

where they had been living for the winter. Rev. George Hammond, of Mars Hills, Me., officiated in the absence of the R. B. pastor, who was attending quarterly meeting. Sister Jones will be greatly missed at Riverside Camp in which she was so interested. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

#### Mrs. James Rogers

Mrs. James Rogers passed away at the home of her sister, Miss Edna Shaw, Grover street, Woodstock, N. B., after an illness of five weeks. She was 68 years old.

Born at Rockland, Carleton Co., Mrs. Rogers was the daughter of Elizabeth and Jesse Shaw. She lived for some time in Hartland and later in Upper Woodstock, Fredericton, and for a few years in Brown's Flat. Her husband predeceased her in June, 1939. She was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

She is survived by one brother, George M. Shaw, Alhambra, Cal.; one sister, Miss Shaw, Woodstock; three sons, G. Herbert, Halifax, manager of the Canadian Life Insurance Company for Nova Scotia; Donald S., Fredericton, and Charles A., of the Field Ambulance Corps in England, and three daughters, Mrs. Lewis Moore and Miss Marie, Montreal; and Mrs. Howard Greenwood, Toronto.

A brief service was conducted at her residence Wednesday afternoon by Rev. L. T. Sabine. The body was taken to Fredericton for interment.

To the relatives their many friends extend deepest sympathy.—L. T. S.

#### Charles Burt

Charles Burt passed away at his home in Royalton, N.B., after an illness of several weeks. He was 75 years of age. This makes three brothers who have passed on within the past year and ten days. The previously deceased are Silas Burt, and the late Albert Burt. He leaves to mourn, one brother, Elijah Burt, a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jewett, and twenty-three nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted at the R. B. Church at Royalton with the pastor, Lic. D. W. Marston officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

#### Mary Jane Lawson

The death of Mrs. Mary Jane Lawson, widow of Isaac H. Lawson, took place at her home in South Devon, N.B., Tuesday afternoon, March 11th, after an illness extending over a period of six years. She was confined to her bed for a year and nine months, and was tenderly cared for by her daughter, Pearl. She was 75 years of age. Her husband died in April 1940. She leaves to mourn her loss, four sons, George Lawson, Lowell, Mass.; Harry Lawson, Fredericton; John Lawson and Bennett Lawson, South Devon; four daughters, Mrs. Joseph Saunders, South Devon; Mrs. Grace Bruce and Miss Jennie Lawson, Marysville, and Miss Pearl Lawson, at home; a sister, Mrs. Hepsey Porter, Braintree, Mass., and seventeen grandchildren.

Sister Lawson was converted under the labors of Rev. G. B. Trafton and united with the Reformed Baptist Church at Mount Hope, York Co., 45 years ago. When she and her late husband moved to South Devon they united with the R. B. Church at Fredericton, and were true and valued members. She was a loving wife and mother, a kind neighbor and a friend to all.

The funeral was held from the home of her

daughter, Mrs. Joseph Saunders, South Devon, Thursday, March 13th, at 2 p.m., the writer officiating, assisted by Rev. F. A. Dunlap of Marysville and Rev. Alexander Gibson (U. B.), South Devon. A trio sang three selections. There were several beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in the Baptist cemetery at Peniac.

Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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#### HELPFUL HINTS TO PREACHERS

By Rev. B. N. Miner

The answer to most of our half-defeats in extending the Kingdom, either by pastoral or evangelistic ventures, can be given as incomplete or practically little or no preparation. The caption of this article is taken from Acts 10:33; "Now, therefore (said Cornelius to Peter upon arriving at Caesarea), are we all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." The essentials which brought about this meeting were well cared for: Prayers to God; light from God regarding directions; light obeyed; the evangelist invited; and he, impressed with divine leading, quickly obeyed; the people unanimously responded, and gathered; the gospel was proclaimed; the Holy Spirit endorsed; and God honored the effort.

