

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The 39th session of the Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened at Sandford from Nov. 30th to Dec. 3rd.

Thursday evening's message was delivered by Rev. P. J. Trafton. Text St. John 2:5. Friday morning a prayer and praise service, led by Sister Grace Saunders. Friday afternoon, preaching by Rev. H. C. Mullen. Text 1 Cor. 7:29. "But this I say, brethren, the time is short."

Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock, prayer service was held. Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the usual business session was held with President, Rev. P. J. Trafton in the chair.

Opening Hymn: "The Savior With Me".

Scripture Reading: Part of 19th Psam.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Mullen.

Roll Call of Preachers: Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. H. C. Mullen and Lic. Grace Saunders.

Roll Call of delegates: Havelock, Brother Carl Mullen; Port Maitland, Sisters Estella Stanton and Lois Hersey; Sandford, Brother Howard Landers and Sister Martha Thurston; Woods Harbour, Sisters Ida Malone and Ina Ganong.

Minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting read and approved.

Then election of officers as follows:

President—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Secretary—Lois Hersey.

Treasurer—Vernon Churchill.

Highway Agent—Rev. H. C. Mullen.

Devotional Committee—Brothers Howard Landers, Gordon Symonds, Karl Mullen and Rev. P. J. Trafton. Next in order was Reading of reports from the following churches: Port Maitland, Central Woods Harbour, Sandford and New Tusket, which were encouraging and showed progress in all branches of the work. There were also several verbal reports which were encouraging. Next the devotional committees' report was read and adopted.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the church at Sandford for entertaining the quarterly meeting.

The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held with the church at Port Maitland, from March 1 to 4 inclusive. The meeting then adjourned. The next meeting was on Saturday evening when Miss Grace Sanders preached from Rom. 14:7. On Sunday morning the usual love feast was held, led by Gordon Symonds followed by preaching by Rev. H. C. Mullen from Psa. 40:8. "I delight to do thy will." At the close of this service the ordinance of the Lord's supper was administered, followed by Sunday School. The next service was held at 3.00 when Miss Grace Sanders preached from Num. 13:27. And the quarterly closed on Sunday night with preaching by Rev. H. C. Mullen from Heb. 12:16. The preaching was all very helpful and inspiring and the quarterly meetings were a means of much blessing for which we thank God.

LOIS HERSEY, Secretary.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Lower Brighton, N. B., Nov. 23—26. The opening service was in charge of the vice-president, Rev. H. L. Robertson who preached, contrasting Paul's old life with the new. It was a good beginning for our quarterly.

The Friday afternoon service was led by Rev. F. A. Watson, who spoke from Romans 6, followed by testimonies. Friday evening was given over to the Sunday School conventions.

The social service Saturday morning was in charge of Rev. L. T. Sabine, who took only time

enough to begin to deliver the message he felt on his heart, using II Peter 3:11 as the basis for his remarks.

On Saturday at 2:30 p. m. was held the Quarterly business session, with vice-president, H. L. Robertson in the chair. It was opened with singing and prayer. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. J. A. Owens; Vice President, Rev. H. L. Robertson; Secretary, Lic. H. J. S. Blaney; Treasurer, Bro. B. W. Brown; Highway Agent, Rev. L. T. Sabine; Devotional Committee, Rev. J. A. Owens, B. M. Colpitts, John Golding, Donald Tedley.

Roll Call found the following ministers present: Rev. J. A. Owens, Rev. H. L. Robertson, Rev. L. T. Sabine, Rev. F. A. Watson, Rev. G. A. Rogers, Rev. S. A. Mullen and Lic. H. J. S. Blaney. Rev. Hollis Kimball was a visitor during the Quarterly.

The following delegates were present: Mrs. C. O. Mutch and B. M. Colpitts, Woodstock; M. E. Orser and O. Hillman, Hartland; Mrs. B. W. Burke, Royalton; Mrs. H. Elliot and Mrs. C. Shaw, Victoria Corner; F. K. Brown and Donald Tedley, Lower Brighton; Blanche Young and M. H. Young, Maple Ridge; Miss B. Marsten, Meductic; B. F. Kimball, Fort Fairfield.

Church reports were then read from the following places: Woodstock, Royalton, Victoria, Maple Ridge, Millville, Meductic, Middle Southampton, Fort Fairfield, Gordonsville, Belvidere and Brookville. These reports were all very encouraging. Most all the churches reported renewals during last quarter and are enjoying progress in all parts of the work and are being blessed by the preaching of their faithful pastors. These reports were then adopted by the meeting, and several verbal reports were given by delegates. Brother Hollis Kimball also spoke very earnestly of the need of pioneer work. Brother Sabine spoke of the King's Highway and received several subscriptions.

