

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE AT SEAL COVE, N. B.

We give the program as follows: Opening hymn, "O Worship the King." Scripture reading. Prayer, led by Bro. Babcock; several others took part in prayer. Singing, "Oh, Tell of His Boundless Love." Preaching by Bro. Percy Green—Text. Isa. 61:3. (Bro. Green gave an excellent message showing us how God had taken the ashes of this world and brought out of them marvelous things). Singing by choir; paper by Mrs. H. Gordon; paper by Henry Benson; testimonies; paper by Mrs. W. Bloomisher; paper by Albert Cook; singing, "There Shall be Showers of Blessing"; testimonies; paper by Mrs. L. Green; solo by Coleman Green, "I Walk with the King"; paper by Mrs. Fraser Dunlop; paper by Mrs. Beverly Wilson; singing by choir; Scripture reading, Ecc. 3:9-22; prayer by the pastor; solo by Rue Ingals, "A Pilgrim am I;" preaching by Rev. H. C. Archer (splendid New Year's sermon); altar service in which God gave us great blessing in prayer, and the salvation of one precious soul.

We consider this one of the best meetings we ever attended. It seemed everyone was loath to leave the place. We were very glad to have with us Bro. Babcock, of North Head. Bro. Babcock is in his eighty-third year, has worked at the carpenter trade all summer, and says he feels like a boy of sixteen years. His testimony rung true to the second work of grace, and we feel he added much to the success of the meeting. Yours in His service,

F. A. DUNLOP.

As the old year slips away it reminds us of the fast approaching time when we too will have finished our work on earth, and shall pass on into eternity. We realize that the past is beyond our recall, we shall never live that part of our life again. If we have failed to make progress we are the losers. But happy are we if our review of the past shows a walk of obedience and faithful service under every circumstance.

As we start in to live another year, would it not be profitable for us each to take an inventory of the graces we have on hand, in view of the fact that the demands of the coming year will be great.

One of the first requirements Christ makes of us is that we love one another; it was the theme of His preaching and teaching while here on earth; and Paul admonishes us in all his writings to love one another. The very fact that so much is said of love all through the Bible reveals the importance and necessity of it, if we are to be members of the household of faith.

Our aptitude to fail on this one point demands great concern on our part, lest we become void of that love our lives should express.

"Let love be without dissimulation," says the Apostle Paul. We must be so genuine and sincere that our actions as well as our words express love. Nothing short of this will please Christ, for He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples if ye have love one to another."

Are we manifesting brotherly love as we exhibit that spirit of forbearance and forgiveness, always looking for the best in one another, as do the members of every household family?

Let our prayer throughout the coming year be as that of St. Paul, that our love may increase and abound yet more and more.

Closely related to this spirit of love is another beautiful gem, the spirit of humility. Paul in writing to the church at Philippi, said "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in loveliness of mind that each esteem other

better than themselves." Peter also recommended a showing of this beautiful gem in his epistles to the church. To the women he said: Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price. In this day when men love to usurp authority, desiring to lead rather than be led, and our women are fast coming to the forefront not only in political life, but in the church as well, we must needs give attention to this beautiful virtue, lest it be swallowed up in fleshly ambition and pride. The Word has also said that God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble. Again Jesus said, he that humbleth himself shall be exalted, showing to us that the way up is down.

Faith, too, is placed among the graces, and since it is the shield wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, who among us would care to begin the coming year void of this divine equipment?

Many a soldier has laid his breast bare to the enemy's fire in the hour of greatest need, by loving faith. Better die with the armor on than surrender to Satan. The holy Word has declared that we are justified by faith, sanctified by faith, "and the just shall live by faith." Trials may oppress us, disappointments may come, clouds may hang low, and from a human standpoint defeat may seem inevitable; yet it was under just such circumstances as these that Paul stood up in the midst of them and said, "Sirs, I believe God." If during the coming year any of us may be tempted to feel that Christ is afar off, let us remember it is ever the same as Solomon expressed it, "Behold, He standeth behind our wall, He looketh forth at the windows, showing Himself through the lattice." Again, let us quote the Apostle Paul when he said, "Cast not away, therefore, your confidence which hath great recompense of reward." May we, like the disciples of old, pray: "Lord, increase our faith."

In closing, I would mention one more virtue which indeed is subservient to our Christian experience, namely, the spirit of endurance. Jacob prophesying in connection with his sons, said of Reuben, "unstable as water, thou shalt not excel." Peter said: Ye, therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own *steadfastness*. Paul declares that all the means of grace God has given us is to bring us to the place where we are no longer children tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but holding the truth in love may grow up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ, from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

The coming year will break upon us, with its problems, its trials, and its testings. Let us therefore prepare ourselves to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, proving to those around us that God's grace is sufficient. This world is disappointed with the vacillating dispositions manifested in so many professed Christians. God needs, and the world wants to see, some men like Job, and some women like Ruth, that dare to follow on, let come what may. Love, humility, faith and endurance are the great requisites for a successful, victorious nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

MRS. FRASER DUNLOP

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We feel at this time that we would like to acknowledge through "The Highway" the many tokens of remembrance we received at Christmas time. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us. This Christmas was one of the best we have known. The people on this circuit remembered us in a very liberal way. The Sanford Church presented us with a purse of money and a lovely coat for Mrs. Mullen. The people of Port Maitland and Brazil Lake remembered us with money and other gifts. Others who are away sent us cards and gifts. We say "Thank You!" for all these gifts and money and tokens of your kindness to us, and may God Bless you all everywhere who have helped to make this Christmas a pleasant one for us.

We feel encouraged and determined to press on to Victory and do our best for God and these good people.

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