

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 was held in the Reformed Baptist Church at Westchester, N. S., September 24 to 28 inclusive. The president being absent, Rev. C. R. Hagerman opened the convention on Thursday evening at 7.30. Bro. Emery Cosman brought the message of the evening from John 19:30, showing the finished work of Christ in two works of grace.

Friday afternoon several met and had a profitable season of prayer, led by the pastor of the Church. In the evening Rev. P. J. Trafton preached on the text, "Wilt thou be made whole". Our hearts were blessed as Brother Trafton told how the impotent man walked off with his bed upon his shoulder at the command of Christ, also note a second work when Christ met the man in the temple and said, "Thou art made whole". Praise God for the second blessing.

Saturday morning the saints again met for prayer, and in the afternoon at 2.30 the business meeting was called to order, Brother Hagerman occupying the chair in the absence of the president. Brother Cosman was appointed secretary protem. Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs. P. J. Trafton, I. F. Kierstead, C. R. Hagerman and Lic. E. S. Cosman. Delegates from Moncton, Miss I. O. Miton; Westchester, Misses Helen and Hilda Doyle; Amherst, Brother and Sister Thornton Reid.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; Secretary, E. S. Cosman; Highway Agent, Rev. P. J. Trafton; Treasurer, Brother Victor Rushton. Rev. Mr. Dixon, of the Nazarene Church at Oxford, was welcomed and given a seat in the conference. A vote of thanks was given to the Westchester Church for the splendid entertainment given.

Letters from Saint John and Moncton churches were received and read. Verbal reports were given by Rev. I. F. Kierstead for Saint John, Brother Locke and Brother Reid for Amherst, Sister Hilda Doyle for Westchester. Rev. P. J. Trafton gave a verbal report of the evangelistic meetings at Salem. Rev. Mr. Dixon reported his work at Oxford. Devotional committee brought in their report which was accepted. A resolution was passed in connection with the liquor traffic voicing the disapproval of this district to "Government Sale".

Meeting adjourned to go into business session in connection with the organization of Sunday School Association for the district.

Saturday evening Brother Kierstead brought us the message from Matt. 5:8, stressing the necessity of a pure heart if we would see God. This was a forceful message.

Sunday morning the weather was dull and misty, but as the people gathered for the "Love feast" their spirits did not seem dampened any by the weather. Brother Locke led this service reading for the lesson John 17 and at times the tide ran high. At 11 o'clock Brother Kierstead was at his best as he preached a powerful sermon on Romans 12:1, stressing the fact that nothing but complete surrender of all our faculties would be acceptable, and how God the Great Master Builder, could and would improve, enlarge and mould the yielded individual to such a degree as that individual never dreamed they could attain to.

Sunday afternoon, Brother Cosman preached on Ephesians 4:19. Deep conviction was manifest in this service and we felt sure some soul or souls sealed their destiny at that meeting.

Sunday night Brother Trafton brought the message from Luke 19:42, showing how Israel

lost peace through the rejection of Jesus. Two souls were at the altar at this service and there was a testimony meeting at the close.

We feel this was a profitable Quarterly and take courage to press the battle hotter than ever.

Thank God for old fashioned Holiness. Let us not be ashamed of the doctrine of two works of grace many holiness folk get a bit upset these days when this beautiful doctrine is portrayed. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the POWER of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth." Praise the Lord.

One very beautiful and important service we almost overlooked was a baptismal service at 2.00 p. m. Sunday. Sister Bessie Follett of the new Amherst Church went forward in obedience to the Lord's command and said the last yes to her Lord and was richly blessed in doing so. Rev. P. J. Trafton officiated at this service.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERY S. COSMAN.



REV. GEORGE BENNETT TRAFTON

The death of Rev. George Bennett Trafton, took place at his home, 229 City Road, Saint John, N. B., Tuesday evening, September 29th at 8 o'clock. He suffered a breakdown in physical health in the year 1922 which incapacitated him for active work. The present form of heart trouble which caused his death developed more than a year ago; He seemed somewhat better of late and friends were hopeful, but the attack on Tuesday proved fatal.

Rev. G.B. Trafton was born at Lower Woodstock, Carleton Co., N. B., seventy-four years ago. He was the eldest son of Charles and Marjory Trafton.

He was converted early in life and almost immediately received a call from the Lord to the gospel ministry. He became a licentiate of the Free Christian Baptist Denomination and was ordained in the year 1880. He was evangelistic in his preaching and had much success in revival effort wherever he went. He was deeply spiritual, and as a matter of course when he heard the preaching of holiness, was attracted, became a definite seeker, and obtained the blessing of entire sanctification in the year 1883, while engaged in revival services at Meductic, York Co., N. B. He was the last survivor of the seven ordained ministers disfellowshipped by the Free Christian Baptist general conference in 1887, and the last charter member of the Elders' Conference of the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada, organized at Woodstock, N. B., November 3rd, 1888. His fields of labour embraced the fol-

lowing circuits, Millville, Hartland, Marysville, the Saint John Church and the Norton, Mercer Settlement, Gray's Mills Circuit, and his labours were blessed of the Lord. He was a great lover of young people and continued so till the end. He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Celia Moore, whom he married in 1888 and who died in 1892. In 1896 he married Miss Addie Tedlie. Two sons were born of this union: William K. at home and Charles, of Detroit, Mich. The widow and sons mourn the loss of a loving and devoted husband and father. One sister, Mrs. E. London, of Canterbury, N. B., also survives, besides a large circle of other relatives. He was genial and sympathetic and in consequence had a host of friends.

The funeral was held in the Saint John Reformed Baptist Church, Saturday at 2.30 p. m., Oct. 3rd, Rev. I. F. Kierstead, pastor of the church officiating. Those assisting were: Revs. H. S. Dow, Hartland; L. T. Sabine, Marysville; F. A. Watson, Fredericton; S. A. Mullen, Lower Millstream; S. G. Hilyard, Millville, and P. J. Trafton, of Moncton, nephew of the deceased, who gave the address. His brother ministers were his pall-bearers. Four hymns were sung, favorites of the deceased, "Glory For Me" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken", by the choir, a solo by Bennett Cochrane, "No Night There", and a duet, "The Homeland", by P. J. Trafton and Mrs. Weatherhead.

The large number attending, friends coming from many different sections of the province, and the numerous beautiful floral tributes bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. Interment was in Fern Hill.

The widow and sons have our deepest sympathy. They gave him every consideration and comfort possible and were untiring in love and devotion. They have our deepest sympathy.

He had always been in attendance at the Annual Alliance and Camp Meeting and had the confidence of his brethren. He had been the President of the Elders' Conference for a number of years and was a wise counselor, and deeply interested in all the denominational enterprises.

May we take up his torch, close in the breach made in our ranks, determined to "fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life."

Fight on, my soul, till death

Shall bring thee to thy God,

He'll take thee at thy parting breath

To His divine abode.

P. J. T.

Mr. Vernon Stanton

Mr. Vernon Stanton of Port Maitland, N. S. passed away at the Yarmouth Hospital on Monday, Sept. 14th, after a brief illness of meningitis. He suffered greatly during his illness. He was only 33 years old and looking at life from man's view-point, his seemed an untimely death, but God knows best.

He leaves a sorrowing widow and two half-brothers. Mr. Stanton was a seeker at our altar last winter during our revival meetings. God is vindicating His promises to his widow in sustaining her at this time. While the earthly hopes are shattered she expects to meet him in the land where there cometh no night. Mr. Stanton was a member of the United Baptist Church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Friend, U. B. preacher, assisted by the writer. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

H. E. MULLEN

"Know all you say, but don't say all you know."