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EDITORIAL

JESUS SEES BLESSING WHERE THE
WORLD SEES ONLY A CURSE

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

The Beatitudes are called by some the most important part of the New Testament. The Magna Charta of Christianity.

In these qualities which Jesus mentions in the beautitudes which the world regards as misfortunes, Jesus sees a means of blessing. The world would look on those who are poor, or those who mourn, or are hungry or thirsty, or are meek, or persecuted, or reviled as miserable, objects of pity: but Jesus said, Blessed are such and he admonished them to rejoice and be exceeding glad because blessed results follow.

Of course our Lord is speaking of a spiritual condition which the worldly man does not understand. A condition which leads to blessed results.

Note the promise to those which hunger and thirst: "They shall be filled." It is a blessing to have a good appetite or to hunger for material food providing there is a plenty to set before us: but to hunger or thirst with no bread or water in sight is indeed not pleasant.

There are several reasons why Jesus could say, Blessed are they which possess spiritual hunger. First hunger is a sign of life. Dead people do not hunger. So while intense hunger may not be pleasant to endure, it is better than death. A caretaker working in a cemetery had a very troublesome cough, and a friend out of sympathy remarked to him, that he was sorry he had such a bad cold; The caretaker replied, "Yes, it is rather unpleasant: but there are many here who would be glad to have it." The inference is if they had a cough they would not be in the grave.

For one to be without a strong desire for spiritual things implies a want of spiritual life. Peter wrote, "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby."

One of the great weaknesses among professing Christians is, that so many are so well or easily satisfied with their spiritual condition who seem to be living below their privileges. They have no apparent desire for advancement in grace, or do not hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Yes every born again person will hunger after righteousness or to be wholly right as truly as a living child hungers for food. And the second reason that Jesus gives for pronouncing a blessing on such is "They shall be filled". The Holy Spirit begets this hunger in every re-

generated heart, that he according to the promise of Jesus might guide them into all truth, or as the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians. "That they might be filled with all the fulness of God". So you see to be filled with the Spirit would be the second blessing. "properly so called" as the Rev. John Wesley put it, for according to the words of Jesus they who hungered and thirsted were already blessed, then to be filled would surely be blessing number two. Then after being cleansed and filled with the Spirit there should be a constant and strong desire for advancement in our Christian life or a growth in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ which is a normal Christian life. The Psalmist expressed the normal Christian life in these words, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 3

The quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at Jonesport, Me., Sept. 5th to 8th inclusive. The Thursday evening meeting was in charge of the president, Rev. E. R. Bradley, who spoke from Isa. 32-2. This message was followed by a social service. Friday at 7 p. m. the Rev. H. M. Kimball spoke on the anti-Christ, after which another social service was enjoyed by all.

Saturday at 2.30 p. m. the business session opened with the president in the chair. Scripture reading 27th Psalm. Prayer by Brothers P. H. Green and B. C. Cochrane. Roll call found the following ministers and delegates present: Rev. E. R. Bradley, Rev. H. M. Kimball, Rev. H. S. Wilson, Lics. P. H. Green, B. C. Cochrane, Judson Sanders. Delegates from Seal Cove: Robert Bagley, Margaret Harvey. Beals—Mrs. J. P. Alley. Alley's Bay—Mrs. O. Wallace, Verle Alley. Wood Island—E. Wilcox, E. Guptill. North Head—Anna Zwicker and Lic. J. Sanders. Calais—Mr. and Mrs. McMillan. Jonesport, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Charles Beal.

Resolved that visitor be granted a seat in the meeting Election of officers: E. R. Bradley, President; B. C. Cochrane, Vice-President; H. S. Wilson, Secretary; Charles Beal, Treasurer; P. H. Green, Highway Agent. Devotional Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. N. R. Beal, Robert Bagley, Mrs. Chas. Beal, Miss Zwicker and Mr. McMillan, with the pastor, the Rev. E. R. Bradley. Churches reporting by letter were: Seal Cove, Black's Harbor, Calais, Jonesport. Verbal reports were given by delegates from Wood Island, Beals, Alley's Bay, North Head. Lic. Grace Sanders also reported from Wood's Harbor. These reports were mostly favorable. A vote of thanks was given the church for entertaining the quarterly. Resolved that time and place of next quarterly be arranged by the President and Secretary. On the meeting being opened for special business, a discussion was held to consider advisability of purchasing church property at Moore's Mills, and a committee was appointed to act for the meeting. The committee as follows: Revs. H. M. Kimball, E. R. Bradley, H. S. Wilson.

The devotional committee's report was brought in and accepted. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Lic. B. C. Cochrane. H. S. Wilson was the Saturday evening speaker, using as a text II. Thess. 2-14. And again at the close of the message a praise service was held. Sunday at 9.30 a. m. love feast led by Brother E. Wilcox, who spoke from Isa. 40-31. At 10.30 a. m. preaching by Lic. Judson

Sanders. Text, Songs of Solomon 8-6 and 7. At the close of the preaching service Sister Grace Sanders taught the Sunday School as a group. There was also a business session of the S. S. convention held in the parsonage at this same hour. At 2.30 p. m. Lic. B. C. Cochrane was the preacher, who spoke from the theme, "What is Truth?" At the close of this service two candidates followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism, and these were given the right hand of fellowship in the evening service. The closing service was in charge of Lic. P. H. Green, who used as a text 2 words, reasoned and judgment. This meeting was turned into a praise service which lasted until midnight. In all it was one of the best quarterlies ever attended by the writer, with only one regret—we had no seekers at our altar.

H. S. WILSON, Secy.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Church at Royalton, Carleton Co., Sept. 5-8 inclusive.

The opening service was in charge of the President, Rev. J. A. Owens, who brought a very inspiring message from the text found in Romans 5:6, using as a subject "The Gospel of Substitution"—That of Jesus taking our place in punishment.

On Friday afternoon at 2.30 a social service was held. Rev. H. L. Robertson had charge of this service. Remarks were based on Acts 4:31. The Lord seemed to come in a very gracious way and make His presence felt.

Friday evening the service was given over to the Sunday School Convention.

Lic. George De Long had charge of the Love Feast on Saturday morning. Brother DeLong brought a very encouraging message on "Achieving Faith," using as a scripture text, Hebrews 11:1-2. The Church's challenge is for achieving faith.

Saturday at 2.30 p. m. the quarterly business session was held. The president, Rev. J. A. Owens, presided.

Reading of the minutes, after which Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs L. T. Sabine, S. A. Mullen, H. L. Robertson, J. A. Owens, G. A. Rogers, H. J. S. Blaney, Lic. George DeLong, Lic. Norman Sanders.

The following delegates were present: Brother B. M. Colpitts, Woodstock; Frank Clark, Hartland; Mr. and Mrs. Silas Burt, Royalton; Mrs. William Hayward, Victoria Corner; Brother John Young, Millville; Sister Blanche Young, Maple Ridge;; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ames, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Nye and Mrs. B. Claire, Gordonsville; Mrs. Tompkins, Brookville.

Election of Officers: Pres., H. J. S. Blaney. Vice-Pres., J. A. Owens; Sec., H. L. Robertson.

The reading of the Church reports showed that a large percentage of the churches in the district had sent in written reports. The reports were very encouraging. There were several very helpful oral reports given.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Church and community for their very fine entertainment of the Quarterly.

At the conclusion of the business transactions the meeting was thrown open for testimony and praise. This was another season of blessing.

The Saturday evening service was given over to preaching of Rev. G. A. Rogers, of