

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Rev. I. F. Kierstead has accepted a call from the Reformed Baptist Church in Saint John, N.B. to become their pastor for the coming year.

Rev. S. A. Mullen will continue as pastor at Marysville, N. B.

Rev. H. S. Dow will continue as pastor of the Hartland group of churches.

Rev. P. J. Trafton spent Sunday, May 5th with the church at Westchester, N. S., assisting Lic. Miss Hazel Mullen in the work. He gave the hand of fellowship to 3 members at the evening service.

Rev. H. C. Mullen of Saint John officiated at the funeral of Robert Bradley at Gray's Mills, Kings Co., N. B. Sunday, P. M. May 5th. Obituary will appear later.

Rev. P. J. Trafton held service at Salem, Kings, Co., Wednesday evening, May 15th in the Reformed Baptist Church.

Paul Sanders and wife have joined the Missionary staff, at the Hartland Mission Station, Natal, South Africa.

## PILLOWS

The rooms committee would like to receive 15 pairs of pillows by Camp meeting time. We wonder if there are not some feather beds that might be used for making pillows. Think it over and act at once.

## THE EDITOR.

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Lord willing the Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 will convene with the church at Salem, Kings Co., N. B., Thursday evening, May 30th, and continue over the following Lord's Day June 2nd. Will the churches please send one or more delegates, also a written report. Let us pray much for this meeting.

P. J. TRAFTON, President.

## NOTES

We would like a large number of renewals right away. Please also remember the Highway supplementary fund.

Eight of the Sanders family are on their way home for Beulah camp meeting.

Everyone give us a boost on the passage fund.

Remember the aged minister's fund in your contributions.

Only six weeks to Alliance and Campmeeting at Beulah. We are hoping for a record attendance this year. Plan to come and stay through.

## RIVERSIDE ROAD FUND

Mr. Harris Aines .....\$10.00  
H. S. DOW, Treasurer,  
Hartland, N. B.

## STUDENT FUND

Previously acknowledged .....\$327.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kierstead ..... 5.00  
Rev. George Rogers ..... 3.00  
Robert Lauders ..... 20.00  
M. ELLA SLIPP, Treasurer,  
Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Who knows what opportunity may come to us this year? Let us live in a great spirit, then we shall be ready for a great occasion.—George Hodges.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitten who spent the winter in Hartland, have returned to their home in Woodstock, N. B.

Mrs. Jasper Harris and family left Hartland, N. B., for Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, May 7th where she will join her husband.

Mrs. H. S. Dow was visiting in Fort Fairfield, Me., recently.

Fenwick D. Foley of Saint John, N. B., was on a business trip to P. E. I., last week.

Mrs. Hugh MacDonald of North Greenville, N. S., who has been taking treatment at the Jordan Sanatorium at River Glade, N. B., has been declared cured by the doctors.

Mrs. Wm. Blakney and son, Fred, of Sunny Brae, N. B., have been on a visit to Mrs. Blakney's daughter, Mrs. Milford MacCallum, at Blasdell, N. Y.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

E. Stanley Jones, the most popular of missionaries today, has made the statement before Congregationalist ministers in New England that he was surprised to find, on his return to the United States, a "non-praying ministry." We were shocked in reading it. We had no idea it was as bad as that. Some of the ministry took up the matter in the New England Organ of Methodism and acknowledged it. The rest seemed too dead to be shocked at the statement. One of those who noticed it said of the Congregationalist and Methodist ministry, "I know ministers in both denominations who have given up the practice of private prayer." In another issue of the same paper we find this utterance of a leading business man, "I do not pray in private and would not pray in public, if I could find a satisfactory substitute," is the statement made me by my pastor recently."

In another issue of the same organ we find the statement made that the five conferences of the Methodist area of Boston made no gains the past year in membership. Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder that revivals are almost a thing of the past? The ministry is the key of the spiritual situation. The cause of God has always gone limping and halting when we have a prayerless, self seeking ministry. "Like priest like people," has become a proverb.

Is it any wonder that Prof. Sheldon of Boston University said in the preachers' meeting in Boston a few years ago that the successors of Wesley neither believe in holiness or preach it as he did? Every effect has a cause. Is it any wonder that the Bishops of the Methodist church in 1824 said to the General Conference as they saw the trend of things, "If Methodists give up the doctrine of entire sanctification or suffer it to become a dead letter we are a fallen people. Holiness is the main cord that binds us together. Relax that and you lose the whole system. This will be more apparent if we call to mind that original design of Methodism which was to raise up and preserve a holy people."

It requires no great mental acumen to understand what ails things. A prayerless ministry is an unconverted ministry. And an unconverted ministry means an unconverted church. And an unconverted church is not in love with holiness of heart as an experience. Some are comforting themselves by saying that men have become gospel hardened and so we can not reach them as formerly. No. It is a worldly ministry that is at fault.—*The Christian Witness.*

## BORN

To Mr and Mrs. Charlie Steeves, at Lewisville, N. B., Thursday, May 9th, a son.

## MARRIED

McCrea—Hillman

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized on April 24, 1929, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hillman at Hartland N. B., when their daughter Agalia, was united in marriage to Mr. Herbert McCrea of Perth, N. B., the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrea. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. H. S. Dow, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a short trip to Maine, on their return they will reside at Perth, N. B.

## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

These words have all these years had a wonderful charm to us. We do not remember of ever having heard or read them or anything like them in any literature, either religious or secular, except in the writings of Paul. In one place he also says, "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph." This is a great statement also. But to be more than a conqueror inspires us with hope and courage.

For years we did not understand just what these words mean, or to what they apply. But we think we see a little clearer their meaning. We find by examination of the previous verse (Romans 8:35) that they refer to a contest with those things that are considered the most severe and trying of all the things that come upon men. They are tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, peril and the sword. What a catalogue of ills from the human standpoint. How much they mean we of this age do not comprehend. But can there be anything more severe and testing to the soul? They were the ills that confronted the early church and over which they triumphed and found great blessing.

If grace could enable them to be more than conquerors, what can it not do for us with our trials that are petty compared with what they endured. To be more than a conqueror is illustrated by Samson when he met the lion who had come forth to destroy him. By divine power he slew the lion. He was a conqueror. When he came back that way, he found that a swarm of bees had made their resting place there and filled his former enemy with honey. He not only overcame the lion but out of that enemy got much sweetness. He was more than a conqueror.

If the early church could not only overcome but actually get sweetness out of their trials and hardships what ought we not to get from ours? The same divine power that gave Samson sweetness in abundance after his conflict can make us more than conquerors as we face a frowning world and all the ills of life. Is it not a pity that we allow them to rob us of the sweetness that God wants us to have over every hard place, and every enemy overcome? Elisha asked God to show the young prophet that the mountains were full of the chariots of the Lord. Some see the enemy but not the chariots. We can make every difficulty and foe a chariot in which we may step or a Juggernaut to crush us. Which shall it be? In the name of the Lord we can not only triumph but actually get blessing from our difficult places—no matter how they may be.—*The Christian Witness.*