

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the Church at Port Maitland, April 27-30 inclusive.

Thursday evening Rev. H. L. Robertson brought the message from the text: "And I also saw the Lord," Is. 6:1. On Friday evening Rev. G. R. Symonds preached from John 6:8: "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes."

On Saturday afternoon the usual business session was held in which the general business was done. The following ministers were present: Rev. H. L. Robertson, Rev. G. R. Symonds and Rev. G. A. Rogers.

Delegates represented the churches at Sandford, Woods Harbor and Port Maitland. The election of officers was as follows: Pres., Rev. G. A. Rogers; Vice Pres., Rev. G. R. Symonds; Sec., Thelma Rose; Treas., Church Clerk and Highway Agent, Rev. G. A. Rogers. Written reports were sent from all the churches on this district. Brother Symonds gave an encouraging report of the work at Shag Harbor. It was passed that the Quarterly recommend to the Home Mission Board that they favor their assistance to the work at Shag Harbor.

The Quarterly expressed their appreciation of the labors, fellowship and friendship of Brother Robertson and his wife. Brother Robertson in return expressed his and Sister Robertson's appreciation for the fellowship and friendship of the people on this district.

The business meeting was followed by a good prayer service.

Saturday night Brother Robertson preached from Ps. 10: "The young lions do lack and suffer hunger but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Two hands were raised for prayer.

Mrs. H. L. Robertson led the Sunday morning "Love Feast." Her remarks from Ps. 37 were inspiring and helpful. The blessing of the Lord was upon this service.

Due to an attack of the flu, Brother Symonds was unable to attend the Sunday services. Brother Robertson preached Sunday morning, using as his text, Ps. 93:5: "Thy testimonies are very sure: Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord for ever." (1) Holiness becomes God's house internal; (2) Holiness becomes God's house external. He stressed how it was one thing to become saved and sanctified and another to keep the experience.

Sunday afternoon's message was brought by Brother Rogers. His texts were: Luke 22:31-32; John 1:42. His theme was "The shaking reed became a Stable Rock."

The message was a stirring one and the blessing of the Lord was upon His messenger.

Sunday evening Brother Robertson again preached. Text: Rev. 3:20: "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Christ's position relative to man's soul is that He is on the outside.

The Lord blessed His word as it was delivered. Two hands were raised for prayer. We felt conscious of the Lord's blessing throughout the Quarterly.

THELMA ROSE, Secy.

Perhaps no crime is so great as to cause a soul to profess holiness without having obtained the experience. When such is done the seeker ceases to pray for holiness and usually all genuine praying dies out.—Sel.

## Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

## A LAND OF PLENTY

Writes Moody Monthly, a cigarette manufacturer recently ran a contest promoted by radio. One billion eight hundred million cigarettes were sold and the people spent \$12,000,000 purchasing that brand during the contest.

A business magazine has made a survey concerning the attitude of women toward drinking and smoking. To get a cross section of America, they selected four representative cities—Cleveland, Seattle, Asheville and New York. They made the amazing discovery that more women are drinking "hard liquor" than are smoking cigarettes. Of the women interviewed, twenty-six per cent smoked regularly, twenty-three per cent occasionally, and fifty-one per cent never or almost never. But of the same company, sixty per cent drink.

America is surely a land of plenty—of waste.—Selected.

## IT'S NOBODY'S BUSINESS

(Based on an accident)

"It's nobody's business what I drink. I care not what my neighbors think. Or how many laws they choose to pass, I'll tell the world I'll have my glass. Here's one man's freedom they shall not curb, My right to drink is undisturbed."

So he drank in spite of law or man;  
Then got into his old tin-can,  
He stepped on the gas and let it go  
Down the highway, to and fro.  
He took the curves at forty mile,  
With bleary eyes and a drunken smile.

Not long till a car he tried to pass—  
Then a crash, a scream, a broken glass.  
The other car is upside down,  
About two miles from the nearest town.  
The man is clear, but his wife is caught,  
And he needs the help of that drunken sot  
Who sits in a maudlin, drunken daze,  
And hears the screams, and sees the blaze:  
But too far gone to save a life—  
To help lift the car from off the wife.

The car is burned, a mother dies,  
While a husband weeps, and a baby cries,  
And a drunk sits by, And still some think  
It's nobody's business what they drink.  
—George Y. Hammond, Supt. Kansas Anti-Saloon League, in The Watchword.

## AVIATION AND ALCOHOL

Lindberg, the great American aviator, who thrilled the world in his flight across the Atlantic, took with him on that memorable "lone eagle" voyage nothing for drinking purposes but a supply of pure water. Walter Mittelholzer, the famous Swiss aviator, in his daring exploits on several continents and his brilliant achievements above the Alps, over Kilimandjaro and over Mt. Kenya and great towering peaks of other mountain ranges, understood the insidious character of alcohol, which understanding he crystallized into this succinct declaration of his conclusion: "The use of alcoholic liquors is always harmful and never to be considered by the aviator."—Ernest H. Cherrington.

## WHEN BLESSINGS BECOME CURSES

By Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

Is it not a pity we are so depraved that what God intended to be a blessing often becomes a curse? Notice a few instances:

Jacob's ability to "get ahead" makes him covetous and tricky.

Absalom's beautiful hair leads to his untimely death.

Judah's being a financier prepares the way for selling his Lord.

Yes, friend, your gifts become curses when, because of them, you feel your importance.

When your sociability leads you to talk too much.

When your beauty and changeable suits make you vain and self-conscious.

When a nice automobile takes you away from the humble place of worship.

When a large circle of friends robs you of time for devotion.

When the gift of children adds so many home cares that you neglect calling upon and helping your neighbours.

When you have learned how to pray and testify in your own strength, without much help from God.

When your ability to sermonise causes you to weep and wrestle less over your messages than formerly.

What is the remedy? Proclaim a fast and weep before the Lord until you are broken up afresh and the Word and secret prayer become a real relish to the soul.

## A PRAYER ANSWERED

One day a man in India rose and asked the missionary who was speaking, "Can you put your finger on a verse where Jesus says He is the Son of God?" "I had a rather hazy notion," says the missionary, "where one could be found, but I did not know exactly where. I threw open my Testament with a prayer, and the first verses my eyes fell on were those where Jesus met the man who had been born blind, and He had healed him. Jesus asked, 'Dost thou believe on the Son of God?' And the man said, 'Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him?' Jesus replied, 'Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that speaketh unto thee.' I thanked God for the quiet little miracle."—Selected.

## THE MINISTER OVER FIFTY

The Baptist, of Chicago, calls attention to statistics compiled by the Travelers Insurance Company, which prove that "the ability to drive without accident increases with age." Drivers fifty years of age and over have a record thirty-six per cent better than the average.

The Baptist insists that the maturity of judgment which counts in handling an automobile counts in handling a church. Though there is something to be said for the dash and speed of the youth, there is a great deal to be said for the older hand on the wheel. The minister over fifty may be the man of all men for the job.—The Christian Leader.

The preacher who does not pray much must have great confidence in his own abilities or training or experience, or he must believe that the work in which he is engaged is of no great importance after all, or he must have no confidence in God. He must believe that God would not hear or help if he did ask. Which is it in your case?—Free Methodist.