Paulus, Strauss, Renan, Spinoga and many other rationalistic philosophers and critics who repudiated the supreme authority of the word of God and took Reason for their guide. The spiritually deadening influence of this great institution is felt in a large area. A lady told me that she with others drove to Hamilton one Sunday evening, in the summer time, and they could not find a church service in all that large town. Unitarians and Universalists can only support one service in their church on a Sunday. Why! They have no real passion for God. And when Methodists and Baptists become modernized they are just like the Unitarians. They still have a little religion, but no real vital salvation; no real love and passion for the Kingdom of grace. They are full of the world, unbelief and the love of pleasure. They go wild at a football game, but can't see how a saint can shout with real spiritual delight. We are compelled to believe that these great highly endowed, educational institutions with their materialistic philosophy and repudiation of spiritual realities are the greatest menace to the stability and integrity of our nation. They are defying brains and forgetting the power of God. They are training men to preach a dematured, devitalized gospel that has no power to save. They are teaching rosy optimism that eliminates all

spiritual distinctions, laugh at creeds, which are but the expression of foundation principles, as being the opinions of old fogies that have become obsolete. No wonder the more spiritual Baptists and Presbyterians have organized institutions in Philadelphia which will stand for the integrity of the word of God and contend that broad intellectual culture is consistent with real spirituality. It was while attending Colgate University the fire of the Holy Ghost fell upon my soul. I received it in spite of the teaching there. I have this conviction that a preacher must be anchored at the heart. That experience has established me in my thinking and altitude towards the truth. When one has the Holy Spirit within he is not afraid of truth anywhere it is found but he does refuse to swallow the unconfirmed hypotheses of carnal men as truth; he does refuse to forsake the light of the Sun to follow the flickering torch of reason out into the wild regions of speculation and doubt.

As I rode round the campus of Colgate University I felt like shouting and praising God for the old-time gospel—the Blood Cure that works today. I cross the campus of Harvard University about every day. It is the same atmosphere. The same teaching they hear as Colgate. But Harvard was the fountain head of American rationalism and a B. A. in either place has little prospect that the holder of it will ever be (B. A.) Born Again, in the Kingdom of grace, for intellectual pride is the worst deceiver of the carnal heart.

I began a travelogue. I may finish it in the next issue, if you feel led to publish this.

Yours for the old gospel,

W. EDMUND SMITH.

THE LAST MINUTE

How people do work at the last minute. For hours and days they will delay and neglect and dawdle their time away, until they come to the point where delay is no longer possible, and then they will develop a most astonishing power and capacity for work, throwing their whole souls into matters which they have long neglected, and finally coming out flurried and often belated, suffering loss and causing inconvenience to others by their procrastination and neglect.

It is very important to be able to work quickly and energetically in times of special emergency, but it is yet more important to learn to take time by the forelock, and do promptly and betimes the things that must certainly be done, and can be done much better in season than out of season, and after long and needless delays.

A great lesson which people should learn is to do their work at the *beginning of the day* instead of at the end; when they have the time before them, instead of when most of the time is gone beyond recall. The Word of God urges people to promptness in all Christian duty, and the voice of inspiration says, "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold today is the day of salvation." A little while later our opportunities will be gone—the present is the hour for improving privileges which once gone will return no more.—*H. L. Hastings.*

HEAVEN'S IMPRESS—

"Only melted gold is minted; only moistened wax receives the die; only broken hearts can take and keep the impress of heaven. If that is thy condition, wait beneath the pressure of the Holy Spirit. He shall leave the image of Jesus upon thee."—*Finney.*

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting convened at New Tuskett from Sept. 12th to 15th inclusive.

Thursday evening preaching by Dr. Sanders. Subject: "The Family Idea and Child Conversion", showing that God looked upon a family as a unit and wanted to save the whole family.

Friday evening Bro. E. Cosman spoke from Colossians 3 : 3. Text: Seeking things which are above.

Saturday afternoon, President absent, Rev. H. C. Mullen appointed to take the chair. Roll call of ministers found Rev. Dr. Sanders, Rev. H. E. Mullen and Rev. H. C. Mullen present.

Delegates from churches as follows: Joseph Sabine and Lloyd Mullen from New Tuskett; Howard and Dorothea Landers from Sandword. Minutes of last Quarterly read and approved. Rev. H. C. Mullen appointed President, George Landers, Secretary, Charles Greene, Treasurer, Highway Agent, Rev. H. E. Mullen, Devot. Com., Joseph Sabine, H. C. Mullen and Howard Landers. Ministers, delegates and visiting members and brethren given a seat in Quarterly. No written reports from churches.

Verbal reports were given from Sandford by Howard Landers, from New Tuskett by Joseph Sabine, from Port Maitland by Rev. H. E. Mullen and Saint John by Emery Cosman.

Dr. Sanders gave a brief account of the condition of churches he had visited since coming home.

Rev. H. C. Mullen gave us a good talk along the lines of Government Control and the coming plebiscite on Oct. 31st.

Saturday evening Rev. H. C. Mullen read Scripture from Deut. 31.

Duet by E. Cosman and G. Landers. Sunday School talks by H. C. Mullen, E. Cosman and H. E. Mullen.

The theme of their discourses were that the biggest factor is getting our young people saved, keeping them in Sunday School and giving them Godly training in youth. Remainder of the evening was given over to Dr. Sanders and daughters for missionary talks.

Sunday morning, Love Feast led by Sister Miriam Sanders followed by preaching by Rev. H. E. Mullen. Text: "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

Sunday afternoon, prayer by L. J. Sears. Duet by E. Cosman and Geo. Landers. Scripture and sermon by Dr. Sanders from 1st chapter 2 Corinthians, along lines of tribulation, comfort, anointing, sealing and the Earnest of the Spirit. Two hundred and sixty-five dollars were raised for tent in this service.

Sunday night, prayer by Rev. H. E. Mullen. Preaching by Bro. E. Cosman from James 4:17. To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Service was turned over to a good testimony meeting. Although there was much rain during the services yet the attendance was good and Sunday afternoon and evening the church could not seat the people.

Rev. H. C. Mullen speaking in behalf of New Tuskett church, said he felt real glad for the privilege of having the Quarterly and believed the church had been helped greatly.

GEO. LANDERS, (Sect.)

Religion was the undergirdling of the Pilgrims. They left all, and dared all and committed all for the sake of religion. Theirs was not a religion of opinion merely, or of beliefs alone; but of sacrificial action, carried out into the hazard of life itself—a religion the validity of which no man may rightly challenge, however much he may think it should be mellowed, modified or improved.—*Dr. Alfred Williams.*