

QUARTERLY MEETING OF DIST. NO. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with our Church at Meductic June 11th to 14th inclusive.

The opening service Thursday evening was in charge of the Vice-President, Rev. P. J. Trafton, who spoke from part of Malachi, the third chapter.

Friday at 3.00 p. m. Lic. W. Marsten led a prayer and praise service.

The service Friday evening was in charge of Rev. Norman Trafton, of New Port, R. I.

The business session was held Saturday 2.30 p. m. with Vice-President in the chair. Prayer offered by S. G. Hilyard. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Roll call of ministers found following present: H. E. Mullen, S. G. Hilyard, W. Marsten, L. T. Sabine, F. A. Anderson, E. R. Watson, P. J. Trafton and F. A. Dunlop.

Roll call found delegates present from Woodstock, Meductic and Marysville.

Election of Officers:

President—Rev. F. A. Anderson.

Vice-President—Rev. L. T. Sabine.

Secretary—Rev. S. G. Hilyard.

Treasurer—Church Treasurer.

Highway Agent—Lic. W. Marsten.

Resolved, that Rev. Norman Trafton be given seat.

Letters from Royalton, Fredericton, Woodstock, Crystal, Marysville, Belvedere and Fort Fairfield were read and adopted.

Resolved that this Quarterly Meeting express our sympathy to Brother H. C. Mullen in the serious illness of his wife.

Oral reports were heard from Millville circuit, Perth, and Brother Norman Trafton, who told of his work with the Friend's Church in Newport, R. I.

Rev. F. A. Dunlop preached Saturday night from I. John 2:12. Love not the world.

Sunday was a full day, beginning with Love Feast at 10.00 a. m., led by Lic. J. Moses.

At 11.00 a. m. Rev. S. G. Hilyard had charge of the service, speaking from Matt. 5:16.

At 3.00 p. m. Rev. P. J. Trafton spoke from Deut. 1:19. At the close of this service one soul prayed at the altar.

The closing service was in charge of Rev. H. E. Mullen, who brought a message from Rev. 3:12.

Despite the hot weather and small delegation this was a gracious time of blessing throughiut the entire quarterly. Brother E. R. Watson and Brother Norman Trafton assisted in leading the singing and the special singing was of a high order.

S. G. HILYARD, Secy.

HOT STARS

The Sky reports a recent talk before the Astronomical Society of Edinburgh, Scotland, by Sir James Jeans, eminent British astronomer, in which he "discussed stars so hot that they emit from one square inch of surface enough energy to run forever a great ocean liner like the Queen Mary or the Normandie. According to Sir James, if we were to exchange one of these intensely hot stars for our sun, the first day's sunlight would burn every unprotected plant and animal to a mere cinder. Fortunately, however, none of these very hot stars happen to be very close to the earth. They are known as the white dwarfs, and in addition to being hot are also so heavy that a particle no larger than a pinhead from any one of them would break a man's back.—Alliance Weekly.

THE LAST HALF

When a boy I had great admiration for a certain preacher. My recollection is that he was at that time in excellent standing in his conference and reputed to be outstandingly useful. Twenty years after my earlier acquaintance with him I met him again. He was still preaching, but was of indifferent standing and accomplishment anywhere that he might labor. There seemed to be "nothing against" him and very little for him.

In conversation he said to me, "When I began my ministry I did a great deal of calling among the people—thought I had to, you know." The tone of voice suggested that he had changed his mind about the necessity for faithfulness and fervor in God's work.

Ministers are in danger from unusual temptations. In more than one case there has been moral failure which has made it necessary for the conference to discontinue the man. These are shameful disasters.

But there is also this other danger. One may be called of God to this ministry. For some years he may apply himself with holy zeal in the study and in his contacts with the people. By and by, having many sermon outlines and much experience, he may not feel the utter need of God as he once did, and his first love having faded he may not be a pursuer of his pastoral work as once. From these times he may be able to look back with some criticism upon the activities and devotions of what were really his better days.

