

FROM FREE METHODIST

The American Bible Society, in its 122 years of service, has distributed about 285,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures in more than forty countries and in 226 languages.—Selected.

World Dominion prints a survey of the religious life in London, England, and the figures are far from encouraging. In twenty years the population of Greater London has increased from 5,500,000 to 7,400,000; and the churches have decreased from 4,029 to 3,800. Church attendance has decreased from 510,664 to 391,400. And while churches are half empty, the movies and saloons are crowded. The religious condition of all the world's largest cities is largely like that of London.—Standard Bearer.

Thirty-seven thousand people died in traffic accidents during 1937, and a very conservative estimate would say that at least 10,000 were due directly to alcohol. Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., told an audience which was honoring him that "The devastation caused by the unbridled traffic in liquor is one of the major contributing causes of America's economic distress." There are born annually to drunken parents 3,000,000 children. Half of these are born idiots and 300,000 are born dumb and blind.—Selected.

Of the 80,000 men and women jailed in Los Angeles during 1937, 49,000 were sent there because of drunkenness. This is an average of nearly 1,000 drunk arrests a week, despite the fact that police officers have orders to arrest only the most aggravated cases of intoxication. There were 7,800 drunks arrested in 1919, the year before the prohibition era. In 1920, arrests for this offense dropped to 2,714.—The Watchman-Examiner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION  
DISTRICT No. 2

The Sunday School Convention for District No. 2 convened with the church at Grey's Mills on Friday, Sept. 9th, at 3 p.m.

With the president, Rev. P. W. Briggs in the chair, the convention opened with singing and prayer. Roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. P. W. Briggs, Rev. H. S. Dow, Lic. Alice Sterritt and Lic. Helen Sterritt. Rev. E. R. Watson, of the Meductic Circuit, was also present. Delegates were present from: Head of Millstream, Grey's Mills, Moncton and Saint John.

Minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

Secretary's report was read and adopted.

Resolved that all present have a voice in the proceedings.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President—Rev. P. W. Briggs.

Vice-President—Rev. J. A. Owens.

Secretary-Treasurer—Grace K. Lawlor.

Resolved to hold all future conventions on Friday evening in conjunction with the Quarterly Meetings.

Resolved that the president, Mrs. P. W. Briggs and the secretary be a committee to arrange the program for the next convention.

A discussion on Sunday School work was held in which all present took part and was interesting.

GRACE LAWLOR, Sect.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 4

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the church at Wood's Harbor, Shelburne County, Sept. 8—11 inclusive.

The opening service was in charge of Rev. H. L. Robertson, who spoke from John 4:35 and 36. Theme "The Future Church."

Friday evening's message was brought by Rev. G. A. Rogers. Text, Matt. 23:33, "How can ye escape the damnation of Hell."

Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the usual business session was held with President H. L. Robertson in the chair.

Roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. G. A. Rogers, Rev. H. L. Robertson, Rev. G. R. Symonds. Delegates were present from Port Maitland, Sandford and Wood's Harbor.

Election of officers: President, Rev. G. R. Symonds; Vice-President, Rev. G. A. Rogers; Secretary, Lois Hersey; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Divine; Highway Agent, Rev. H. L. Robertson.

Written reports were read from Port Maitland, Sandford, Wood's Harbor and New Tusket churches. Verbal report given from the Brazil Lake Church.

Vote of thanks extended the Wood's Harbor Church for their entertainment of the quarterly.

Place and date of next quarterly left with president and Rev. G. A. Rogers.

Meeting adjourned followed by a good Prayer Service.

Saturday evening's message was delivered by Rev. H. L. Robertson. Text: Jos. 1:15, "When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death."

Love feast Sunday morning led by Mrs. Everett Bain, reading and commenting from 11 Corinthians 6th chapter. This service was followed by preaching by Rev. G. R. Symonds. Text: Gen. 5:24, "Enoch walked with God" Theme: "Walking With God."

Sunday afternoon's message by Rev. H. L. Robertson. Text, Eph. 1:13, "In whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

The closing message of the Quarterly was delivered by Rev. G. A. Rogers. Text, 2 Cor. 5:10, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."

Two young men united with the Wood's Harbor Church Sunday evening.

We return thanks to God for this good Quarterly meeting. Truly God help each of the brethren as they brought their fine messages, truth for the unsaved, unsanctified, also truth to feed the Christians, causing us to feel richer in experience and nearer God as the session came to a close.

L. E. HERSEY, Sec.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 2

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Grey's Mills Sept. 8 to 11 inclusive. In this beautiful spot on the Saint John River God met and blessed His people as they gathered together in His name.

We very much appreciated having Rev. E. R. Watson of Meductic and Lic. Homer M. Smith of Wollaston, Mass., with us at this session. We were also favored with much musical talent and enjoyed greatly the special songs by Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen, Sisters Mrs. Leslie Hayes and Eva Long, the Briggs Trio, De Verne Mullen and Homer Smith.

The meeting was opened Thursday evening by the president, Rev. P. W. Briggs, the message

being brought by Rev. E. R. Watson.

Friday afternoon a S. S. Convention was held, a round table talk being much enjoyed. Friday evening Rev. H. S. Dow preached.

Saturday morning a prayer and praise service was held, led by Rev. P. W. Briggs followed by a business session at 2.30. Roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. P. W. Briggs, Rev. H. S. Mullen, Rev. H. S. Dow, Lic. Mrs. H. S. Mullen and Alice and Helen Sterritt.

The following officers were appointed: President, Rev. P. W. Briggs; Vice-President, Rev. H. S. Mullen; Secretary, Mrs. P. W. Briggs; Assistant Secretary, Grace Lawlor; Treasurer, H. S. Bradley; Highway Agent, Noah Hicks.

Saturday evening Lic. Homer Smith brought the message.

Sunday morning love feast was led by Mrs. H. S. Mullen followed by a sermon by Rev. H. S. Mullen.

In the afternoon Rev. P. W. Briggs brought the message and the closing sermon was preached by Lic. Homer Smith. At the close of this service three knelt at the altar, one for pardon, two for cleansing. Words fail to tell of all the blessing of this meeting, the helpfulness and inspiration of the messages given, and the kindness and hospitality of the good people at Grey's Mills.

To God we give the praise.

MRS. P. W. BRIGGS,  
Secretary

GOOD ADVICE TO PREACHERS

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it; if not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy. Do not spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup. Leave yourself out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel and let the Lord defend you and your character.

Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your remarks. Engine-driving wheels whirls fast on an icy track, but when loaded go slower. It takes a cold hammer to bend a hot iron. Heat up the people, but keep the hammer wet and cool. Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops millwheels and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless, lightning kills. If you have lightning, you can afford to thunder.

Don't scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting on rainy days, because others are too lazy to attend. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies; Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear Him the next time.—Author Unknown.

A DANGEROUSLY SMALL MARGIN

We know not exactly how low the least degree of obedience is, which will bring a man to heaven; but this we are quite sure of, that he who goes farthest beyond it will be most blessed.

—John Keble.

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Dr. Clifford P. Morehouse, editor of the Living Church, recently made this statement: "In many parts of the world it is as dangerous to live and worship as a Christian as it was in the days of the catacombs. The signs point to darker days ahead."—Methodist Protestant Recorder.