

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

On Feb. 17 to March 1, a Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 was held in the Church at Woodstock.

In all, eleven ministers and licentiates were present to the Quarterly, and delegates from at least eight of the churches.

The Christian fellowship was sweet, and our souls were much blessed and our experiences enriched by the presence of the Holy Spirit enlightening our hearts and minds and drawing us on to a closer walk with our Lord.

From the very first service, held Thursday evening, we felt God's presence and blessing. That evening Rev. J. A. Owens spoke from the words found in Jer. 31:29 and I Jno. 1:9.

The Friday morning service opened with song and a real season of prayer. Bro. F. A. Dunlap then brought a practical and encouraging message from Acts 27:33-28.

Friday afternoon was given over to a social service, the writer speaking from Matt. 7:7-27.

The Sunday School Convention took place Friday evening and was well attended. In the absence of Mr. Edward Dow the president, Rev. L. T. Sabine was elected chairman. Lic. Burrell Kimball conducted the devotional part of the service. Interesting discussions and addresses were given by Mrs. L. T. Sabine, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. McMullen in connection with the Sunday School work and were very profitable. Rev. F. A. Dunlap gave an enlightening talk on the importance of the Cradle Roll Department, and Rev. S. G. Hilyard read a well written paper on "Discipline in the Sunday School".

In the Saturday morning love feast Rev. S. G. Hilyard spoke from Eph. 4:30, stressing the importance of being led by the Spirit.

The business meeting of Saturday afternoon opened with the president, Lic. G. A. DeLong in the chair. The following ministers and licentiates were present: Revs. L. T. Sabine, F. A. Dunlap, S. A. Mullen, S. G. Hilyard, H. J. S. Blaney, J. A. Owens, H. L. Robertson, Lics. Mrs. J. A. Owens, B. Kimball, G. A. DeLong, and N. J. Sanders.

Election of officers: President, Rev. L. T. Sabine; Vice-President, Lic. G. A. DeLong; Secretary, N. J. Sanders; Treasurer, Treasurer of entertaining Church; Highway Agent, Rev. H. J. S. Blaney.

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution expressing our attitude against intemperance, to be put in the paper. The temperance question was discussed during the meeting. Songs and testimonies added to the profitability of the service.

An invitation from the Church at Belvidere for the June Quarterly was accepted together with an invitation from the Gordonsville Church for the Quarterly of September.

Saturday evening, Lic. G. A. DeLong, speaking from II Timothy 1:6, 13 and 14 gave an eloquent address.

A profitable Sunday morning social service was conducted by Lic. B. F. Kimball. The preaching service followed, Rev. H. J. S. Blaney preaching an effective sermon on Holiness. That afternoon Rev. S. A. Mullen brought us another holiness sermon from Acts 10: 34, 35, 44, 45.

Sunday evening, Rev. F. A. Dunlap was the speaker. His text was, "How can ye escape the damnation of Hell?" One sinner prayed through to victory at the close of the service.

During the Quarterly we were royally entertained by the people at Woodstock. With re-

newed courage we face the present quarter, and trust God for greater victories.

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THE ESCAPE

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Mr. D. R. Moody, and others who were on the disabled steamer "Spree," believed that the vessel was saved in answer to prayer. In the midst of a severe storm on November 27, 1892, the main shaft broke, and plunged through the bottom of the ship. The water-logged vessel rolled fearfully, and the decks were washed by the waves. The passengers became greatly alarmed, the indications being that the vessel would sink before help could reach it. On Sunday, at Mr. Moody's suggestion, a prayer service was organized. Every person on board attended, except the officers and crew who could not leave their posts.

General O. O. Howard, who was one of the passengers, says: "It was the most impressive religious gathering any of us ever attended. Jews, Catholics and all others forgot differences in creed and denomination. There was no room for them in such an hour. Mr. Moody read the 91st and 107th Psalms, which one of the Germans translated verse by verse for his countrymen. Mr. Moody offered a most fervent prayer, and made a short address. God heard and answered us. I went to my stateroom to rest after meeting, and I was asleep when some one touched me. I awoke to find a sweet, fond, little German girl, the daughter of one of the passengers, by my cot. She could not understand English, but my daughter had drilled her to say four English words, which was the message she brought me, 'The steamer is coming', and then she added her German 'Hallelujah!'"

