

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Marysville, Nov. 27th, 1929

Dear Friends:

Let us be "strong and of a good courage," for God has commanded us to be so. Also to "Fear not for I am with thee." "If the Lord be for us who can be against us?"

My short sojourn with you makes me see we need this. As Reformed Baptists we have still the very same work to do we had at the first. I think too we need Him to be our leader just as much, and have to listen carefully to His voice just as at the first.

Many distractions, strange voices, world allurements and the awful tide of sin—these we have to face as of old, and in order to "fight the good fight of faith" we must be equipped with the whole armour, else the keen enemy will find a weak point and wound us fatally.

Some have fallen already; others seem weak and almost discouraged, so I have spoken, as at the heading of this letter to encourage ourselves "in the Lord."

After my month's stay in Moncton, by an urgent request, I went to Middle Southampton for three weeks and have just closed the campaign there and am now on my way home at North Head.

This Church, at Southampton, needs reviving in more ways than one, and to you, who have the Holiness cause at heart, here is a subject for your prayers.

There are only two or three families to bear all the burdens and take the responsibilities. They are at present without a pastor and have not been able to keep a prayer-meeting or Sunday School going.

However, I found many people needing help on spiritual lines.

Some, in order to get right with God, will have quite a price to pay and, so far, they have not been willing to do so.

One's heart aches for souls who are under such conviction they can scarcely keep their seats and yet will make no move to get relief. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" is true and some awful day the Spirit will whisper to them their last call.

Two souls came to the altar and got victory, so we praise God for them and pray they may go on further.

Much visiting in homes got us to be acquainted with folks and brought us in touch with heartaches and heartbreaks.

One old man got under conviction while we talked with him.

Over thirty years ago—in 1892—when Sister Mary (now Mrs. D. Rand Pierce, of Tacoma, Washington), and I were there he had attended our meetings. "Why did you not get saved then?" I asked. "Because I was too full of folly," was his reply. "Thirty years and more wasted!" I said as I again urged him to come to Jesus.

I felt as I talked, God sent me to him to stir up his mind (of memories) and to give him another call. Oh, the goodness and mercy of God!—but he would not.

Met old friends; was well entertained and enjoyed the work.

Was able to be present at the quarterly meeting at Lower Brighton for just two meetings.

Here again met many old friends and felt it was good to be there.

Brothers Fred Wright and Frank Watson brought me back and gave us two fine helpful and very forceful sermons on Sunday, for

which I was truly grateful, and praise God for sending them.

As I had a few days to spare, while waiting so as to make good connections for the Grand Manan boat of Dec. 4th, I am to be with Brother Stillman Mullen over Sunday, and have a few meetings.

Last night was a good time. Many fine testimonies and the Lord was with us.

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at North Head, Grand Manan, Nov. 7-10 inclusive.

Thursday evening Rev. H. C. Archer brought a very profitable message from John 6:9. He showed how God could use the little things to extend His Kingdom. He emphasized the bringing what we had to Jesus.

Friday at 2.30 p. m. the people met for a season of prayer. Brother Emery Cosman, of St. John, had charge of this service. He read St. John 21:1-10. There was a good spirit on this meeting, some received a great blessing while at prayer.

Friday evening Rev. C. R. Hagerman brought the message from Matt. 27:5. He spoke upon Judas' privileges and his fall.

Saturday at 2 p. m. with the president, Rev. H. C. Archer in the chair, the business session opened with singing, reading of scripture and prayer by Lic. P. G. Green. The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Roll Call found the following pastors and delegates present: Rev. F. A. Dunlop, Rev. H. C. Sanders, Rev. H. C. Archer, Rev. S. H. Clark, Rev. C. R. Hagerman, Lic. Eugene Keirstead, Lic. P. G. Green, Lic. Rue Ingalls, and Brother Emery Cosman, of St. John, as a visitor;

Delegates—Wood Island: Lic. P. G. Green; Seal Cove, Lic. Rue Ingalls, Mrs. W. H. Gordon; North Head, Mr. Ralph Beal, Mr. G. Scott; Calais, Miss Florence Berry; Jonesport, Mrs. S. H. Clark; Beals, Mrs. H. C. Archer.

Lic. Emery Cosman was given a seat in the convention, with the privilege of taking part in the deliberations.

Election of Officers—President, Dr. H. C. Sanders; Vice President, Rev. H. C. Archer; Secretary, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; Treasurer, Mr. G. B. Thomas; Highway Agent, Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

Devotional Committee—Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Ralph Beal, Mrs. Rue Ingalls, with Dr. Sanders as chairman.

Report of Churches:

Wood Island—We are having very good attendance in our social services. Things are doing better the past quarter than they have for some time during the same season of the year. There has been some gain in the Sunday School. Our pastor faithfully ministers the word, and it is being received and appreciated by the people.

Seal Cove—We can report victory, all branches of the work is going on well. The prayer meetings are very helpful, and very well attended. The missionary meetings are good, and the Sunday services are real seasons of blessings. Our pastor preaches the word with power and unction of the Holy Ghost. We are seeing results; there have been eight at the altar to be reclaimed or sanctified.

Calais—With our faith strong in our Lord we are striving to advance and to extend his kingdom in this part of the vineyard. We have two services on Sunday, and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. Attendance at our services are very good. Because there is no work for our people, many have had to move to other places to seek employment. We have had two converted and two reclaimed during the quarter.

Beals—The Church at Beals is in as good a standing as it has been for years. Our Sunday services are well attended both morning and evening, and our prayer meetings are sources of blessing and refreshing. The Sunday School is on the increase. We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Archer to us. We know they are going to be a blessing to the whole community.

Verbal reports were given from the churches that did not have a letter. The reports on a whole were very encouraging. Brother Emery Cosman brought the greetings of the Saint John Church. He reports a growing interest in the work there.

Report from the committee about getting an evangelist for this district, was brought in. They had taken no action.

Moved and adopted that the secretary see about the place of the next quarterly meeting.

Vote of thanks was given the Church at North Head for their hospitality in entertaining the quarterly meeting.

Report of the Devotional Committee given and accepted. The meeting then adjourned.

Brother Emery Cosman preached Saturday evening from a text in Josh. 1:8. He brought a very stirring and helpful message.

Sunday morning at 9 a. m. a love feast was led by Licentiate Rue Ingalls. He took for a scripture lesson John 14:1-10. There was a fine spirit on this service. Folk were free in the Lord.

Sunday at 11.30 a. m.—Rev. S. H. Clark brought the message. Brother Clark gave evidence of having been anointed from above. He closed the message at 1 o'clock, hoping that he might have a chance to finish it later on in the evening.

Licentiate P. G. Green brought the message at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon. He spoke from Nu. 23:10. His subject was "Death." He pictured the death of the righteous man, and that of the sinner.

Sunday evening Rev. F. A. Dunlop brought the closing message from Dan. 5:27. He showed how one could kill their conscience. He preached a very strong and stirring message. At the close of the message three were at the altar. I am sure that all who attended this quarterly meeting felt that it was one of great blessing. There was good attendance at every service. The church would not hold the people that came Sunday evening. God has great things in store for his people if they will but believe him.

Your brother in Christ,

C. R. HAGERMAN,

Secretary

"Be not content with any religion, which does not imply the destruction of all the works of the devil; that is of all sin."—John Wesley.

Be less concerned about the number of books you read, and more about the good use you make of them. The best of books is the Bible.—Christian Scriver.