

Ruth Stanhope; Highway Agent, Rev. H. S. Dow.

Written reports were received from the following churches: Crawford, North Head, Jonesport, Wood Island, Beals, Seal Cove, Millbridge, Calais

Saturday evening, Rev. F. A. Watson brought the message from Gal. 5:7.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday, the Love Feast was conducted by Bro. Lorin Wilson. His subject was "Ship Wreck." He based his remarks on Acts 27.

At 10:30 a.m., Rev. H. S. Dow brought us the message from Psalm 103, "Soul Benefits." He reminded us of the many things God does for man's soul. This was a very helpful and uplifting sermon for all present.

At 2:30 p.m., Rev. F. A. Watson gave us a touching message taken from Rom. 8:31. Bro. Watson reassured us that God was for us, and "if God be for us who can be against us?"

At 7 p.m., Rev. H. S. Wilson brought us the closing sermon. Bro. Wilson gave us a fine message using Romans 13:2 as a text. He urged folk not to resist the power of God and explained to them the great danger awaiting those who do resist this ordinance of God. At the close of this sermon, an altar call was given. One person responded and sought God's forgiveness. Another raised a hand for prayer.

A fine spirit prevailed through the entire quarterly. We feel this was a profitable quarterly, not only to our own church, but to the many delegates from other parts of the district.

CLARENCE DOW,  
Secretary

#### WILL GOD GET HIS OWN?

Rev. ohn L. Brasher

The above question grows out of recent observations concerning the large amount of monies lost by holiness people, or left to unconsecrated, oftentimes irreligious, relatives. Every one must admit that our finances are a part of the "all things" involved in our consecration when seeking the blessing of a full salvation. I think all will agree that entire consecration includes an acknowledgment of God's ownership of all that we may possess, and our stewardship of all that He trusts to our hands. Have we any right to turn our Lord's goods to other than Christian stewards for Christian ends—be the recipient a relative or an institution or cause? I do not believe so. Once the Lord's, always the Lord's is the only sane principle of stewardship. Even the money we spend on ourselves must be spent the better to help us fulfill our mission and His service, or in such bestowments as shall make for human happiness and not human selfishness or vain indulgence.

I know of one small community where God's children who profess holiness and have much of the grace of it, have invested in worthless stocks to the amount of over \$200,000.00. They have received no returns, and it is quite probable they never will. Did God or Satan get the better of that deal? I know a family where they have been liberal with their means and love the Lord, but \$50,000.00 or more have been lost to God's cause. Another godly brother lost \$70,000.00 in a bank failure. Ungodly men got it and it is lost to God's cause. Another lost perhaps \$100,000.00 by business partners who had not the fear of God before their eyes. Another left his property by will to those who do not foster the cause that he loved, and because of which he was able through righteousness and thrift to accumulate. Another wrote me some-

time before he died, Holiness is everything to me," but he left an estate of at least \$750,000.00 and not a dollar to holiness work as far as we have heard, and no one who received this large estate is sympathetic to holiness. Another dear man is now close to the crossing, but his relatives and others are waiting to seize his considerable estate and none of the bulk of his estate will be used for God's glory.

Is God getting His own, or does the carelessness of mismanagement of His stewards give Satan the benefit of God's own consecrated money? Under my own immediate knowledge over one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the money of professedly sanctified people have been lost in unwise and unsound investment or left to those who will never spend a dollar of it for the extension of holiness in any way whatsoever. Who is getting the benefit of consecrated money—God or Satan? It is a fearful question to ask now. The fact of it will be, I fear, an awful thing to face in the judgment.

My observation and knowledge of the extent of this fearful distribution of God's money is limited, but without doubt this extends to many millions of dollars, and yet we have often been criticised by some of these heavy losers and fatal leavers for attempting to enlarge a holiness college and its glorious fruitage and endeavoring to pay teachers a living salary. I am endeavoring to be a faithful steward, but God's work is hindered and the devil is victorious when we are either an unjust or unwise steward. I believe it is safe to say that the holiness people have lost more in this nation in some fashion as indicated above than they have given for all purposes for ten years. I believe that it is one of the greatest strokes of the devil to get this into other than holiness hands or channels and thus cripple the work of God while the carnal pour their millions into the treasury of schools and institutions, publishing houses, etc., that seek only to foster modernism and a bloodless morality and an unspiritual religion. Sad to say some of our holiness people give of their consecrated means to church schools and church programs that would put out of business, if they could, every holiness camp meeting, college, school and publication that spreads holiness, and silence every evangelist that proclaims it.

To whom shall we give account in the judgment, the program maker or God whose we are and who claims and owns all that over which we have been appointed stewards. "It is expected of a steward that he be found faithful."

May God awake us to the responsibility of money and save us from that form of stewardship that never bestows the Lord's goods on any worthy enterprise, and who turn them loose only when death relaxes their hands so that they can no longer hold them. Dear reader, though I speak plainly, I speak in love. Let us not increase the list of those who by unwise use of, or fatal neglect to bestow, God's goods, cast them forever beyond God's power to use them for His glory and the spread of holiness.—Selected.

"Lose no opportunity of declaring to all men that the Methodists are one people in all the world, and that it is their full determination so to continue."—John Wesley, letter to Ezekiel Cooper, February 1, 1791.

#### AFTER MANY DAYS

"Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days."—Solomon.

And a wiser than Solomon said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."—Jesus in Luke 6:38.

A little girl, whose mother was a widow, and was ill, stopped a young man on the street and begged him to buy some of her chestnuts. He was very poor, but could not withstand her piteous look. He handed her a coin, saying, "I can not use your chestnuts, but you are welcome to this." The little girl thanked him, and hurried away.

Twenty years passed. The little girl grew to womanhood, and became the wife of a great banker. Passing the library one evening she saw with her husband a man whom she recognized as the man who, years before, had assisted her. When he had gone, she inquired his errand.

"He came to see if I would give him a vacant position in the bank."

"Will you give it to him?" she asked.

"I don't know," he replied.

"I wish you would," she said, and then related the story of her poverty and the man's generosity.

The man sat that night beside the bed of his sick wife when a liveried servant brought him a note.

"We shall not starve," he exclaimed to his wife. "I have the position."

On opening the note, he found enclosed a check for \$250, with these words: "In grateful remembrance of a little silver piece a kind stranger gave the little chestnut-girl twenty years ago.—Selected.

#### JOHN WESLEY SAID:

"I am content with whatever entertainment I meet with. This must be the spirit with all who take journeys with me. If a dinner ill dressed, a hard bed, a poor room, a shower of rain, or a dirty road will put them out of humor, it lays a burden upon me greater than all the rest put together. By the grace of God I never fret; I repine at nothing; I am discontented with nothing. And to have persons at my ear fretting and murmuring at everything is like tearing the flesh off my bones."

#### "NEVER SAFE TO TAKE THE LAST CHANCE"

The ticket agent preached a sermon in a sentence. Two trains were scheduled for the city where the connection with another line was made. The first train allowed several hours to make the connection; the second train but ten minutes.

"Is it safe to take the second train?"

"It is never safe to take the last chance," was the ticket-agent's reply.

In the worth-while things of life it is never safe to deliberately take the last chance. In the salvation of the soul it is a desperate hazard to wait for the last chance.

You cannot understand a sin, or see it clearly, until you have begun to fight it. As long as it possesses you, it will never show itself to your eyes. It is only when it is grappled with that it manifests its ferocity and its ugliness.—Selected.