

HOPE

When doubtings fierce oppress the soul,
And o'er the heart wild billows roll;
When bow'd 'neath adverse fortune's blow,
With hope and courage sinking low;
When bitter trials cross thy way,
And gloomy seems each passing day,
Oh, then, dear heart, do not despair
For you may find sweet rest in prayer.

'Tis true that often grievous pain
Afflicts, and rest is sought in vain;
That oftentimes no friend can see
And sympathize and comfort thee;
But when thy path seems rough and long,
Lift up thy head and heart in song,
And though dark clouds obscure the sky,
The Father heareth every cry.

When thou hast sought, and hast not found
The balm that healeth every wound;
When all thy grief has passed away,
When thou dost hear the Master say:
"Come child and I will give you rest,
Come unto me and be thou blest,
For now the door is open wide,
That you may come and dwell inside."

Then wilt thou, kneeling at His feet,
Before the golden mercy seat,
Rejoice that thou didst hear His call
And wilt proclaim Him Lord of all,
Oh, faint of heart and lonely one
Look up, behold the glowing sun!
Cast all thy doubts and fears aside,
And sate beneath His wings abide.

—Mrs. O. F. Crosby.

THE LOVING KINDNESS OF JESUS

The Savior is tenderly calling Thee,
With accents so soft and low,
He'll give you riches for all your needs,
Oh! will you His pleadings heed?

He stands at the door of your heart today,
He speaks to your erring soul,
Will you accept Him believe and pray,
And all His laws obey?

Many times His warnings you heeded not,
And He sadly turned away,
But He seeks you still with His tender love,
Oh! Look to Him above.

How sad it will be if He passes by
And you heed not His gentle call;
Come! And His grace accept today
Oh do not longer delay.

Time is now fleeting moments are passing,
Jesus invites you, just now,
Will you heed His call, will you enter in?
He'll save you from every sin.

—Matilda Walker Hunter, Linden, N. S.

PERSEVERANCE BRINGS ITS REWARD

It is a common temptation of Satan to make us give up the reading of the Word and prayer when our enjoyment is gone, as if it were no use to read the Scriptures when we do not enjoy them, and as if it were no use to pray when we have no spirit of prayer: whilst the truth is, in order to enjoy the Word, we ought to continue to read it, and the way to obtain a spirit of prayer is to continue praying, for the less we read the Word of God, the less we desire to read it, and the less we pray, the less we desire to pray.—Geo. Muller.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Fort Fairfield, Sept. 6-9, both dates inclusive.

The opening service was in charge of Rev. H. L. Robertson who spoke from the following texts John 1:29-33. Our brother brought a fine message from the Word on the Ministry of the Holy Ghost.

Friday afternoon service was in charge of Lic. Hazel Owens who spoke on 1 John 3:2. This was a fine message and a wonderful service.

The Saturday morning Love Feast was led by Brother B. M. Colpitts who based his remarks on Paul's admonition as found in Philippians 4:8. We all felt it was a season of refreshing from the hand of our God.

Saturday business at 2.30.

Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs. H. L. Robertson, S. G. Hilyard, A. B., C. R. Hagerman, Lic. Hazel Owens, Revs. J. A. Owens, G. A. Rogers, A. B., F. T. Wright, M. Ella Slipp. Rev. H. M. Kimball of District No. 3, was present the first part of the Quarterly.

Delegates—Woodstock, Bro. B. M. Colpitts; Hartland, Bro. Edward Dow; Royalton, Bro. Frank Weade; Marysville, Bro. Albert Clark, Mrs. Donald Cochrane; Fort Fairfield, Bro. F. Kimball, Ruby White; Gordonsville, Mrs. Nye.

Election of Officers was as follows: President, Rev. G. A. Rogers; Vice-President, Rev. C. R. Hagerman; Secretary, Rev. J. A. Owens; Highway Agent, Rev. F. T. Wright; Treasurer, Sister Ames. Dev. Committee, Bros. Colpitts, F. Kimball, Mrs. Nye.

The following churches reported by letter: Victoria, Crystal, Fredericton, Fort Fairfield, Maple Ridge, Mid. Southampton, Royalton. Several verbal reports were given.

