

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Victoria, N. B., March 12-15.

The first service on Thursday evening was in charge of the president, Rev. L. T. Sabine, who spoke briefly from II. Peter 1:1-11 with emphasis upon the "Exceeding great and precious promises." A profitable season of testimony concluded this service.

At 2.30 p. m. on Friday a service of prayer was enjoyed. Scripture was read with some comments by Lic. D. W. Marston.

Rev. E. R. Watson preached a helpful sermon at 7.30 from the text I. Sam. 28, verse 15: "God is departed from me and answereth me no more."

On Saturday at 2.30 p. m. the business session was held with the president, Rev. L. T. Sabine, in the chair.

A roll call found the following present: Revs. H. C. Mullen, P. J. Trafton, F. A. Anderson, S. G. Hilyard, E. R. Watson, H. E. Mullen, and Lic. D. W. Marston, with delegates from the churches of the district.

The election of officers for the ensuing quarter resulted as follows: President, Rev. H. C. Mullen; vice president, Rev. P. J. Trafton; secretary, Rev. L. T. Sabine; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Farnham. Highway Agent, Rev. S. G. Hilyard.

The new president then took the chair and called for reports from the various churches. These reports were encouraging and showed progress in the work of spreading scriptural holiness.

Several verbal reports were given by the pastors.

Rev. L. T. Sabine made mention of recent services at Four Corners, Me., where several had been converted.

Among several subjects considered at this service were: An urge for better attendance at the quarterly gatherings, the necessity of faithfully supporting the covenant meetings, the importance of the Sunday school work and the effectiveness of the tithing system as adopted by many of our churches.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Victoria Church for their kindly entertainment.

The Church at Belvidere requested that the September meeting be held there.

There being no request for the June meeting, it was resolved that any church desiring same, please communicate with Rev. H. C. Mullen, Hartland, N. B.

On Saturday evening a touching message was brought by Rev. F. A. Anderson, based upon the question asked by Pilate, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?"

On Sunday morning an enjoyable Love Feast at 9.30 was led by Lic. D. W. Marston.

Rev. S. G. Hilyard's message from John 12:21: "Sirs we would see Jesus" was a deep inspiration to all to represent and re-present Jesus in our lives.

At 2.30 p. m. the sermon was delivered by Rev. P. J. Trafton, whose exhortation to obedience was honored by much conviction to walk as becometh the people of God.

The closing sermon was brought by Rev. H. E. Mullen on "Seeking the lost coin," and served to press home the truths of Jesus' seeking us and our seeking Jesus.

Three young boys sought salvation at this service. It is the prayer of all that they may

continue faithful and live a useful Christian life.

The great missionary to Africa, Robert Moffat, was said to be the only known convert of a pastor in ten years of faithful ministry; but did it pay?

Again into history has gone another quarterly meeting. But doubtless light was received, conviction recorded and vows made which will change the course of many lives into channels of right and holier living.

Although both roads and weather were typical of the season, the congregations were good.

To the Great Head of the Church be all the praise for all accomplished.

L. T. SABINE,
Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 3

The quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at Jonesport, Maine, March 12th-15th.

In the absence of the president and vice president, Rev. H. S. Wilson had charge of the service. The opening message was brought by Rev. H. L. Robertson, using II Peter 3:11 as a text. On Friday evening Rev. F. A. Watson brought a very helpful message from scripture found in John 17:17. This was an instructive and convincing message.

The business session was held Saturday afternoon at 2.30. A suitable scripture was read from I. John 2:1-21 by Rev. H. S. Wilson. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Joseph Lord and Mrs. K. Beal.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Roll call found the following ministers present: Revs. F. A. Watson, H. S. Wilson, H. L. Robertson and G. A. DeLong.

The churches were represented by the following delegates: Jonesport, James Beal and sister, Thelma Alley, Crawford, Mrs. Everett Perkins, Mrs. Robert Thistlewood; Seal Cove, Brother Lorne Wilson.

A vote of welcome was extended to the delegates and visitors.

The following officers were elected—

President—Rev. H. S. Wilson.
Vice President—Rev. F. A. Watson.
Secretary—Rev. H. L. Robertson.
Treasurer—Mrs. Viola Barnes.
Highway Agent—Rev. G. A. DeLong.

A devotional committee was then appointed. The Church reports were read, which were encouraging. Verbal report was given by Mrs. Everett Perkins, of the work at Crawford.

Rev. F. A. Watson gave a verbal report of the special meetings held at Beals, Maine, by the pastor and Rev. G. A. DeLong. This was a fine report. H. L. Robertson gave a report of the district extension fund. The Extension Committee gave their report and was authorized to continue in the same capacity for the ensuing quarter.

The invitation from the church at North Head for the next quarterly was accepted. The dates to be June 4th-7th.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church at Jonesport for entertaining the quarterly.

Meeting adjourned.

Saturday evening found a full house or nearly so. Rev. G. A. DeLong brought the message from scripture found in Acts 19:26-27. All enjoyed this helpful message.

The Love Feast on Sunday was a time of blessing and rejoicing in the Lord. Mrs. DeLong brought a very helpful message from the word, using Isaiah 35 as her chosen scripture.

At 10.30 H. L. Robertson spoke from Revelations 1:5-6. At 2.30 the Quarterly enjoyed another helpful and inspiring message given by Rev. F. A. Watson, scripture taken from Romans 1:28. The closing message was delivered by Rev. G. A. DeLong. The scripture used was II. Kings 8:13. The message was timely and souls were helped. Three souls sought help of the Lord.

Revs. F. A. Watson, G. A. DeLong, Mrs. Viola Barnes and others from both the Beals and Jonesport churches rendered special music which was much enjoyed.

Altogether the Quarterly was a great blessing to the church and delegates and all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. ROBERTSON, Secy.

MINISTERS—COMPULSORY
RETIREMENT

The United Presbyterian is responsible for the following item:

"The compulsory retirement of ministers at the age of seventy will become the law of the Southern Presbyterian Church by order which was recently approved by the General Assembly for submission to the presbyteries. Under the terms of the proposed amendment all pastors, associate pastors, assistant pastors, and stated supplies must terminate their services in their respective churches on Sept. 1st, following their seventieth birthdays, unless they be re-elected 'for one year at a time not to exceed three years.' Many attempts were made in the General Assembly to defeat this measure but all were voted down."

This idea would be good provided it were true that seventy is the age until which men are universally useful, and after which they are invariably useless or nearly so. But this is very far from true.

There are some men who once seemed to serve well, but at fifty years have ceased to function to the good of the charges they serve. Why should such men be led to believe that they can have twenty years of appointments, leaving the work worse than they found it at each place, because there is a seventy-year law, and because there is not courage with the appointing authorities to do what ought to be done?

On the other hand, some men have done as good work after they are seventy as ever in their lives, and some have served even better than ever after the three score years and ten are past.

Must general assemblies and general conferences and individual churches tie themselves under rules which might be embarrassing because those governing or selecting or appointing bodies lack the courage or the intelligence to do what ought to be done in an individual case?

If men are not equal physically and mentally, must a church assume that they are?

However, the Southern Presbyterian Church seems to have surrounded the limitation with safeguards which may make it quite ineffective.

J. Edgar Hoover says, "Criminals are home-grown. So are law-abiding, honorable citizens. Character, good or bad, gets its original set in the home. Criminal tendencies are mostly picked up outside the home, perhaps on the street—because of a lack of proper teaching in the home. There is no substitute for a good home.—Religious Telescope.