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EDITORIAL

PETER'S EXHORTATION

TO PREACHERS

"The elders which are among you I exhort who are also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you."

The duties of a God-called pastor or elder are many, and his responsibility is great. No one who fully realizes these facts would choose the gospel ministry as a mere profession or as a means of livelihood. Because the God-called preacher is responsible for the welfare of immortal souls for whom Jesus died. Hence no sane man would choose such a profession which involves so much responsibility who does not feel the "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

And perhaps there is no phase of a preacher's work that is more important than the one mentioned in the above words of Peter's exhortation, namely, "Feeding the flock of God." I read somewhere that Sam Jones said, that he did not care so much about the pastor calling on his family, but he did want the preacher to have something to preach to them when they went to church. Of course every pastor knows that pastoral visitation is important, and necessary. But the flock will surely become weak and die unless they are fed by the preaching of the Word.

The preacher may get some idea of his responsibility from the words of Peter in I Peter 4:11. "If any man speak let him speak as the Oracles of God". He is not to preach his own ideas, or preach to please or merely entertain the people, but his message is to be the voice of God. Those words should give us food for serious thought. Also in Ezekiel 33:7, we read, "So, thou son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man thou shalt surely die: if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Considering the preachers and so-called preaching of this age, in the light of the above words of scripture; I fear that many preachers if they have been called of God to preach his word, will be held responsible for the loss of many souls. Because their messages are not such as are calculated to warn men to turn from sin, and flee from the wrath to come. But to turn again to the thought of "Feeding the flock of God", I would say that the average con-

gregation is made up of two classes of people. There are many it is true who seem to be satisfied with mere cold formality, such as singing from a large trained choir, and preaching on general themes, but not of a spiritual nature; but these folk are not spiritually minded for they have not been born again. And they need to hear preaching on sin, future punishment, repentance, and faith toward God. And the fact is that in hundreds of churches they are hearing very little on these vital subjects. But there is also the class which Peter calls "The flock of God" which have been born of the Spirit, and need, and must have spiritual food, or preaching on spiritual themes; such as consecration, holiness, perfect love, going on to perfection, the fullness of the blessing, growth in grace, and kindred subjects which show the children of God their privileges in grace. For this kind of preaching the truly converted soul hungers. And if he does not get it he will do one of two things, either stay where he is and starve like a child at a dead mother's breast, or he will go to some other church looking for food. And if he does the latter, the pastor ought not to blame the sheep that leave, for a sheep never breaks out of a pasture and leaves where food is plentiful. Some good people have gone in search of better food and have gotten into error, because they went to the wrong place for help. But I believe we have learned from experience, and observation that wherever the truth of holiness or full salvation is scripturally and faithfully preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, that people rarely go off into error or fanaticism for the truth as it is in Jesus satisfies the hungry soul, and the flock of God thrives, and becomes strong in the Lord, and will be a great factor in the salvation of the lost ones.

So brethren let us be sure that we preach the whole truth in love and under the blessing of God, and so "Feed the flock of God."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT NO. 2

The District Sunday School Convention of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Westchester, N. S., Sept. 7th, at 2.30 p. m. President Lic. E. S. Cosman in the chair.

Opening hymn and scripture lesson followed by prayer. In the absence of the Secretary, Brother Raymond Parks, Miss Grace Lawlor was elected secretary pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Reports to this annual session were read and approved. The following Sunday Schools were represented: Moncton, Mrs. Abner Hopper; Saint John, Miss Grace Lawlor; Amherst, Mrs. Julia Henwood; Head of Millstream, Mrs. H. E. Mullen and Mr. John Hayes.

Resolved that the officers remain the same except the president, who handed in his resignation. Rev. H. S. Mullen was elected president for the coming year.

Resolved that the Sunday School Convention be held once in six months. Therefore the next convention will be held in March.

Rev. H. S. Mullen then gave a short address on Sunday Schools and the responsibility of its teachers in connection with the interest and soul-welfare of the pupils.

Convention adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS GRACE LAWLOR,

Secy pro tem

It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of the truth.—John Locke.

MARRIED

What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder. Ms. 10:9.

A wedding of interest to friends and relatives of the contracting parties took place September 12th, at the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Fredericton, N. B., when Rev. F. A. Watson united in marriage Eveley Celesta Dow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dow, of Meductic, and Earl R. Thomson, son of George Thomson. They will reside in Meductic, where the groom is a farmer.

The Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Fredericton, N. B., was the scene of a quiet wedding August 17th, when Ethel M. Mitchell, daughter of John Mitchel, of South Devon and Frederick Collings, of Marysville, were united in marriage by the Rev. F. A. Watson. After a short wedding trip they will reside in Marysville.

At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, September 22nd, Mabel V. Dunn and Raymond H. Billings of Lower Hainsville, were united in marriage by the Rev. F. A. Watson. They will reside in Lower Hainsville, where the groom is a farmer.

THE TESTIMONY OF TIME

It would be too much of a claim to say that time rights all wrongs and distributes to all a just estimate of their true worth. God alone is the final arbiter of history, but time does correct many passing delusions. "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again," but it must have time and opportunity.

It is popular with some writers to use the term "Puritanism" with disdain, making it stand for an unreasonable and offensive kind of religion. But one will search far to find a finer declaration of sincere devotion to truth than the vows of the little band of Puritans at Scrooby, England, in the seventeenth century, who met secretly for worship and agreed together "to walk in all God's ways made known, or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavors, whatever it should cost them." The Mayflower has come to be a very popular ship, and capacious, too, if we may judge by the number of people who claim to be descendants of its first load of emigrants westward bound.

Salmon P. Chase, secretary of the treasury in Abraham Lincoln's cabinet, was ambitious to be president and jealous of his chief. He freely spoke of Mr. Lincoln as "the old coward," "the old fool" and "the old baboon," and said, "Congress ought to impeach him." All this was repeated to Mr. Lincoln who answered by saying: "This does not make it so, does it? Mr. Chase is a good secretary. The people believe in him and take his money. That is what we want, is it not? I think we will have to keep him at it." History accords Mr. Lincoln a high and honored place in the life of his country while Mr. Chase is just one of many who hindered or helped in the great cause of freedom.

You have read the story of Nidas, perhaps. He was a builder in Egypt in the reign of one of the Ptolemy kings. He had the king's name placed on the plastered front of a building according to instructions, but underneath the plaster, engraved in stone he cut the words, "Nidas, the Builder." Time tore away the plaster and revealed the architect's name. Time takes away many a plaster front and reveals the real personality within.—The Wesleyan Methodist.