Invitation from Marysville church accepted for next Quarterly. Vote of thanks extended to the Fort Fairfield church for their fine entertainment.

Vote of welcome given to Revs. F. A. Dulong and C. R. Hagerman who are filling pastorates in this District.

Committee on Temperance appointed to draw up resolution showing our position as a Quarterly Meeting. This resolution was read Sunday morning. Moved and passed that notice be given to each church that pastor and delegate be at next Quarterly meeting to vote yea or nay as regards dividing the District. Moved to adjourn.

Rev. S. G. Hilyard brought a fine message Saturday evening from Matt. 27:22 on the age old yet ever present question of decision for or against Christ.

Bro. Norman Cochrane had charge of the Love Feast on the Sabbath morning. Although not present until near the end of this service, we were made to realize that God richly blessed. Rev. J. A. Owens brought the message at 10:30 a. m. There were three hands raised for prayer. The preacher based his remarks on Gen. 6:5.

Sunday afternoon Rev. C. R. Hagerman preached on the subject, "The Inner Circle". The Lord richly blessed our Brother in this service and owned His Word by three seeking an experience of a clean heart.

Rev. F. T. Wright brought the message at the closing service of the Quarterly. Once again the Giver of Life, and of every good and perfect Gift, owned His Word by moving on the hearts of the congregation until three bowed at the altar. To our God be all the Glory for a profitable Quarterly. REV. J. A. OWENS, Secretary.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

DRINKING DRIVING "DECREASES" IN NEW YORK

Decrease of drinking, bootlegging, and accidents due to drinking and driving continue to be reported by the New York state's liquor control board, to the surprise and mystification of those unsophisticated dwellers in other sections of the country where the records plainly and bluntly note increase in all these directions.

If one is inclined to ask "How come?" he will be interested in the astute remarks of the editor of the New York Christian Advocate on the subject:

"Anyone who keeps his eyes open in New York City, and who goes anywhere except to church, knows that there are more unmolested drunks at large than ever before. After seeing three inebriated specimens at midday within a block of the Grand Central Station, we asked a young policeman for the occasion of the disgusting scene. His reply was, 'Spring fever, I guess,' as he turned his back on the spectacle.

"Every morning brings news of 'early morning' automobile accidents to young people 'returning from a party,' but our gagged and blindfolded newspapers seldom intimate that the car went off the road because the driver was drunk. Suicides are growing in number. Yet the newspapers rarely mention liquor as one of the causes, although in most cases it plays some part in such tragedies. If a person dies of psittacosis, the newspapers spare no pains in telling the public how the victim contracted the disease, perhaps with a photograph of the parrot. Equal reportorial enterprise demands that in case of drunken driving the public should be told where the chauffeur obtained the drug that unsettled his judgment and led him to take the fatal chance. Such brutally frank truth-telling would be a wholesome deterrent. But the business office, now submerged in the golden flood of liquor advertising, would probably be heard from. It never would do to describe in the mortuary column as a poison the same beverage which he advertises on the opposite page!"

—The Union Signal.

U. S. LIQUOR SITUATION (San Francisco Argonaut)

Police reports from every "wet" state and community in America ought to open the eyes of those who clamored for repeal. This data shows that arrests for drunkenness have increased by 31 per cent., that automobile accidents due to intoxicated drivers have more than trebled, that murders, suicide and other violent crimes having liquor as their underlying cause are greater than at any time in the last ten years.

MAKING LIGHT OF SIN

America is not half so fearful of sin as she is fearful of the exposure of sin. The people of this day desire to believe that sin is a superstition, a make-believe, a ghost, a shadow, a nothing. Virtually every ism of this generation has bribed its following with this inviting bait. Sin and punishment are laughed at in their programs. The one thing men desire today is to gratify their lusts and passions and not pay the price. The isms offer them this tempting privilege, if you would believe their teachings. Thus sin is not sin unless you're caught. Publicity alone can bring any pang of punishment. Hide it and it isn't there. Deny it and it's gone. What a glorious philosophy for fools!—Bob Shuler's Magazine.