Nevertheless, life for the minister does not need to be so. Some men as they have come into their sixties and seventies (and therefore ought to be increasingly valuable because of their wide experience) have kept their first love. In good health, these are their most fruitful years.

Some men in the last half of their lives are much desired and are doing their best work. Lord, keep us from spiritual senility! Lord, help us to labor and to pray! May our love be as at the first and our passion for men's salvation be as deep as their need. And may we still bring forth fruit, even down to old age.—Free Methodist.

"MORAL VICTORY IN NORWAY"

Under the above caption an editorial in the Religious Telescope reads:

"True courage is not all expressed on the battlefield in this war-shattered world. Norway has given a demonstration of that. The puppet ruler, Vidkun Quisling, under German authority, undertook to assume the title of 'First bishop ex-officio of the established church,' and began at once to reconstruct the church on Nazi lines. More than eleven hundred clergymen, about ninety per cent of the total, presented their resignation in protest, refusing to accept the Nazi regime. Even a larger per cent of the people gave full support to the protesting preachers, and for a time it looked as if there would be a general uprising. Although threatened with arrest by the Quisling police, the preachers remained firm, refusing to obey an order to return to their posts. In the face of this situation, Quisling, under orders from Berlin, withdrew his plan to Nazify the church, and for the present at least the church is permitted to go its way unrestricted by Berlin authority. It is regarded in church circles as one of the greatest victories for Christianity in modern times. The Norwegians have shown a different

spirit from that of some of Hitler's conquered territories, and have set a wholesome example to all Europe. A foreign correspondent stated that regardless of the territorial conquests of Hitler's war machine, the Nazi regime had to 'bow to eleven hundred unarmed ministers who simply refused to obey any command except God's. In the end may it prove that faith is yet mightier than the sword. More such faith is the immediate and imperative need."

The "conquered countries" are not "at rest." These peoples are only awaiting the time when a revolt will be effective. The church is a powerful agent for the support of the morale of these in bondage. Dictatorship, atheism and paganism are allies. The religion of Jesus Christ is the friend of democracy and all worthy human liberties.—Free Methodist.

TO THE PRAYING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

Rev. John Clement

In a few weeks the camp meetings will be going from one end of the nation to the other. We are at the dawn of great opportunity. We can make these gatherings times of great spiritual blessing, and times of soul saving, or we can make them times of vacation, or just an outing, where we can get away from our work and rest our tired nerves and visit our old friends.

Some are feeling the responsibility and they are getting under the load with prayer. Let Zion go to her knees and let's prevail with God till He visits our Church from one end of the work to the other.

These are serious times and we hear people saying, "You had as well call off the camp this time, the people can't get there." This is a poor time to call off any of God's work. We need to double up and work harder. The outcome of this conflict depends largely on our prayers. When the world recognizes God then the conflict will be over. Let every one who knows God go into your place of prayer and stay there till you pray through, no matter how long it takes.

Let's push the camps and revivals this summer. I believe God wants to give us a visitation this season such as we have not known. Don't fail God now in this time of crisis, and don't fail the boys who are fighting. It is wonderful how some of our boys in the Army are calling on the Christians back home to pray for them. One high ranking officer in the thick of the conflict said the other day that there were no infidels in the shell holes.

God still lives! He has not changed His plans. "I am God; I change not." Thank God, we are serving an immutable God! We feel that we are too well satisfied with just moving along in the same old rut. Let's go over the top for Jesus this summer. Yours for victory.—Wesleyan Methodist.

Approximately 500 communities in thirty-eight states now release public school pupils during school hours for religious education. In approximately three-fourths of the states the laws permit or require the reading of the Bible at some appropriate time during the school program.—Selected.

American Protestant missionaries to the number of about 11,000 are still engaged in service on various mission fields, in spite of war conditions.—Gospel Minister.