

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Amherst, N. S., May 26th, 1933, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In the absence of the President, Rev. I. F. Kierstead opened the meeting.

Opening hymn—"When we all get to heaven." Scripture lesson read by Rev. I. F. Kierstead. St. John 1st chapter, first 17 verses, followed by prayer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Roll Call found the following officers, ministers and delegates present: President, Lic. Emery Cosman (who came into the meeting just after the opening); Vice President, Rev. L. J. Sears; Secretary Treasurer, S. H. Bradley. Also the following ministers: Rev. I. F. Kierstead from Saint John; Rev. P. J. Trafton, Moncton; Rev. S. A. Mullen, Millstream; Lic. Bennett Cochrane present from Dis. No. 1. Delegates: Brother Raymond Parks, Saint John; Brother Butler, Moncton; Miss Faith Bradley, Grey's Mills; Noah Hicks, Millstream; Miss Hylda Doyle, Westchester; Miss Ruth Wells, Amherst; Mr. Walter Steeves, Killam's Mills; Mr. Walter Budd, Miller's Corner. Fifteen delegates and ministers and a large number of visitors—fifty in all.

Motion—Resolved that all present be given the privilege of this Quarterly convention.

## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amherst, N. S., May 26th, 1933

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Sunday School Association of District No. 2 in Quarterly Session: We feel to praise God from whom all blessings flow for his loving kindness and tender mercies to us all since we last met in Sunday School Convention. The Sunday Schools as you will see by the reports, have made progress during the winter months. This especially in country districts is a matter of encouragement. Our schools of this district are all evergreen; they don't freeze up in winter or dry up in summer. Praise God. Since our last convention, a Sunday school has been organized at Mercer Settlement by Sister Miriam Sanders, with a membership of 40. This surely is encouraging. To all our S. S. teachers and workers, let me say to you, let nothing discourage you in the work you have undertaken. It is a good work, and go on with it, regardless of all objection. We are told not to be weary with well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. No doubt there are many hindrances, and the work is very up-hill and discouraging, but Oh! if our words have any weight we should say with all heart-felt emphasis, to all who engage in this most precious service, let nothing dampen your ardour or hinder your work. Go on, and may the Lord of the Harvest crown your labor with the richest and best blessings.

Following are the reports of the schools of the districts:

Saint John S. S. reports 35 scholars, 5 teachers; average attendance 30; home department 10; Cradle Roll 10, all pledged against intemperance. \$1.00 contributed to the Convention. Supt. H. K. Ingersoll; Secy. J. M. Parks. Delegate to Convention, R. H. Parks. This school is in good condition, interest on the increase. New plans being adopted to instill into the minds of the young the fundamentals for which our church stands.

Moncton reports 60 scholars, 6 teachers; average attendance 46; Cradle Roll 21. Majority pledged against intemperance; 8 convert-

ed. \$1.00 contributed. Supt., Moses Somers; Secy., Muriel Wright. Delegate, Brother Butler. The school reports attendance good. Bible class and boys' class increasing.

Grey's Mills report 23 scholars and five teachers; average attendance 21. Home Department 2. \$1.00 contributed to Convention. Supt., S. H. Bradley; Secy., Mrs. W. W. Patterson. Delegate, Faith Bradley. Our school is progressing, attendance and offering better.

Head of Millstream reports 40 scholars, 3 teachers; average attendance 25; number converted 20. Supt., Mr. Henry Hayes; Secy., Luella Hayes. No delegates to convention. School is progressing and increasing in membership.

Westchester reports 42 scholars, 6 teachers; average attendance 32. 20 converted. Supt., Mr. Oliver Rushton; Secy., Miss Olive Cummings. Delegate, Miss Hilda Doyle. Regular attendance and school is in good spiritual condition.

Amherst reports 20 scholars, 5 teachers; average attendance 16. Contributes \$1.00. Supt., Brother F. H. Lock; Secy., Mrs. Emery Cosman. Delegate, Ruth Wells. School reports increase in numbers and we are much encouraged.

Killam's Mills: Scholars 53; teachers 3; average attendance 43. Supt., Mr. W. Steeves; Secy., Miss Annie Henry. Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steeves. School reports great progress and speaks very highly of their superintendent.