Mr. Moody says of the rescue, "There never was a more urgent prayer to God than that of those seven hundred souls on that helpless, almost sinking ship in mid-ocean Sunday evening, November 27th, when we met in the saloon to implore God's help; and God answered us, as I knew He would. He sent us a rescuing ship, and He calmed the sea, and for a week it was as smooth as it is in this harbor, though there were storms all around us, it was the grandest test of prayer I ever knew. My son was with me. He was a student in Yale college, and the learned professors there have instilled in him some doubts about God's direct interference in answer to prayer. After we had prayed that Sunday night, I had reached the point where I cared not whether it was God's will that I should go up or down. I determined to go to rest as though we were sailing safely on our way. My boy couldn't rest. We were fast drifting out of the track of vessels, and our peril was extreme. About 2:15 o'clock he came and woke me, telling me to come on deck. There he pointed out to me an occasional glimpse of a tiny light that showed over the waves as our ship rolled heavily from side to side. 'It is our star of Bethlehem!' he cried 'and our prayers are answered.' Before daylight the 'Huron', whose masthead light it was, had reached us, and the waves had stilled; the waves were hushed by divine command, while we were drawn out of direct peril to this safe haven."

The "Spree" arrived in Queenstown, December 2, with her stern thirty feet in the water, notwithstanding her pumps had been steadily worked from the moment of the disaster.—Selected.

THE DEATH OF MISS PRAYER-MEETING

Miss Faithful Prayer-Meeting died recently at Neglectville, in the State of Worldliness. She was born many years ago amid revival fires. Miss Prayer-meeting had lived a very notable life until recent years. For some time past she had been confined to her home, because of business engagements and severe attacks of fatigue and nervousness. These symptoms were always more noticeable on prayer-meeting nights. She was troubled with stiffness of the knees during prayer, and coldness of heart. Inactivity, weakness of the will-power, and generally diminished vitality marked the last stage of her illness.

Her decease was accompanied by much sobbing and groaning over the "good days" of her early life, but only a very few stood by her in her last struggles. She leaves to mourn their loss, many churches, preachers, and official dignitaries, also many unsaved persons outside the pale of the church who often sought help in times of trouble.

The remains will be taken to the Judgment Bar of God, where the Searcher of all things will inquire into the real cause of the untimely death of so worthy a servant. It is suspected that treachery on the part of her caretaker and professing admirers will be discovered as responsible.—Author Unknown.

WHAT AMERICA IS LOSING

Some years ago a missionary who had spent twenty-five years in China returned to America, and newspapers found an interest in recording the outstanding impressions that a journey over the west coast states made on this person, who came home to a country that had developed modern methods of travel, and had instituted many other great changes in the habits of the people, as well as in their conveniences and luxuries. The most impressive change that this good man observed was said to be the loss of religion and favorable conditions in the American home. Writers in past centuries indicate that observations somewhat similar have been made; Goldsmith, for example, who wrote, "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay". Nevertheless, the slump in morals in America in recent years is serious.

It is reported that Mrs. E. S. Jones, wife of the noted Methodist missionary in India and who is herself also a religious writer, recorded after nine years' absence from America the following impressions of the change she observed in so short a time. She says:

"We noted the change in vocabulary: self-expression, syncretism, freedom, nudity, thrill; not often the words modesty, decency, duty, responsibility, obligation. We were puzzled to find many churches closed on Sunday evening, but cinema doors wide open and crowds pouring in. Often we could discover no mid-week prayer meeting, but forums, dramas, scoutings, dancing, bridge, in church parlors. To find churches being sold for debt; benevolent budgets cut; Christian work of all kinds being closed because of lack of funds; thousands losing their homes, unable to get work, going on relief; but to find that, apparently, America still had abundant money for ball games, motor cars, movies, cigarettes, and beer."—Wesleyan Methodist.

It is a simple obligation laid on everyone—
To make the world within his reach
Somewhat the better for his being,
And gladder for his human speech