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EDITORIAL

SUPERFICIAL OPTIMISM

We are hearing and reading a great deal these days, which is intended to encourage optimism among us concerning the outcome of this awful war that we are engaged in. "Keep your chin up" is a very popular saying among us. In fact it is considered a very terrible crime against our government to take any other attitude or to talk anything but optimism. We would be classed among fifth columnists, and charged with trying to discourage the people and to lower the public morale, and we might be arrested for so doing. One man told this writer that he did not see how we could say the things that we did in the King's Highway about the sins of our Empire and get away with it; and another good brother told us if we did not be more careful about our writings that I would find ourselves in an internment camp. Well, we replied, we would not be the first man who had to suffer for speaking his convictions.

Now we are not saying that it is wrong to try to encourage our people in times like this. We need courage and much of it. The fact is: A discouraged people is a defeated people, either in church or state. When ancient Israel was engaged in wars in taking possession of the Promised Land, God admonished Joshua, their leader, to be of good courage, for He would be with him. But there are times when people need to be warned, and admonished to forsake their sins, also, as God often warned His people anciently by the messages of His prophets; and as it was then so I suppose it is now, and will be as long as time, and this present evil world lasts. That is, a man becomes very unpopular when he speaks out against popular sins: Sins which the masses of both church members and others are engaged in, such as Sabbath desecration, and manufacturing, selling, and drinking beer and strong drink. If he dares to say that God is not pleased with a people who does these things, and will punish them, he is called a pessimist, a croaker, perhaps a Fifth Columnist, and is regarded as an enemy of his country. So it was in the days of prophets. When God's ancient people, Israel and Juda, had disobeyed God's voice and were violating his laws, they were about to engage in war with Ramothgilead, and the kings Jehosaphat and Ahab, called all the false prophets, four

hundred of them, asked what the outcome of the battle would be, shall we go and win, or shall we forbear, and they all said, go up for the Lord will deliver Ramothgilead into the king's hands. Then they called Micaiah, the prophet of the Lord, whom King Ahab said he hated because he never prophesied good unto him. And as usual Micaiah prophesied evil and told them they would suffer defeat. And they put him in prison and afflicted him, but his prophecy came true. Jeremiah, Isaiah, and many others also suffered persecution and death for speaking the truth and delivering God's messages to the people. We may well be optimistic if we are living in harmony with God's laws, for we have His promises that no weapon formed against us shall prosper, and we shall be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, etc. But preachers are false prophets, and untrue to their congregations, if they put on the soft pedal and fail to reprove the pleasure-loving, Sunday desecrating, beer drinking, worldly church members.

To tell people like that, of which we have so many in our churches these days, to be optimistic for God loves them, and will not punish them, is encouraging mere superficial optimism, for they have no ground for such hope. If the people in the churches will turn to God, get saved from their sins, then they can pray to God with faith, and expect him to answer. If our nation will repent of her sins, and stop her Sabbath breaking and wasting grain in manufacturing strong drink, which is making drunkards of thousands of our boys, we may expect God to fight our battles for us and deliver us from all our foes. And we would have genuine cause for real optimism, and could well "keep our chins up."

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the church at Brazil Lake, N. S., September 12th to 15th inclusive.

Rev. G. A. Rogers conducted the opening service Thursday evening. He brought a stirring message on the "Necessity of Prayer," taking Luke 11:1 as his text.

Friday evening, Lic. Budd Price preached a helpful sermon on "Love." He took as his text, Christ's words to Peter, "Lovest thou Me?" from St. John 21:16. He pointed out to us that God expects us to love Him; if we love Him, we will meditate upon His word; and most essential, we will love to talk with God.

The regular business session, held on Saturday at 7 p.m., opened with Scripture Reading from Philippians 4 by Rev. G. A. Rogers and prayer by Lic. Budd Price.

The roll was called and the ministers present were: Rev. G. A. Rogers, Lic. Budd Price, Rev. G. R. Symonds and Mrs. J. A. Owens. Delegates were present from Shag Harbor, Sandford, Wood's Harbor, Port Maitland, Havelock and Brazil Lake.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Rev. G. A. Rogers; Vice-President, Lic. Budd Price; Secretary, Bessie Sabine; Treasurer, Mrs. George Crosby; Highway Agent, Rev. G. R. Symonds.

Reports were received from the churches of Shag Harbor, Wood's Harbor, Sandford, Port Maitland, Havelock, Brazil Lake, Westchester, St. John and Seal Cove.

Saturday evening, Mrs. J. A. Owens preached from 1 John 3:2, "Beloved now are we the sons

of God." We can know that we are sons of God because we will have a spiritual appetite and we will bear the image of the Heavenly One. One hand was raised for prayer.

Bro. Fred Sollows conducted the "Love Feast" Sunday a.m. He read Psalm 96 and spoke of "Our trust in God; how He can save and keep us."

The message Sunday a.m. was brought by Lic. Budd Price. His text was Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Great was His sacrifice; great is our deliverance. Two seekers were at the altar.

Mrs. J. A. Owens was in charge of the Sunday p.m. service. She took as her text, St. John 11:28, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." The Master: 1. Calls the sinner to repentance; 2. Calls the wandering one home; 3. Calls us to Holiness; 4. Calls us to be saints; 5. Calls us to lay hold on eternal life; and 6, calls us to leave all and follow Jesus. Three hands were raised for prayer and one seeker was at the altar.

BESSIE SABINE, Secretary.

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P. S.—Our Secretary was absent for the closing service and asked me to make note of that meeting. Rev. G. R. Symonds gave a fine message on Matt. 12:30. He gave a clear distinction between the one who is with God and the one who is against Him. He gave the conditions for gathering with God. One soul prayed through to victory and others requested prayer. The special singing was greatly enjoyed by all. Sister Owens was a great help in the singing as well as in the preaching. The preaching was good. The crowds were large on the Lord's day. The presence of God was real. Praise Him.

The meetings continued for four evenings the next week with Lic. Budd Price as the preacher. Bro. Price is a faithful man of God; keeps so humble that God makes him a great blessing as he preaches. Several requested prayer and one soul found God the last evening. To God be all the glory.

G. A. ROGERS

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT No. 3

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Calais, Sept. 12-15.

On Thursday, Rev. E. R. Bradley brought the opening message of the quarterly, basing his remarks on Heb. 12:14, using "Holiness God Demands" for the subject. This was a splendid message followed by a good free testimony service.

Friday evening Rev. H. S. Dow brought a powerful message, using Psalm I. He faithfully warned the people of the dangers of taking counsel from the ungodly and making comrades of sinners.

Saturday at 2.30 p.m. with Vice President Rev. E. R. Bradley in the chair, the business session opened, with Scripture reading by Bro. Bradley and prayer by Rev. H. S. Dow. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll call found the following pastors and delegates present: Rev. E. R. Bradley, Rev. H. S. Wilson, Rev. F. A. Watson, Rev. H. L. Robertson. Owing to the conditions on the border, three of our preachers were unable to attend. We were very glad to have with us the Editor of "The King's Highway," Rev. H. S. Dow.

Delegates: Beals. Mrs. Esten Beal; Jonesport, Mrs. Charlotte Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth Falkingham; Crawford, Mr. Everett Perkins, Mrs. Gladys Craft; Calais, Mrs. Martin Stanhope, Miss Lois Dow; Millbridge, Harold Tucker; Seal Cove, Bro. Lorin Wilson.

Election of officers: President, Rev. H. L. Robertson; Vice President, Rev. F. A. Watson; Secretary, Mr. Clarence Dow; Treasurer, Miss