

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Moncton Thursday evening, Nov. 19th. The president, Rev. J. A. Owens had charge of the first service. His message was based on Romans 5:11. This service was followed with a good testimony meeting.

On Friday evening Lic. Miriam Sanders preached from Eph. 2:22, "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Bro. Noah Hicks had charge of the prayer and praise service Saturday morning. This was a time of blessing to our souls.

The business meeting of the quarterly was held on Saturday afternoon with the president, Rev. J. A. Owens in the chair. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and are as follows: President, Rev. J. A. Owens; vice-president, Rev. H. S. Dow; secretary, Wyonetta Sargeeson, Highway agent, Rev. H. S. Dow. The roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. J. A. Owens, Westchester; Rev. H. S. Dow, Moncton, and Lic. Miriam Sanders, Amherst, with delegates from Killam's Mills, Salem, Amherst, Lower Millstream, Norton and Moncton. Encouraging reports were read from the different churches and we are led to believe that the Lord is blessing us in this part of the field. The time and place of the next quarterly meeting was not fixed, so was left for the officers to settle when they had received invitations from the churches desiring it.

On Saturday evening Rev. J. A. Owens preached and at the close of this service one hand was raised for prayer.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning Bro. Otty Keith had charge of the love feast. This was truly a time of feasting with the Lord. At 11 o'clock Rev. H. S. Dow brought the message from Titus 2:14. In the afternoon the Young People had charge of the service. A prayer and praise service was held at 6 o'clock which was well attended and was truly a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. At the 7 o'clock service Rev. J. A. Owens again brought the message, basing his remarks upon Psalm 42:7. At the close of this meeting testimonies were given under the blessing and inspiration of the Spirit. Ten souls requested prayer at the close of this meeting.

All these services were well attended and God was with us and blessed our souls.

WYONETTA SARGEESON,
Secretary.

WRINKLES

By Rev. F. A. Daw

The word "wrinkle" occurs once in the New Testament, and is translated from the Greek word "rhutis" from which, we are told, we get our words "rut" and "routine".

The Scriptures declare plainly that it is the purpose of the Atonement, not only to take the "spots" out of our character, but to remove also the wrinkles, "or any such thing."

Now, "spots" indicate impurities which ought not to be there; while wrinkles indicate the absence or lack of virtues and graces which ought to be there. Many "good" people try to be content with a negative religion—they do not smoke, drink, swear, lie, steal and so forth—but they are conspicuously lacking in many of those positive graces and virtues which make a well-rounded, filled-out, Christian character.

Some of the "wrinkles" in Christian character are seen in the lack of—

1. Habits of regularity and punctuality in attendance upon the means of grace.
2. A sense of personal responsibility for the success of the work.
3. Systematic practice of giving a portion of one's income for the support of the Lord's work.
4. Patience and tolerance in getting along with others.
5. Earnest, personal work to win others for Christ.
6. Wisdom and tact in dealing with sinners.
7. The disposition that "is always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best."
8. The ability to discern between that which is good, that which is better, and that which is best in religion.

These will suggest other "ruts" or "wrinkles" which often appear in the character of professing Christians.

Now, Christ "loved the church, and gave himself for it"—"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

THE BEST WAY

By Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

The best way to rise above others is to be willing that they should rise above you.

The best way to keep from feeling sore when unnoticed is to join against yourself.

The best way to fight your own battles is to let the Lord do it for you.

The best way to keep humble is to be willing that others should be triumphant over you.

The best way to get victory over a besetting sin is to nip it in the bud.

The best way to avoid snubs is to mind your own business and be slow to speak.

The best way to preserve uninterrupted peace is to live in the spirit of prayer and think humbly of yourself.

The best way to answer an unkind letter is to wait at least ten days; better, one month. After writing, let it cool off for one week and perhaps you will not send it, thus saving a good stamp, also the peace of God in your heart and the goodwill of the sender.

The best way to argue with one who is contentious is to keep calm and let him grind his grist. You could not convince him in one thousand years while he is loud-mouthed and excited.

The best way to get "even" with a person is to get "above" him, by showing a better spirit than he manifested.—Free Methodist.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

It is said that Dr. Spencer examined one thousand persons who professed to be Christians, with results as follows:

548 were converted under twenty years of age.

337 were converted between the ages of twenty and thirty.

86 were converted between thirty and forty.

15 were converted between forty and fifty.

5 were converted between fifty and sixty.

1 was converted between sixty and seventy.

So, if we plan to save them all NOW is the time. And here they are in our Sunday-school. But usually we let them slip away between two Sundays and they are lost from the school, the church, the Kingdom and finally from heaven.

Do you believe that this is the best that can be done?—Free Methodist.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PREACHERS

By Norman Vincent Peale

1. Thou shalt make thy sermon interesting. This is the first and great commandment.

2. Thou shalt be simple so that people will know what thou art talking about.

3. Thou shalt use language that is up-to-date, understandable by the man in the street.

4. Thou shalt be brief, remembering it is real art to say a great thing in few words.

5. Thou shalt not air thy doubts in the pulpit, but fearlessly thunder forth honest convictions, prayerfully felt to be the will of God.

6. Thou shalt preach to the needs of the individual man—remembering life is hard for him.

7. Thou shalt seek to apply Christianity to the needs of society, but remember thou art a preacher before thou art an economist.

8. Thou shalt preach individual and social salvation from sin through Christ.

9. Thou shalt love people with all thy heart.

10. Thou shalt be a surrendered man on fire with the power of God—then thou wilt thyself be a sermon.—The Christian Advocate.

Little things make up the sum of good or evil in life.

God's eye upon us is not that of an inquisitor but of a Father.

Good will is a down-deep, human response to the higher motives in man.

Work as if you were to live one hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.—Franklin.

THE HOLY LIFE

There is a faith unmixed with doubt,

A love all free from fear;

A walk with Jesus, where is felt

His presence always near.

There is a rest that God bestows,

Transcending pardon's peace;

A lowly, sweet simplicity,

Where inward conflicts cease.

There is a service God-inspired,

A zeal that tireless grows,

Where self is crucified with Christ,

And joy unceasing flows.

There is a being "right with God",

That yields to His commands

Unswerving, true fidelity—

A loyalty that stands.

There is a meekness, free from pride,

That feels no anger rise

At slight, or hate, or ridicule,

But counts the Cross a prize.

There is a patience that endures

Without a fret or care,

But joyful sings, "His will be done",

My Lord's sweet grace I share.

There is a purity of heart,

A cleanness of desire,

Wrought by the Holy Comforter

With sanctifying power.

There is a glory that awaits

Each blood-washed soul on high,

When Christ returns to take His bride

With Him beyond the sky.

—Sel. by Mrs. Alonzo Alley.