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## EDITORIAL

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Why seek ye the living among the dead?  
Luke 24:5.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. Col. 3:1.

Upon the first day of the week, after the crucifixion of Jesus, as the women went to the tomb, where his body had been placed, carrying spices to embalm it, they were met there by two angels, in shining garments, who asked of them the above question. We read in several places in the Bible where God asked questions of men. Sometimes God spoke to men in person, and sometimes he spoke through angels or prophets. He said to Adam, after he had sinned, and hid himself, Where art thou? After Cain had killed Abel, God said to Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? When Elijah had fled from Jezebel, and had journeyed to Mount Horeb and lodged in a cave, the word of the Lord came unto him, and he said unto him. What doest thou here Elijah? And in many other places, we find recorded, that God propounded questions to men. But the above references will suffice to show that God does not ask questions because he needs information. He knows all things, and does not need that any shall tell him. But he asks questions, in order to reprove, or to awaken and to instruct, or teach men some vital truth. Note one more question, How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. 2:3. God does not expect an answer to this question, because there is no answer to it. Whereas there is no escape apart from salvation. But God through his holy apostle is trying to impress the above fact upon men, who are tempted to neglect. Now we come back to the question at the beginning of this article, asked by the angels. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" They also are trying to impress upon the hearts and minds of the followers of Jesus, a very important fact, viz. There is no compatibility between life and death. It is contrary to human nature, for a living person to find congenial company in a corpse. This fact also applies to men spiritually. The Apostle Paul uses death, and dead bodies, as a type of sin. You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom. 7:24. Hence the inference here is, that when men get saved, there will be a line of separation, between them and the unsaved.

Not literally in domestic or business life, for

we will still have to live with, and do business with, unsaved people. But in the sense of spiritual compatibility or fellowship. There is none between the saved and unsaved. Hear the words of the apostle, again: "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above", and again where he asks several questions which are calculated to awaken, and warn God's people. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord" II Cor. 6:14 to 16. The above scriptures are calculated to powerfully instruct us concerning our spiritual relations. Many times I have had people ask me how certain men who profess to be spiritually minded can hold membership in certain environments, such as worldly fraternities or even some churches, which because of their lack of spiritual life, furnish very little or no food for the soul. Now I always want to be charitable toward all men. Yet in the light of all that the scriptures teach on the subject, I myself have often wondered how men who profess to like life and spirituality in churches, can stay with and support, one where the members have long since lost their spiritual fervor if they ever had any. And have no positive testimony to the saving power of Jesus. If they go to a prayer-meeting at all, their testimony is a little line of a hymn, or verse of scripture, a mere substitute for testimony. Many of them including the preacher, use tobacco, play cards, attend theatres and belong to lodges. And such churches are simply going through with their ritual week after week and having entertainments to hold the interest of the people who attend. They make no effort to get souls saved, but increase their membership by receiving many who have never made any profession of salvation. Surely there cannot be any food, or fellowship, for a real living Christian, in a church like the above described. I had a letter from a good lady a short time ago, who is compelled to attend a church like that, if she attends one at all. For she wrote that she lives twenty miles from a church where they really have signs of spiritual life. And she said that while she attends church, and prays, and exhorts, and goes from house to house, and tells the neighbors about salvation, yet she so hungers for Christian fellowship that she is praying that she may be able to move some day near to a church where she can get some soul food. As surely as everything in nature finds its element, or as the old saying goes, "Birds of a feather flock together". And water finds its level, so souls of the same spiritual status will come together in fellowship and association, when it is possible. It was said of Peter and John after they had been arrested for preaching Christ, "And being let go they went to their own company." When the prayer of Jesus, for God's people, in John 17, "Sanctify them that they may all be one," is answered, it will produce a unity of spirit, in God's people, as nothing else can, which will find expression in communion, worship, fellowship, and united effort, to get other souls converted, and sanctified wholly. I have known so called holiness evangelists, who wanted to be popular with all churches. When they were holding meetings in certain towns or cities, to tell those who sought and professed to find the experience of true holiness, to go back to the old cold, worldly churches, and set them on fire. Now that advice sounded good to many. And would be mighty good if that could be done, but my observation has taught me that it never has been done. While I have seen

many who professed holiness try to set the old church on fire. I have never known any to do so, but what was much worse, they themselves have always lost what fire, or spiritual life, that they had, and eventually they settled back to the old cold, formal life again. The living won't live among the dead, when there is another and more congenial atmosphere for them to get into. Hence the question of the angels, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" "A man is known by the company that he keeps."

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 2

The quarterly meeting of district No. 2 convened with the St. John Church, Thursday, March 8th, and continued over the 10th. In the absence of the President and vice president, Rev. H. S. Mullen, pastor of St. John church presided. Bro. E. S. Cosman brought the message from Jude 21, "Keep yourselves in the love of God", stressing the need of our putting ourselves determinedly into the great fight of right against wrong, not to be drifters and expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves. One soul was at the altar for salvation at the close.

Friday night Bro. H. E. Mullen gave us a great message of warning on text, March 8:15, "Beware of the leaven of Herod". Our brother brought forcibly to our attention the different attitudes of Herod toward John the Baptist who finally trapped himself with a promise to cut off the head of the great preacher. This was a great message and carried strong conviction and we trust will yield fruit for eternity.

Saturday morning prayer meeting was led by that old warrior of the cross, Brother Noah Hicks, who read the 37th Psalm. At 2.30 p. m. the business meeting was held, President presiding. Meeting opened with prayer followed by reading of minutes. Bro. Cosman was elected secretary protem in the absence of the secretary. Minutes read and approved, reports from following churches were read and accepted: Killam's Mills, Moncton, Head of Millstream, Norton, Grey's Mills and Amherst, all reported progress and a determination to carry on for God, all spoke very highly of their respective pastors most of whom are remaining on their present fields.

Roll call found the following ministers and delegates present: Rev. H. S. Dow, Rev. L. J. Sears, Rev. H. E. Mullen, Rev. H. S. Mullen, Lic. Miriam Sanders and Lic. E. S. Cosman. Delegates— Moncton: Iola Mitton, Westchester, Brother and Sister Victor Rushton; Lower Millstream, Brother Noah Hicks; Mercer Settlement; Miss M. Mercer and Mr. Bickerton; St. John, Brother Earl Watson and Sister Foley. Rev. Hollis Kimball was passing through St. John and remained over for the quarterly and was given a seat in the business meeting.

Verbal reports were given by Rev. H. S. Mullen for St. John, Brother Rushton for Westchester, Sister Taylor for Apohaqui, Brother Bickerton for Mercer, Bro. Cosman for Miller Corner, Brother H. K. Ingersol and Sister Foley also spoke encouragingly of the work at St. John.

The Following officers were elected: President, Rev. H. S. Mullen, Vice President, Rev. H. S. Dow, Secretary, Lic. E. S. Cosman, Treas. Sister Ella McCarthy, Highway Agent, Rev. H. S. Dow, devotional committee appointed by the chair.

Rev. Hollis Kimball gave an interesting report of "Pioneer Work" which he has been engaged in, also some in prospect for the near future. An invitation for the next quarterly meeting to be held on the Millstream Circuit was ac-