

Fort Fairfield. This was a stirring and searching message.

The Lord's Day was one of great blessing. The Love Feast was in charge of Edward Dow, who spoke of the Fall and Restoration of Samson. Lic. Norman Sanders brought the message at 11 o'clock a. m., basing his remarks on Romans 15:29. Another time of blessing and encouragement in the things of the kingdom.

Lic. Burrel Kimball brought the message in the afternoon. The text for the message was Proverbs 29:1. In his usual manner Bro. Kimball again reminding the sinner of his danger and God's reproof for sin. The Christian of his need of reproof when going in forbidden paths.

Rev. S. A. Mullen had charge of the evening service. The text used was found in Hebrews 12:1-2. Brother Mullen stressed the fact that God is speaking to men today; that there will come a time when God will no longer speak. All the messages were very helpful but time and space do not permit of a fuller account.

May the next Quarterly prove to be a greater blessing. If it is to be such it will be because the ministers individually, and church members sense the need and begin now to get our own souls on fire. What are you going to do about it—begin now or wait until quarterly time? Let us all get the burden for the churches in District No. 1.

Faithfully submitted,
REV. H. L. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Woodstock, N. B. Dear Highway:

A few lines from here may find a place in your columns at this time and may be properly due.

Since accepting the call here as pastor, I came for the two Sundays of the camp meeting at Beulah, then was absent for two Sundays, when the pulpit was supplied by Lic. Miriam Sanders, of Norton.

During my absence we, as a family, visited my old home in Nova Scotia, where a family reunion was held. Five brothers and families (two coming from Saskatchewan), and one sister and family were present. One brother, who lives in Raymond, Washington, and a sister in Saskatchewan, and families were unable to be home. A very enjoyable time was spent in reminiscences of bygone days and visiting spots of common interest as well as renewing many acquaintances of school days. Father, who had passed away since some of the family were last at home, was greatly missed, but we fully appreciated the privilege of having mother with us, who is now almost 82 years of age, still active and enjoying the best of good health.

It was my treasured privilege to preach twice in the New Tusket Reformed Baptist Church, of which I am a member, to good congregations.

Since the visit at N. S. we have attended the camp meeting at Riverside, and the quarterly meeting at Royalton. Both these meetings were productive of much good.

We are pleased to report that we are snugly settled at Woodstock, in the Orange Hall residence, where I boarded with Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Baker 27 years ago, when I came to attend High School.

Rather a coincidence, that I should come to live in this house again, seeing it is not "The Parsonage." This, too, refreshes memory,

and brings back many scenes most pleasant to recollect, for the associations with Brother and Sister Baker and son Garfield, were all that could be desired.

In coming here to this church, we greatly miss so many of the old standard-bearers who have been called to higher service, the memory of whose faithfulness and sacrifice inspires one to steadfastness and courage. Though the ranks have been severely thinned, we find still some of the old line and many new recruits, to whom we look to carry the battle on to victory and to keep at the mast-head, the old colors of "Holiness unto the Lord."

We wish to say that we have found the people very hospitable and kind, and pleasingly sociable. Already they have gathered at the parsonage and made us a donation of groceries and vegetables. Some who were unable to come sent their contribution just the same. This kindly remembrance, which took place on Thursday evening of the 12th inst. was very acceptable. A good social time was enjoyed. Deacon Colpitts, on behalf of the church and congregation, extended to us a hearty welcome to the church and to their homes, and expressed the prayer of all that our labours together may receive the blessing of the Great Head of the Church and much success crown every effort in His cause.

The retiring pastor, Rev. H. L. Robertson, was present and offered prayer. Prayer was again offered and in a few words we tried to express our appreciation of the surprise gathering and solicit the interest and hearty cooperation of all in order to make our work together a success.

The sisters, as is always their custom, provided a much-enjoyed lunch. Many favorite songs were enjoyed by the friends, several of whom said, "We feel like coming again." We assured them that our home was ever open for a social time and any thing which may be for higher fellowship, mutual help, and the glory of God.

We may add, that the attendance at Sunday School and church services is gradually improving after the holiday season.

We solicit an interest in your prayers for a revival here and in our work generally. Let us look up, pray, labor, sacrifice and believe for victory.

L. T. AND MRS. SABINE

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Brother Dow:

A word in connection with our recent anniversary services. We are enclosing an address given by Brother C. N. Goodspeed the night of our roll call meting, which gives some very interesting information.

The services were the means of much blessing to the Church.

Brother P. J. Trafton was with us and preached three times during the meetings. Brother Dunlop spoke to us Sunday afternoon and Sister Kierstead on Saturday evening.

During the meetings three renewed their covenant with God. The Church was edified, and we feel that the meetings were very profitable indeed.

F. A. WATSON
Nortondale

Rev. H. S. Dow:

Enclosed find postal note to pay for my Highway. I enjoy reading its pages. I can say Jesus is precious to me each day.

MRS. JAMES CURRIE

HINDRANCES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH
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cize him for what he is trying to do. So often is the case, the ones who do the most criticizing, generally "drag their heels", and instead of helping to push the chariot along, they become a "trig in the wheel". If it wasn't for the ones who are the most criticized, oft times our churches would be closed. So let's do less of this one thing that's so harmful and do with our whole heart what we feel others should be doing.

Legitimate things often times crowd in between us and our service to God, thus making the good an enemy of the better. Paul warns us against being "slotiful in business", but adds, "be fervent in spirit serving the Lord". The two make a wonderful combination. But how sad to find so many, who are "lopsided" as it were, and generally the lean is in the first direction mentioned. Oh how busy they keep for self and family, toiling hard from break of day until late at night for the meat that perisheth, and so little time given to the Lord. How often we hear the expression, "too tired", or "too busy" to get to prayer meeting, and even to Sunday services. If anything is said in regards to their being absent so much, they feel they are being scolded, and resent it. We think Pesus must be disappointed in the service some of us render to Him, in face of all he has done for us. Are we guilty? Beware of this hindrance!

And unwillingness to confess a fault, or to make a wrong right, is always sure to hinder one's spiritual growth and progress. These things will hang over us as a thick dark cloud, and we will find ourselves unable to pray, until we have humbled ourselves and made restitution.

We know that prayer, Bible study, attendance upon the means of grace, and walking in the light as it is revealed to us, makes for rapid, steady growth in grace, therefore it is only reasonable that those who neglect these privileges are hindering themselves mightily, and will soon be found among the class who are out of touch with their Lord, who find it easy to "stay at home" when they ought to be in God's house, find that they have no real relish for the word, but delight themselves in secular reading instead, and to put it in plain, everyday language, are altogether backslidden whether they are willing to admit it or not.

Beloved, I pray that as you read these lines your soul will be stirred as is the soul of the one who is penning these thoughts. For someti these plain un-varnished truths have been suing through my mind, and as they go forth, is with a prayer that God will use them for His own glory. Does the matter concern us as it should? Does it ever occur to us that perhaps we have allowed Satan with his many wiles, hinder us, and that perhaps we are not as far advanced in spiritual things as it is our privilege to be? If we do not feel a constant urge upon us for a closer walk with God, and unless we can say with the Psalmist, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after thee, Oh God." Then we are easy prey for the enemy.

May God help us all to see that living as He wants us to, is far more serious than dying. Beloved, a crown awaits us at the end of the race; will we be faithful to the end and so win the prize?

Life is short, and it is wearing fast away. We lose a great deal of time, and we want short roads to heaven, though the right road is in truth far shorter than we believe.-- Faber.