

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.—Psa. 126-6.

Rev. J. W. Turple, of Lisbon Falls, Maine, will be our evangelist at Riverside Camp Meeting this year—August 9th to 18th. Mr. Turple is a strong preacher of the Word, and his messages will be helpful and much enjoyed by the people.

Rev. H. L. Robertson, of Calais, Me., is taking charge of the work at Crawford and preaches there every Sunday. He baptized three persons and received them into church-membership at Calais on July 28th.

Rev. H. C. Mullen expects to begin special meetings at Hartland on Sept. 9th with Brother B. C. Cochrane and Mrs. Cochrane as evangelists.

Rev. G. A. Rogers, while on his vacation, preached at Woodstock, Benton and Meductic, N. B.

Rev. L. T. Sabine preached in Brother Rogers' place at Port Maitland and Sandford, N. S.

HIGHWAY SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Mrs. F. E. Manning..... 50c
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We hope that our subscribers will look at the label of your paper and if it does not read 40 or 41, you will renew as soon as possible. We are depending on your renewals to pay for the printing of our paper. Some are several years in arrears. Let us hear from you, please. Thank you.—Editor.

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Moncton

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 will convene with the church at Head of Millstream the first part of September. Dates announced later.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The next quarterly meeting of District No. 1 will convene with the Church at Hartland on Thursday, Sept. 5th, to continue over Sunday, Sept. 8th. Let us go in for a great meeting.

MRS. H. C. MULLEN,
Secretary

A GLORIOUS FUTURE

Blessed and glorious as is the life of the Christian here, the Word of God assures us that the future state of the righteous will be as real as this life and infinitely more happy. These facts seem to have been realized much better by the Christians of the first centuries of the present era than they are now, which doubtless helps to account for the remarkable success and growth of the Christian faith in the first three centuries of this era, even in the face of martyrdom. Dr. J. G. Gilkey quotes as follows from the writings of Aristides, a Greek historian who wrote to a friend in the year 125 A. D. concerning Christianity, which he described as a new religion: "If any righteous man among the Christians passes from this world they rejoice and offer thanks to God, and they escort his body with song and thanksgiving as if he were setting out from one place to another."—Wesleyan Methodist

THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS

They flung them to the hungry lions.
They whipped them through the street.
They slew and starved and stoned them, yet—
They would not own defeat.
But chose the way of martyrdom—
The rack, the cell, the flames;
And every church in Christendom
Is founded on their names.

The Church survives her persecutors—
Empires, tyrants, kings!
Rome has passed, but Christ has lived;
For persecution brings
Revival, reformation, sifting
Out the strong and weak—
Those who cringe and compromise, and
Those who dare to speak.

These Christians! Still they struggle
And refuse to bend the knee
To other gods; for them there is
But one Authority.
Now history repeats itself
Throughout the troubled earth,
And persecution paves the way
To glory—and rebirth.

—The Daily Mirror (England)

LET US PRAY

Our nation needs prayer—the believing kind that God can answer. Where the soul before it speaks is in such an attitude of submission to the will of God in rightness before Him with nothing between—it can come with confidence and holy boldness and humbly bring its petitions to Him who said, "Ask and ye shall receive. This is a high and holy calling but open to all.

I cannot explain prayer. It has always been a mystery to me. As much as I understand about it and am continually receiving answers to it, I do not yet see clearly why God, so mighty in power and wisdom, should need our poor prayers. But surely as the saints pray God works. Our Bible is full of such cases.

Let us measure up and be ready to use our marvellous privilege of prayer as never before and learn how to "pray without ceasing." "Be instant in prayer."

I said, our nation needs prayer. Yes, our king and our rulers in state, navy, the air and land forces need effectual, earnest prayer. Then God's people in the devastated lands need prayer. Thousands of these are in concentration camps, persecuted and helpless. Churches, Bibles, prayer meetings and all gatherings for religious purposes forbidden. Suppose you were one of these, would you not feel you would be encouraged and helped by prayer? That God does hear and will answer in His own time and way?

Shall we not take time to hold these up by prayer and strong pleading that they do not fail God and turn back, influenced by the untoward conditions they find themselves in? Oh! If Christians would only stop and think!

How can mothers and fathers stand the stress and strain of these days!

Mothers and fathers of the boys who have gone need to be helped by prayer. News may come of one missing or killed in action. Who can comfort in such times as this?

I warrant you that in the days to come, when all accounts are gathered in, the time

spent in prayer will be remembered and have results, when those spent otherwise will not be counted.

Missionaries everywhere need prayer and our own so much away from home, under trying conditions, changed circumstances and stressful times making greater demands than ever upon already loaded hearts. Prayer faithfully kept up for these and their work will keep them leaning upon God, using the "exceeding great and precious promises, and the heathe nstill be turned from darkness to light.

For ourselves we need to pray. Lest we influence by the rush and toil and pressing war work spend too little time in prayer and too much in work. Therefore let us pray.

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

A WARNING FROM HISTORY

The magazine, The Lookout, points out that in his book, "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," Gibbons gives five reasons for the collapse of that world power:

"First, the rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.

"Second, higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for bread and circuses.

"Third, the mad craze for pleasure; sport becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

"Fourth, the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, in the decadence of the people.

"Fifth, the decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it."

It is a fact that should hold a solemn warning for the United States that the leadership of our national government has perhaps unconsciously but as surely been active in leading the country into the moral and economic ruin here described. Let us hope that we shall soon see deliverance from these foes from within our borders.

REDEEMING THE TIME

Time is precious, but its full value is unknown to us. We shall attain this knowledge when we can no longer profit by it. Our friends require it of us as if it were nothing; and we give it to them in the same manner. It is often a burden to us. We know not what to do with it, and are embarrassed about it. But the day will come, when a quarter of an hour will be of more value and more desirable than all the riches of the universe. God, who is liberal and generous in all His other gifts, teaches us by the wise economy of His providence how circumspect we ought to be in the right management of our time; for He never gives us two moments together. He only gives us the second, as He takes away the first; He keeps the third in His own hand, leaving us in an absolute uncertainty as to whether it shall be ours or not. Time is given us that we may take care for eternity, and eternity will not be too long to regret the loss of our time if we have misspent it.—Author Unknown—Sel.

Correct opinions, well established on any subject, are the best preservative against the seductions of error.—Bishop Mant.