

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

The Reformed Baptist Church of Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B., had special services Wednesday, August 9th, over Sunday August 13th, in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. Revs. P. J. Trafton, F. A. Dunlop, and G. A. Delong were present, and brought appropriate and helpful messages to the good congregations that attended the meetings.

The first service was held on Wednesday evening, Bro. Dunlop preaching a fine, searching message from Rev. II:I. He clearly emphasized the great necessity of our making careful measurement and inspection of the foundation, superstructure, and appearance of our spiritual building, presenting the Word as the rule and guide. Thursday evening the anniversary service was held, and it proved to be one of special blessing as well as special observance. Bro. and Sister Delong, and many of our North Head and Wood Island folks were present, and the power of the Spirit was manifest throughout the meeting. Mrs. Hamilton Gordon read a well-prepared and interesting history of the church, and Bro. Trafton preached a memorable anniversary sermon from Num. 23:23. The souls of the saints were refreshed as our brother reviewed the history of the work of God in behalf of the spreading of holiness in this section of the world. This was indeed a great anniversary service. Friday evening Bro. Delong brought a good message from Heb. 12:27, comparing the permanency and immutability of the things of God, with the temporary and destructible character of earthly things. Saturday evening, Bro. Dunlop preached a refreshing message from Prov. 10:22, "The blessing without a drawback." Every child of God felt richer after this sermon.

Sunday was the last great day of the feast. The services of the day began with a Love Feast led by the senior deacons of the church, Coleman Green and Henry Benson. In this meeting the children of God had opportunity to praise Him, and gladly took advantage of it. At 11.00 a.m., Bro. Trafton preached a challenging and an inspiring message from the theme, "The Victorious Life," exhorting his hearers to "take unto them the whole armour of God," that they might be more than conquerors. A good Sunday School session was held in the afternoon with an attendance of one hundred and twelve. The last sermon of the meetings was preached by Bro. Dunlop from Prov. 24:30-34. This was a powerful message and faithful warning against the danger of spiritual sloth. Conviction was on the audience that crowded the church, the Holy Ghost owning and enforcing the truth, but none took advantage of the opportunity of salvation.

These services were indeed a source of help and blessing to the church and community of Seal Cove, and we thank God for His goodness in allowing our brethren to come and minister to us in holy things.

We are endeavouring to stand clear and true to the message of holiness, presenting to believers in Christ the "promise of the Father" their privilege of heart cleansing and the fulness of the blessing through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We ask you to join with us in praying that the Lord will enable this Reformed Baptist church of Seal Cove to stand faithful and true to the message of God's Word, and enjoy victory and progress throughout the years that intervene between the present and the time of the Lord's return. "Holiness unto the Lord" our watchword still!

Yours for victory,

B. C. and MRS. COCHRANE

UNRULED LIVES

Mrs. H. C. Morrison

There never was a time when lawlessness in the home and state was more prevalent than now. There is a spirit of wanting to have one's own way from the tiny child to the more mature. Often we read of where children have been chastised and to "get even" with the parent who punished them, they go out and hang themselves, run away, or do something violent and unheard of.

In Isaiah 63:15-19, we have God's people praying for him to return to them and deliver them from their enemies. They plead his help and profess their faith in his power to protect and deliver his people. As an argument for his intervention the church cries out: "We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; (their enemies) they were not called by thy name."

This verse would indicate that the Christian life is one of discipline. It is in the Christian life as it is in the home life—the undisciplined child never brings honor to his parents, nor does the Christian who knows nothing of the Holy Spirit's chastening rod amount to anything in spiritual things. Truly, "on chastening for the time seemeth joyous, but grievous, but afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised thereby."

In considering this subject, Ernest B. Allen says:

"There is a vast difference between ruled and unruled men. Our lives reveal the rulers we have deliberately chosen, or those to whom we have weakly surrendered. The unruled man is undisciplined, uncontrolled, unable to work well in harness. All restraint becomes at times irksome. To yield to it cheerfully, accept its training, and follow its laws, requires force of character and repeated action of the will.

