

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Seal Cove, November 1-4.

On Wednesday evening Rev. L. J. Sears brought us a stirring message from John 11:43-44.

Friday evening Rev. H. S. Wilson spoke from II Kings 3:16, "Thus saith the Lord make this valley full of ditches". At the close of the service one girl sought and claimed salvation.

Saturday morning a soul-refreshing love feast was held. Bro. Chas. Beal, of Jonesport, Me., brought us a short inspiring message from Matthew 3.

Saturday at 2 p. m. the business session of the Quarterly was held. Rev. L. J. Sears in the chair. The service opened with Scripture reading and prayer.

Moved and passed that Norman Sanders be secretary pro tempore.

Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs. L. J. Sears, H. S. Wilson, H. Kimball. Lic. Bennett Cochrane, Percy Green, Norman Sanders.

Delegates: Seal Cove, Mrs. Emery Foster; North Head, Mr. R. Beal, Mr. Ed. Redmond; Jonesport, Mr. Leon Beal, Mr. Llewelling Sadler; Wood Island, Miss Oral Green, Mr. Herman Anderson.

Welcome extended to visitors.

Election of officers resulted in the following appointments:

President—Lic. Bennett Cochrane.

Vice-President—Rev. L. J. Sears.

Secretary—Lic. Norman Sanders.

Treasurer—Mr. Fred Wilson.

Highway Agent—Rev. H. S. Wilson.

The chair appointed the devotional committee.

Report of the churches were all very encouraging, reporting progress in all parts of the work. All spoke highly of their pastors.

Reports of churches accepted.

Invitation of Black's Harbour church for the next Quarterly Meeting of this district accepted.

Verbal reports were given from several churches, in that of Black's Harbour church, Rev. H. Kimball reported that negotiations were being made to secure a lot and build a church there.

An interesting and profitable discussion on extension work on this district followed.

Vote of thanks given to the Seal Cove church for their kind entertainment of visitors.

A good testimony service broke out while the devotional committee was in session.

Business session adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Kimball.

Saturday evening, Licentiate Percy Green preached a good sermon using as his text Eph. 1:4-5. His theme was "Holiness". One seeker was to the altar for sanctification.

On Sunday the Love Feast commenced at 9 a. m.

Mr. Albert Cook led and gave us a helpful straight talk from John 15. A fine testimony service followed.

In the morning preaching service, Rev. H. S. Wilson using as his text Rom. 8:1, brought to our minds the detrimental effects of the carnal mind.

A goodly number partook of the Lord's Supper in the service which followed.

One hundred and sixty-six attended the Sunday School, Ralph Beal of North Head, took charge of the entire school, discussing the lesson with them.

The Sunday School convention, which

commenced directly at the close of the Sunday School, was well attended.

The service opened with Scripture reading and prayer.

Following the reading of the minutes, Rev. L. J. Sears read a list of problems that confront the Sunday School teacher, and remarks on some of these problems, secured from various Sunday School teachers of this district. These remarks were profitable and instructive.

Message in song by the Seal Cove quartette.

Sunday School reports given. On the whole I believe they were encouraging.

Seven different articles, on various phases of S. School work read.

Moved and passed that a prize be given to the S. School that shows the largest percentage of comparative gain between this and the next Quarterly.

Report of Sunday School worker, Rev. L. J. Sears, given.

Moved and carried that the general Sunday School fund of this district be left in the hands of Mr. Albert Cook of Seal Cove.

At 6:30 p. m. the young people of the North Head Society held a young people's meeting which was exceptionally well attended. Bernard Tatton brought us a good message. A short report of the North Head Society was given, and the service was thrown open for testimonies.

The evening preaching service was attended by a large crowd. Bro. H. Kimball brought the message of the hour from Eph. 4:19.

Two girls came out for salvation.

Following the preaching a good number of testimonies were given.

We are very grateful to the Lord for this Quarterly, for the wonderful way in which He blessed. I believe we are all encouraged and feel that the quarterlies in this district are on the upward trend, praise the Lord!

Yours in His service,

N. J. SANDERS, Secretary.

## THE LAWS OF PREVAILING PRAYER

C. W. Ridout.

One of the great blessings which we enjoy as believers is the privilege and right of prayer. The laws of successful praying are wonderfully set forth in the First Epistle of John, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God"—1 John 3:20, 21. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."—1 John 5:14, 15. These laws are as follows: First, our heart must be right with God; there must be nothing in our heart or conduct that condemns us. Second, we must keep God's commandments. Third, we must do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Fourth, we must have absolute confidence in God. Fifth, we must ask according to God's will. Sixth, we must have faith to believe that God hears us and that we shall have the petitions that we desire of Him.

A great deal of prayer fails because we do not meet the conditions, and also because we do not keep God's commandments and live in His will. Let me illustrate this by a certain concrete example. A professing Christian had become very careless in her habits and practices. She often went to the dance, the theatre, and other worldly places. This worldly conduct had alienated her from Christian fellowship, and she regarded believers as people very narrow. At

length trouble came, and her beloved father was taken very ill. She tried prayer, but her father died. The shock was so great to her that she said to a friend, "Ever since my father died there is a fight against infidelity. I cannot pray, I cannot read my Bible, and I am miserable. When my father was taken to the hospital, I was in great distress; but turning to my Bible, my eye fell on the words, 'Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'" It seemed like a real message to me; I claimed the promise and did not have a doubt but that God would answer my prayer. When the word came to me about my father's death, the light went out of my life. My confidence in prayer was shattered, and my faith in the Bible received a terrible blow." She was telling this experience to a man of God who said to her, "Tell me, what do you call a person who tries to cash a check that was made out to somebody else and who endorsed it falsely?" "Oh," she answered, "that would be forgery." "Well," said the man of God, "I fear that is your case. You tried to cash a check on the bank of Heaven that was never intended for you. Look at the conditions, 'If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'—John 15:7. See to whom it was made out. Were you abiding in Christ on the ballroom floor? when you sat in the theatre? when you went to the opera instead of the prayer meeting? What right had you to try to cash that particular check?"

Startled, she saw the point, and burst almost into hysteric weeping. The preacher said, "If you had been abiding in Christ, you would not have demanded of God what was not clearly His will. He saw that your dear father's work was done; it was time for him to go Home. You did not take this into account because you were out of touch with the Lord. The Word says, 'If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.'—1 John 5:14. The submissive soul will say with his Lord, 'Not my will, but thine be done.' You overlooked this, and so you had a bit of a lesson to learn."

We read in connection with Finney's great revivals that prayer became one of the dominant factors. When he became converted he was astounded at the way people prayed in the churches and never expected any answer. He says that in his revivals it was common for young converts to be greatly exercised in prayer, and in some instances they were constrained to pray all night, and until their strength was quite exhausted, for the conversion of souls around them. Speaking of his own personal experience, he said, "Unless I had the experience of prayer, I could do nothing. If even for a day or an hour I lost the spirit of grace and supplication, I found myself unable to preach with power and efficiency, or to win souls by personal conversation. Sometimes the spirit of importunity came upon me so that I would say to God that He had made a promise to answer prayer, and I could not, and would not be denied. I felt so certain that He would hear me that frequently I found myself saying to Him, 'I hope Thou dost not think that I can be denied. I come with Thy faithful promises in my hand, and I cannot be denied.'"

"Come in Thy pleading Spirit down

To us who for Thy coming stay!

Of all Thy gifts we ask but one,

We ask the constant power to pray;

Indulge us, Lord, in this request;

Thou canst not then deny the rest."

—God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate.

"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."—Peter.