A motion was passed to extend a vote of thanks to the Lower Brighton church for their splendid entertainment.

Brother Sabine spoke very earnestly about the matter of pioneer work, after which Brother Watson took up the subject, closing his remarks with a motion to the effect that the Quarterly Meeting recommend to the Mission board the release of that portion of the tent fund, which was voted to the use of extension work at the last meeting of the Alliance, for the purpose intended, and that Brother Hollis Kimball be mentioned in connection with it as available for service. The motion was seconded and passed and the secretary ordered to write the matter to the Mission Board, (which has been done).

On motion the business session closed with song and prayer. The Saturday evening service was in charge of the Young People.

Sunday was a wonderful day in the Lord. Brother Rogers started the day with the love feast at 9.30, and at 10.30 Brother Kimball preached on the baptism with the Holy Ghost, which was a powerful message. Bro. S. A. Mullen preached in the afternoon on the theme, "the paramount need of the Church of Jesus Christ an unobscured vision." Rev. F. A. Watson was the evening speaker, and preached a wonderful sermon from the text Rev. 1:5, his theme centering around the love of Christ, the highest appeal of the gospel. Three bowed for prayer; and received the answer.

Thus closed a most excellent Quarterly meeting, where we feel something was accomplished for the Lord, where we had the best of preaching, and where God was in our midst.

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY, Secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 21st session of the Sunday School Convention of District No. 1 convened with the Church at Lower Brighton on October 24th. The devotional service was led by Lic. H. J. S. Blaney reading the 91st Psalm and commenting on the same, emphasizing God's love and care for his own.

Brother B. W. Burke, of Royalton, vice-president, occupied the chair in the absence of the President. Prayer was offered by Ziba Orser and Rev. F. A. Watson.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. E. J. Jennings, giving us a real welcome to their homes and church.

The welcome was responded to by Mrs. Robert Henderson of Woodstock. Reports were read from Fort Fairfield, Me., Royalton, N. B., Gordonsville, Hartland, Lower Brighton, Woodstock, Greenbush, Lower Southampton, Maple Ridge, Millville, Lower Hainesville, Fredericton and Marysville.

The reports were interesting, encouraging and in a good many cases showing increased attendance, also commenting on their good class of well saved teachers, having the welfare of their scholars at heart, ones that pray to God for inspiration to properly teach and lead.

Delegates were present as follows: Royalton, Mrs. B. W. Burk; Hartland, Mabel Hovey; Lower Brighton, Mrs. E. J. Jennings, Alice Tedlie; Woodstock, Mrs. Robert Henderson; Victoria, Miss Haywood; Lower Southampton, Miss Ruth Cronkhite; Marysville, Ronald Sabine;

Miss Flora Brown prepared a paper on "Teaching a Sunday School Class" and not being able to be present, sent it to Miss Alice Tedlie who read it. It was so well thought of, that the Convention moved it be printed in the Highway, so do not need to add to the report. Had a beautifully rendered solo by Lic. H. C. Blaney.

Mrs. B. W. Brown gave an address on the "Compensations of the Sunday School Teachers". This was a great encouragement and a source of inspiration. This also, was requested to be printed in the Highway.

The young people of Lower Brighton, rendered a chorus, "He is Keeping Me". It always pays to give the young people a chance. Several took part in different phases of the S. S. work which was enjoyed by all.

This was one of our best Conventions.

B. M. COLPITTS, Secretary.

## IL DUCE ON RELIGION IN ITALY

Premier Mussolini in an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Norton of Belgium, gave his views regarding religious conditions in Italy. He said, among other things reported in The Sunday School Times:

"There is a real religious liberty in Italy, the same freedom for Jew, Protestant, or Catholic."

As to the place of the Bible in the national life Signor Mussolini said that the priests and nuns have the right to give one hour's religious instruction each week in the primary and secondary schools, but not in the university; that the Protestants have the right to withdraw from this lesson, and the subject does not enter into their examinations. He repeated the assertion that the New Testament was the best book in the world. Colporteurs had the right to sell Biblical literature everywhere in Italy.

Fascism, he said, is not a religion in the traditional sense. It is only that we believe in it with all the fervor of our being, and give ourselves fully to its discipline. The Fascist symbol is placed below the cross.—Selected.