After many years as pastor, district elder and evangelist, I have arrived at this conviction, that success in God's work is possible only at the expenditure of proper effort and planning, which gives God an opportunity. There are some who act like the cartoonist has depicted—the man who is always waiting for something to turn up—the "good luck" believers.

Every meeting or campaign must be planned by someone who has leadership and foresight and can arrange for his work ahead. If he intends to have two evangelistic meetings he should arrange them in advance—a year is not too long—then make these campaign dates red-letter events in the year's calendar by starting at least three months before to advertise the first meeting, getting the date fixed in the minds of the congregation by repetition several times, speaking of the one coming, and requesting prayer for him and his work. By doing this the leader makes his church feel interested and responsive.

Second, as practically all conversions are the result of earnest personal contacts, the leader should search for a large list of persons who can be contacted, that they may be put upon a prayer list and visited. At one place the writer secured the names and addresses of over one hundred unsaved children whose parents were members of the church. These were sent personal invitations by the pastor and a portion of the list was placed upon the blackboard in the prayer room before the prayer meeting congregation. A depth of concern was at once manifest on those in attendance. Such a list can furnish prospects for the evangelistic campaign. Too many churches do nothing before the meeting which has any particular bearing upon soul-winning.

Third, as most churches are too cold, spiritually, for any action at the beginning of the meeting, a few specially called house-meetings, for soul-warming times, would greatly aid in the meeting; at least they would warm the heart of the church, a thing which is vitally necessary before the unconverted will be impressed. It might be well for the pastor to speak upon what hinders prayer, what destroys fellowship, what stones hold Laz-

arus in the grave, and then go at it to remove them before the campaign begins.

Again, the campaign should be of such importance that all unnecessary things will be sidetracked, and the mainline, the salvation of souls, made foremost and uppermost. We have too many occasional attendants among the saints. They get little good and do little. They warm up and cool off—relay racers—who never get into the burden of the meeting.

The campaign itself needs leadership in conducting the services. What funeral dirges get into revival campaigns! Instead of helping the evangelist it distresses him. Yes, a good revival needs a live, spiritual leader of song. Get one if you have to send to Joppa for him. Don't kill the meeting by poor singing. A stanza or two of several songs at the beginning of the service, with the congregation standing as the first song is sung, gets all present into the spirit of the meeting. If special music is available, let someone have charge who is spiritual and has a soul burden to carry out the evangelistic tone. Don't put on an exhibition of talent. Let that wait until a convention.

Lastly, proper advertising is generally most effective through paid newspaper and radio announcements. Cards and bills may help some, but are best used in giving personal invitations. Advertising should be brief, definite, truthful, and appealing to the man on the street. Along with all of this a church should sponsor the campaign by underwriting the expense, by being willing to sacrifice time, talent and a portion of their tithes and offerings, thus making it easy to build up the work of God. My firm faith is this, that a well-planned meeting is honoring to the Holy Spirit, and He, the Comforter, will endorse by His bounteous outpouring and the ingathering of souls. May we take the Caesarean method and be ready, all present, to hear and do. "He that winneth souls is wise."

#### A WELL AND RIVERS

By Rev. Joseph H. Smith

To the woman in Samaria Jesus said, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

And in that last day, that great day of the Feast of the Tabernacles, "Jesus stood and cried saying, \* \* \* He that believeth on me, \* \* \* out from within him shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

The "water" doubtless in both instances is the same; but in the former it is promised in relation to the "everlasting life" of him that receiveth it. In the latter, reference is to those who already "believe on Christ," and instead of an artesian "well" springing up from within, the figure is that of "rivers" flowing out. In the former, the reference is primarily and wholly to the personal salvation of the one that drinketh; in the latter the suggestion as to one's own salvation is reactional and supplemental. The burden of the thought is that of a commercial waterway to carry blessings of the Kingdom to the regions beyond, or of irrigating streams to water the thirsty land about us. Together they will rivet attention to the double promise added in Isaiah 44:3, which reads, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground."

Now as the "water" in both instances here represents the Holy Spirit (in fact, we are directly told so in the second case—see John 7:39), and no other application is possible in

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