

A WELL-TIMED "GET-AWAY"

Going to a hotel in a small town, the colporteur was greeted by the man at the desk with, "You surely timed your get-away when you were here last fall! You were not gone an hour when a woman came demanding her money back for a Bible you had sold her."

For several days the colporteur sought in vain for the woman who had been dissatisfied; then, calling at a home and announcing his mission, the woman said to him:

"Yes, I remember you well. You called at our home last fall, and I bought a Bible of you—and if you had not left town so soon, I'd have made you take it back."

"Why did you want to return it?" he asked.

"I didn't want to give it back," the woman said, "but my husband objected to my keeping it, and told me to take it back and get my money."

"What did he say when you had to keep it?"

"Well, I can't tell you all he said, but he was pretty mad about it."

"Shall I take the Bible back now?" asked the colporteur.

"Oh! no," came the instant reply. "You see, when my husband found that you were gone, and he saw the Bible around the house, he finally said, 'Since we have the book we might as well read it.' And do you know, he was so interested in it, that he could hardly wait until he got home at nights to read it. In less than a month I noticed that he was changing; he stopped swearing and became more contented with his work. Then one Sunday morning he suggested that we go to church—and we've been going ever since."

"And now," concluded the woman, with a grand sweep of her arm, "look at my home. I've never had so many things before; my husband has not only kept his job, but he has had his wages raised. He has stopped drinking, stopped swearing, is contented and happy, and our home seems like heaven to me."—Selected.

THAT STRANGE SUMMER MALADY

Unless one's religious life is very real and very sincere, he is likely to fall a victim to that strange malady that begins to reveal symptoms at the latter end of the week, just as the Lord's Day rises to view about a day hence. This malady is named "summeritis" by F. R. Bayley in a brief description in the Christian Advocate, who says:

"It is a disease widely prevalent in religious circles at this season and derives its name from the time of the year. Strangely enough it is not virulent during the week-days, but on Sundays it attacks with prostrating power. It makes its victims loath to dress for church school and church. It persuades one that only a trip to some shore will alleviate the trouble, and that to return in time for evening service is to run a great risk. Sunday over, the disease does not return until the next week-end."

"Physicians do not seem to be able to do much for those afflicted with 'summeritis.' The only sure cure is a religious conviction and a strong sense of loyalty to the Church. If these are mixed in equal parts and administered to the will on Saturday night the disease will not appear the next day."

While these lines appear in a humorous strain, there is tragedy in the matter. God's Word still stands warning of lukewarmness in religion, dead formality, and worldly

mindfulness, all of which are creeping upon us with deadly force and surprising progress. One might say with truth on every Saturday evening of the summer: "This is the last night of life for scores of people, who, by tomorrow night will be dead or dying from Sunday accidents. Many of these would be avoided if the people were about the Lord's business on the Lord's Day.—Wesleyan Methodist.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Victoria Corner, Sept. 3-6, 1931.

The opening service was in charge of the President, Rev. S. G. Hilyard, who brought the message from John 10:9. Subject, "The Open Door."

Rev. Hollis Kimball had the Friday afternoon service. This was a special call to prayer for the remainder of the Quarterly.

Saturday morning Lic. Hazel Mullen Owens led the service, reading the 17th Chap. John, using the prayer of Christ for his disciples as the theme. This was an enjoyable time in the Lord for the saints.

The regular business meeting was held Saturday afternoon with President S. G. Hilyard in the chair.

Brother Arthur Owens was elected secretary pro tem. After song and prayer the minutes of the last Quarterly were read and approved.

Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs. H. S. Dow, Hollis Kimball, S. G. Hilyard and Licentiates Arthur Owens, Hazel Owens.

Delegates present:

Woodstock—B. M. Colpitts, Helen Pickle.

Hartland—Edward Dow, Ziba Orser.

Royalton—Brother and Sister Silas Burt.

Victoria Corner—Gordon York, Thomas Tilley

Maple Ridge—William Blaney, M. H. Young.

Marysville—Gertrude Cochrane, Mrs. Cecli MacDonald.

Fort Fairfield—Otis Ames.

Election of Officers:

President—Rev. H. S. Dow.

Vice President—Rev. S. G. Hilyard.

Secretary—J. Arthur Owens.

Treasurer—Mrs. Charles Shaw.

Highway Agent—Rev. L. T. Sabine.

Devotional Committee — Brothers Otis Ames, M. A. Young, C. P. Philipps.

Delegates from Sunday School Convention accepted as having vote in Quarterly business meeting.

Several of the churches were reported for by their delegates and others present. These were interesting and encouraging.

The following churches reported by letter: Woodstock, Lower Hainesville, Royalton, Island Falls, Fredericton, Meductic, Marysville, Lower Brighton, Victoria Corner.

These were interesting, telling of a people who were trusting a Supreme Being to lead and guide them aright.

Several folk who were at the business session were asked by the President to take part in the general discussion. These were interesting to all.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the good folk of Victoria Corner for their entertainment of the Quarterly.

The arrangements for the next Quarterly Meeting was left to the President and Secretary.

Saturday evening meeting was in charge of Brother Emery Cosman. Text: Acts 19:2. This was a good service and our brother stressed the "receiving" part as implied by the text.

On Sunday morning Sister Owens led the "Love Feast," using the 1st Psalm as the lesson background. The saints then testified to the saving and sanctifying power of God through Christ Jesus.

Brother Arthur Owens had charge of the preaching service. Text: Gal. 2:20. Theme: The necessity of the indwelling presence of Christ.

This was followed by communion.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Hollis Kimball preached from the text found in Eph. 4:19. Theme: Past Feeling.

This was a wonderful setting together on account of the presence of the Lord in our midst.

Conviction was on the unsaved, but none yielded.

Preaching was followed by testimony service.

Sunday evening Rev. L. T. Sabine brought the closing message from Matt. 13th Chap. Our brother preached to us the necessity of keeping our consecration complete.

This service closed with the saints praising God for salvation as saving from sin.

Large crowds were in attendance over the Sabbath in spite of inclement weather, some coming upwards of sixty miles to enjoy the fellowship of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ARTHUR OWENS,

Secretary

FAITH

Once Jesus said to His disciples, "Have faith in God." "Faith" here means confidence. It is the same as if He had said, "Have confidence in God."

Jude admonished his readers to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." Here "faith" means religion. It might properly be read "Earnestly contend for the religion once delivered unto the saints."

Paul concludes an argument with the words, "Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God." This is something entirely different again. We call it "justifying faith." A careful reading of God's Word will show that this justifying faith is made up of several ingredients—historical faith, repentance, submission to God, and a personal apprehension of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

A preacher said to his candidates for church membership, "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?" They answered, "Yes." He said, "Will you be baptized in this faith?" They expressed that as their desire. "Then you are Christians," he said, for the Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The preacher and the candidates alike seemed to be thinking of historical faith only. They appeared to have no knowledge of the other ingredients found in justifying faith.

To understand God's Word we must not only read it, but know that a given word may mean one thing in one place in the Scriptures and quite a different thing in another place.—The Free Methodist.

"Our heaviest burdens are those we borrow."