"The difference between the Christian and any other man lies in his voluntary acceptance of a great moral discipline. It does not make him a mollycoddle! He can suffer long, as Paul affirmed, and be kind. He does not behave himself unseemly, nor seek his own, and is not provoked or puffed up! He can bear, believe, hope, and endure all things! Sooner or later, this inevitably separates him from other men.

"Then he is apt to grow proud and suffer a fall. He reverts to his former estate. He is no longer different from the 'unruled' about him. Rather, he is ruled again from the lower levels about him. But a Christian ought to be ruled by the will of God, his Father-friend, and not by his own will. This was the great distinction of Jesus. He did not come to do his own will. He deliberately, repeatedly, chose to do his Father's will—and paid the price. God forbid that we who bear our Lord's name should 'become as they over whom' he never ruled, 'as they that were not called by (his) name!'"

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of District No. 4 convened with the church at Wood's Harbor, August 17-20 inclusive.

The opening service was in charge of the president, Rev. G. A. Rogers, who spoke on the theme, "Casting Out Carnality."

Friday evening Rev. G. A. Rogers spoke from the theme, "True or False Refuge—Which?"

There was a request for prayer in each service.

Saturday at 3.00 p.m. the business session was held. Mrs. G. A. Rogers was elected secretary pro tem. Minutes of the last quarterly were read and approved. Roll call found the following ministers present: Rev. G. R. Symonds and Rev. G. A. Rogers. Delegates were present from the following places: Wood's Harbor and Port Maitland.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. G. R. Symonds; Vice-President, Rev. G. A. Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Devine; Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Rogers; Highway Agent, Rev. G. R. Symonds.

Reports were received from Wood's Harbor and Sandford. Verbal reports were given from Port Maitland and Shag Harbor. The work at Wood's Harbor was very encouraging; souls are being saved and sanctified and added to the church.

Bro. Symonds reported that there was good ground for future work at Shag Harbor. Much was accomplished in the meetings with Bro. Wilson. Plans were being made to organize a church there.

Port Maitland and Sandford reports the blessing of the Lord upon the services and an earnest desire and prayer on the hearts of the Christians for a gracious revival. Motion for adjournment was followed by a prayer service.

Saturday evening Rev. G. R. Symonds preached from Proverbs 10:22. This was a soul stirring message on "The Blessing of the Lord." There was one seeker at the altar.

Sunday morning the Love Feast was led by Mrs. Alvin Perry, who spoke on the 37th Psalm. This was a very helpful message for the Christians. At eleven o'clock Rev. G. A. Rogers gave an instructive message on the "Twelve Sons of Jacob." (Genesis 49). One soul sought the blessing of sanctification.

Sunday afternoon Rev. G. R. Symonds baptized five candidates. There was a large attendance to witness the scene and the presence of the Lord was very real. At 3.00 p.m. Rev. G. R. Symonds preached. His text was Daniel 5:27, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting." This was a message of warning faithfully preached. At the close of the message one member was taken into the church.

Sunday evening three members were taken into the church. Rev. G. A. Rogers brought the closing message. He also spoke on Daniel 5:27. Conviction seemed to be on the unsaved and there was one request for prayer. The special music rendered by the Port Maitland and Wood's Harbor singers was enjoyed by all.

The meeting closed by a good testimony service, many thanking God for the good quarterly meeting and for the blessings received.

MRS. G. A. ROGERS,

Secretary.

A CHARACTER SKETCH

I am an African, a Zulu.  
I believe in the Nkulunkhulu, the Creator of the sky, the earth, and man.  
I fear the spirits of darkness.  
I worship the green snake.  
I have eaten and am old and weary.  
Today, I behold the everlasting hills, and gaze into the splendour of the sun. Tonight I

What then awaits me I know not.

Only this I know: I pass out into the dark, and at the River, no light for me will burn.

This shrunk and withered body which I leave they will bury.

My heart is aching, and my eyes are dim.

J. A. SANDERS