

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 was held at Port Maitland, N. S., from Oct. 2nd to 5th.

Thursday evening Rev. S. A. Mullen read the Scripture from the 7th Chapter of Acts. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Mullen followed by a solo by Ivan Shaw. Preaching by S. A. Mullen from 55th verse of chapter read. Theme for the evening was "The Paramount Need of the Church which is a clear Vision."

Friday evening prayer by Rev. S. A. Mullen. Evening lesson by Rev. H. C. Mullen. Duet by Ivan Shaw and Mrs. Raymond Smith. Preaching by H. C. Mullen from following texts: "And he turned away sorrowful;" "And he went on his way rejoicing." An altar call was given at the close of the sermon, then the meeting was given over to testimony.

Business session opened Saturday afternoon by H. C. Mullen from Scripture Psalms II. Prayer by H. E. Mullen. Secretary absent, Mrs. H. C. Mullen appointed Secretary pro tem.

The following ministers were present: Rev. H. E. Mullen, Rev. H. C. Mullen and Rev. S. A. Mullen.

The delegates from different churches were as follows: Port Maitland, Gordon Symonds and Lois Hersey. Sandford, Howard Landers and Aaron Churchill, New Tuskett, Mrs. J. H. Sabine.

Minutes of last Quarterly read and approved. Officers elected:

President, Rev. H. C. Mullen; Secretary, George Landers; Highway Agent, H. E. Mullen; Treasurer, Miss Veryl Sollows; Devotional Committee, Brothers Gordon Symonds, Warren Sollows, Robert Landers and H. E. Mullen.

Report of committee received. A motion of courtesy was extended to all visiting brethren. Written reports from churches followed.

Port Maitland: Dear Brother and Sisters of this Quarterly Meeting. We as a church feel grateful for blessings received since our last Quarterly Session. Glad to say we are pressing on the upward way. Services well attended. Pastor H. E. Mullen preaching good, uncompromising truth. Trusting God may richly bless each and all who made a sacrifice to make this meeting a success.

New Tuskett: We report regular services held and well attended. Rev. H. C. Mullen is faithfully labouring with us. We are trusting God for victory.

Verbal report from Sandford by Aaron Churchill. Pastor H. E. Mullen giving us real word and truth. Church in good condition spiritually. Have lost one of our members since last Quarterly which we feel deeply, but God is on our side and we are expecting great things from the Lord.

A few words by Brother G. Symonds from Port Maitland Church, who said the church was really enjoying good preaching and the outlook was bright.

Mrs. J. H. Sabine spoke in regard to tent meetings and the calling of pastor to remain another year.

Speeches by S. A. Mullen and Brother N. Hicks about their tent meetings, settling in a new field and buying parsonage.

Saturday evening was given over to Sunday School work.

Sunday morning love feast lead by Brother Hicks, who read Psalms 21 for lesson. This was followed by preaching service. Scripture read by S. A. Mullen from 17th chap. of 1st

Samuel. Text taken from 31st and 32nd verses of chapter read and Zec. 4th chapter 6th verse. Theme: "Accepting the challenge." David did not want to meet Goliath with armour he had not proved. "Worldliness," "take it easy" and "hard feelings" were some of the giants named by the preacher.

Sunday afternoon service in charge of H. C. Mullen. Texts taken 18th chapter 1st Kings, 38th verse, 1st Chap. 2 Chron., 7th verse, 15th Chap. 2 Chron., 13th verse. Theme: "When the Fire fell." The fire will fall when everything is in order and completed. Holy Ghost will fill hearts today as he did the temple.

Sunday evening lesson read by Rev. S. A. Mullen from Hebrews 1. Text taken from 1st and 2nd verses. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gordon. Song by Ivan Shaw. Brother S. A. Mullen preacher of the evening showed some of the different ways God speaks to man today. He speaks through his word. He speaks repeatedly. He speaks by the Blessed Spirit. He speaks by conscience. He speaks through lives. He speaks for the last time.

