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EDITORIAL

TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE A HINDRANCE RATHER THAN A HELP TO THE PREACHER

"For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

Someone has said "It is better to know everything about something than to know something about everything." And a very old proverb goes "Jack of all trades and master of none." So the apostle in his first letter to the church at Corinth, tells them that he did not come among them professing great wisdom, neither did he want to know anything among them, save one thing, and that was Jesus Christ crucified. He believed that, that knowledge enjoyed and faithfully preached would take care of all their spiritual needs.

God has promised that His Word shall not return to Him void: but that it will accomplish that which He doth please and prosper in the thing whereto He sends it." Isa. 55:11. Hence, it is always safe to "preach the Word" as Paul admonished Timothy. The preacher, whether he be evangelist or pastor needs to get his messages from God and His Word. It is not safe to depend too much on what people tell us because in such cases the preacher only hears one side, or half of the story. I knew a preacher several years ago who seemed to depend on the gossip he heard during the week, for material for his sermons on Sunday, and some of the good people could usually tell where he had been visiting by the sermons he preached.

I had an evangelist helping me for a few days in a church where I was pastor at one time. While there he was entertained in the home of a church member and although he was with us less than two weeks, that preacher learned or heard more gossip about the church and congregation in that short time than the pastor had heard in three years. We no doubt would have heard as much as he, but we did not encourage gossip, but always tried to show that individual her own need. It sufficeth to say that those preachers who depended on hearsay for their sermon material instead of God were not at all successful in their work. An experienced pastor who knows his congregation can usually tell when his evangelist has been coached, for the preacher will often be shooting in the wrong tree for game in his preaching, while the game is somewhere else. Our God knows the needs of of all men and will direct the preacher in his messages if he depends on Him. I can see the wisdom of Jesus expressed in a recent Sunday School lesson where He charged His first evangelists whom He sent out, not to go from house to house, but He said unto them, "In whatsoever

place ye enter into an house, there abide until ye depart from that place." Every evangelist or pastor ought to be big enough not to allow gossipers to influence him too much in his preaching, because their stories are not always to be depended upon, as being true to fact, and very often the people whom he is trying to preach at are not in the congregation. Again evangelists often preach their own ideas about things, and persons, etc., instead of preaching the Word, and sometimes they wonder why the church members don't shout themselves hoarse as he expresses his notions. Well, sometimes we cannot say Amen because we do not know that what he is saying is true to fact. We have no way of knowing, we have not been informed. For instance, I heard a preacher say one time, that ninety per cent of the children born these days are not wanted. Then he said, "ain't that right" and wanted us to endorse it with an Amen! We could not, because we did not know that to be a fact, and we wondered how he knew. I will endorse all scriptural preaching, but when a man is preaching his own notions or ideas, then I prefer to reserve to myself the right to keep quiet if I think best. So as we intimated in the beginning of this talk, it is not good for a preacher to hear too much about individuals in his congregation, for he may become personal in his preaching and offend rather than help souls.

We think Paul's attitude was a very good one for all evangelists to take. "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Reformed Baptist Church at Marysville, Feb. 24th to 27th inclusive. Thursday evening the first service found a fair representation of delegates and most of the preachers on the district present. It was also our privilege to have with us Brother G. A. Rogers from Port Maitland, N. S. He brought the opening message from the words found in Mark 7:24: "He could not be hid." This was a good message and enjoyed by all.

Friday at 2 p. m. a time of prayer was held in the Church. The Friday evening message was brought by Rev. L. T. Sabine on the subject, "Saints in Wrong Places." His texts were found in Gen. 3, 9 and I. Kings 19:13. This was a fine message preached to an appreciative audience.

Saturday afternoon the business session of the Quarterly Meeting was held with Rev. L. T. Sabine, vice-president, in the chair. The roll call of ministers found the following preachers present: Rev. F. A. Dunlop, P. J. Trafton, H. C. Mullen, F. A. Anderson, E. A. Watson, S. A. Mullen, L. T. Sabine and H. E. Mullen. Also delegates from Perth, Hartland, Lower Hainesville, Fredericton, Crystal, Belvidere, Marysville.

The following officers were elected—President, F. A. Dunlop; vice-president, F. A. Anderson; secretary, H. E. Mullen; Highway Agent, P. J. Trafton.

The following churches reported by letter—Marysville, Fredericton, Meductic, Greenbush, Middle Southampton, Lower Southampton, Woodstock, Hartland, Victoria, Royalton and Fort Fairfield. Verbal reports were given from Crystal and Belvidere.

A motion that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Justice at Ottawa in reference to a report appearing in the public press re Barristers' Council seeking repeal of pre-

sent adultery law. Said resolution was presented by committee and accepted.

A motion was made that notice is hereby given that a motion will be brought before our next Quarterly Session to consider changes in the time of our Sunday School Convention. The Devotional Committee was then appointed.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Marysville Church for their kind entertainment.

Saturday evening Brother E. A. Watson preached a splendid message on Spiritual Wrecks. Text, I. Timothy 1:9.

Sunday a. m. the Love Feast was led by Brother Chester Cochrane; surely God was in the place. It was a great message. At eleven o'clock Brother S. A. Mullen brought the message, basing his remarks on the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Sunday at 2.30 p. m., F. A. Anderson preached. His text was: "Remember Lot's Wife." This was a message of warning, faithfully preached. The closing message was by H. E. Mullen. Text, Mark 8:15. This message ended with much blessing on the saints and nine seekers sought and found victory. The presence of the Lord was real. We left Marysville feeling God had indeed given us a great Quarterly meeting.

H. E. MULLEN (Secretary)

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

One of the first lessons life waits to teach us is, that of discriminating values and their proportionate effect on our lives. It matters not whether our income is small or great, we each must learn by hard experience that we can only spend our money once, therefore we make our choices according to our individual needs and moral convictions.

In the spending of our money for physical needs and pleasures we expect to get value for every cent invested. People soon lose interest in an enterprise that is bringing, or promises to bring, no returns. While we have a right to expect something worthwhile in return for the money we spend we need make no exceptions in the money we give to the work of the church. Every dollar that is given toward the maintenance and propagation of the Christian church and its message, is an evidence of the faith the donors have in its worth and merit.

A new church is started in a community where money is not plentiful. We find people sacrificing and doing without that which they had planned to buy for themselves that they might have more money to donate to the erection of this sacred edifice. As bit by bit the building nears completion, the interest does not wane but rather increases. Offerings continue to come into the treasury and thus make it possible for the gospel to be continually brought to the people of that community. Let us say this church is raising one thousand dollars annually over and above their regular church expenses to improve and add to their church property. Would this surprise us as much as it would to hear they were raising \$1,000 annually for missions? No, while we have hundreds who carry the burden of the home work and sacrifice to support its worthy interests, the church or the individual who has a passion for missions is outstanding because of their scarcity.

Why is it we find it much easier to raise money for other departments of church work than we do for missions? One very good reason for this is, that we are naturally more interested in our own community than we are for the one a few miles distant. Whether we are making improvements in our church property or sup-