Miller's Corner reports 25 scholars; teachers 2; average attendance 20; Cradle Roll 12. Supt., Mr. Walter Budd. Secy., Mrs. Walter Budd. Delegate, Mrs. Walter Budd. Reports few in number, but trusting God for greater results.

Mercer Settlement just organized a S. S. May 21st. Scholars 40; teachers 4; Supt., Mr. Harry Nelson; Secy., Paul Mercer.

Total amount of money contributed by the nine schools \$4.00.

Moved and seconded, the Secretary's report be received and adopted. Carried.

The committee appointed to formulate a plan of study for the Sunday Schools of our District brought in their report.

We, the Committee appointed at the Sunday School Convention held in Saint John in November to formulate a plan of study for the Sunday Schools in our district, would submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

## RECOMMENDED

Resolved that Section 1 be adopted with the corrections of Questions 19, 63, 65 and Questions 97, 98, 99, 100 and 101 be dropped off, and recommend a book of this kind printed for use in our Sunday Schools.

First: That we use in our Sunday Schools "Catechism," published by Nazarene Publishing House.

Second: That in the worship period of the Sunday School, we have recited in unison the Apostle's Creed, as given in above Catechism. Resolved this Section No. 2 be struck out.

Third: That the Primary Class, along with said Catechism, be able to recite the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm and the Ten Commandments in rhyme. Resolved this Section be adopted.

Fourth: That the Junior Class, in addition to Section 3, be able to recite the Ten Commandments, as given in Exodus 20, Apostle's Creed, the Beatitudes, the Books of Old and New Testaments and First Psalm, or any

other chapter at discretion of teacher. Resolved this Section be adopted except the two words, Apostle's Creed.

Fifth: That the Intermediate Class, in addition to Sections 3 and 4, memorize the Articles or Declaration of Faith of the Reformed Baptist Church and the Church Covenant, and be able to give an outline of Paul's Missionary journeys. Resolved this Section be adopted.

If these recommendations are accepted by our District S. S. Convention, we would advise that the District Sunday School Convention submit them to the Annual S. S. Convention of the Alliance for their consideration and approval to be used by the Sunday Schools of the Reformed Baptist Denomination as a whole. Resolved this Section be adopted and recommended with corrections as above.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. BRADLEY,

MRS. I. M. KIERSTEAD,

MRS. V. INGERSOLL

Committee

Resolved this report be received and taken up section by section.

Resolved that Section (1) be adopted, i. e., the Catechism as published by the Nazarene Publishing House, Kansas City, U. S. A.

Mentioned in it, consisting of 101 Questions and Answers, except Questions Nos. 19, 63 and 65. Also Nos. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101.

Section 2—Resolved that this section be dropped off the Report.

Section 3—Resolved that this section be adopted.

Section 4—Resolved that this section be adopted except the two words ("Apostle's Creed")

Section 5—Resolved that this section be adopted.

Section 6—Resolved that this section be adopted.

Resolved that the report be now accepted as a whole as corrected, and passed on to the Annual S. S. Convention at the Alliance to meet at Beulah Camp Friday, June 30th.

Resolved that S. H. Bradley, the secretary, be a committee of one to bring this matter before the Annual Sunday School Convention.

Moved by Rev. L. J. Sears, seconded by Rev. P. J. Trafton, that the committee be tendered a vote of thanks for formulating this report. Carried unanimously.

Resolved that the Superintendents of all our Schools be requested to raise all the money possible for our Foreign Missionaries. We are reminded that the Sterritt Sisters are very much in need of financial help. Suggested that each Sunday School have a Birthday box for Birthday collections and each member of the school give a birthday gift on their birthday.

An article entitled "Our Young People," written by Sister MacBrien, published in the Highway March 31st last, was read by Rev. I. F. Kierstead.

This was commented on by Rev. L. J. Sears, Bro. J. Estey, Rev. S. A. Mullin, Rev. P. J. Trafton and others, speaking very highly of this article and extending expressions of gratitude to Sister MacBrien for the writing.

Resolved this quarterly meeting adjourn, to meet on Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., at date and place of next Quarterly District Church Meeting.

Closing prayer by Rev. I. F. Kierstead.

S. H. BRADLEY,

Secretary