As Secretary of Quarterly I would like to say these sessions are of great help and source of blessing. I hope and pray as the next one rolls around it will find us in a better place spiritually than at present.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LANDERS,

Secretary

THE MORAL ECHO

As children we clapped our hands to hear the echo between hills, timber, or mountains. We shouted, "Who are you?" and "What's your name?" only to find that all the silences had voices echoing back in handclap or voice, a harmless "sounding again of the mountains." Greek mythology took the echo for a nymph, daughter of Air, following Narcissus through forests. Several localities are noted for producing twenty or more distinct echoes to sound. Here Ezekiel warns his people to be not deceived as to what they are about to hear, nor mistake the sounds as echoes of joyous shout, music, or gleeful handclap: but a long delayed chastisement, echo of unrepented sin, and not the "sounding again of the mountains." The gospel holds out promised rewards to both present and future; it also rings clear in warnings as to results of wrong doing; the promises of His mercy seat and threats of His tribunal, alike sure of accomplishment.

Echo as a restraint: The certainty of sequence, of future results, always an indispensable moral deterrent, though becoming less and less effective, yet is still a great check to crime and all known evils. The fear that what one does today may bring regret tomorrow stays many a dire plot. And, too, a like assurance in the same future lends confidence and encouragement to every good investment that it will not be in vain. The blessings of today are harvests from good seed sown in years gone by. Eternity is called the echo of time. Solomon wrote: "The way of transgressors is hard." A modern jester has modified it thus, "The 'way' is not hard, its the consequential bump at the end." But, however put, the future must be reckoned with according as it echoes the right or wrong.

Moral echo in physical: Deformities insanities, handicaps, are but echoes of sin, ignorance, mistakes, of past years. Deeds that shake our hand in farewell reappear in bodily infirmity.

One said, "I took a step from the path of moral rectitude thinking I was through with it when day was done, only to suffer its disturbing affects years later, like the "sounding again of the mountains." The world's burden of physical woes is the echo of its yesterdays. Godly wisdom could have altered present conditions. Unhappily our world learns slowly, and still pays toll of loose morals, which play havoc with the mortal, resulting in untold misery to mind and body.

Echoed in other: It is not true that men or nations have only self to harm: the world is one. "There are those who care," who should be considered. Ex-emperor William of Germany has from childhood carried a partially paralyzed left arm, for which he is to be pitied; it is no fault of his, but "King's Evil" handed down by ancestors. What a travesty on "personal liberty." What incentive to orderly living that the innocent should suffer for another's folly. A checkered past has one chance, viz., redemption through the merciful provision of the forgiving God. Will men avail this, and repent? But here is wisdom—A physician was offered a bribe in a crooked deal, "No one will know it," he was told. "But I will know it," said he, "And besides I have to live with myself." Prevention is better than a cure.

World outlook: What future do present conditions foreshadow? What "sounding again of the mountains"? With unprecedented crime; with prohibition in peril; with men in official Washington opposing every righteous law; the daily press lending its powerful influence to stimulating a disloyal propaganda; the "enemy within our gates" having for its end the overthrow of our government; with multiplied organizations lined up in solid phalanx against God and the right; do these give promise of that "righteousness that exalteth a nation" or of the "sounding again" of the "sin that is a reproach to any people"? If the latter, then we may well be alarmed; for the enemy is strong, aggressive, determined. Should not the cause of helpless children, tugging at our hearts, whose future is within our power, make strong appeal to men to give them the best possible chance?

The fatality of false security: This is our greatest danger, an apathy on the part of well-meaning Christians; a feeling of overconfidence and safety, "God is in His heaven, and all's well"; that God will overrule and win the battle with or without His army; a sort of made-to-order victory, tied up and handed over to us. A dependence in such false security will be to our peril. Shall we pray? Indeed there can be no possible success apart from it. To the discredit of many they have left off praying. Prayer is not to be discounted, but let it not end there. The hosts of the living God must be active, vigilant, thoroughly aroused to conditions that menace our country, alive to the situation we now face, cast the deciding vote, and, using our God-given powers, stop the despoilers of sacred rights and institutions, in a hard-fought, but well-earned victory "For God, and home, and every land." For this, God expects every man and woman to do their duty. *The Free Methodist.*
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Please to remember your renewals. We need them so much.