

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Friends:

There is a wonderful verse in I. Cor. 1:9 with this message: "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." To think that we have been called by God Himself. Called to come with Jesus into His eternal inheritance. But that is for the future: here and now we are to begin this fellowship. "Our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." "Fellowship in His sufferings." If we suffer with Him we shall also be glorified together. We are willing and glad to suffer with Him so long as we shall never be separated from Him for all eternity. "And His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face." Well, friends, these are words that are blessing my soul this evening.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and may the New Year bring us greater opportunities and victories for the God whom we serve. I extend to those who have lost loved ones, my sympathy. May God comfort you and give you the needed grace.

Summer is here and we know it: we have been having some hot days. We need rain again now and can expect a thunder-storm any day.

The chief Christmas celebrations, for the natives, are to be at our Altona Mission Station this year, the Lord willing. May the Lord give us a great time of blessing and soul-searching at this Quarterly. Brother Kierstead has had quite a serious ill spell, but is well again now. I trust that they will not be overburdened with the work involved in caring for the Quarterly visitors and preparing for the Christmas celebrations.

We are making slow but steady progress in the Mission work out here. I trust that in 1945 we shall see a more rapid advance made and many more souls delivered from the bondage of sin. I believe that much necessary groundwork has been completed which will be the base from which to launch more rapid advances.

It will soon be necessary for us to draw up our plans for the new year. This is an important matter and your prayers are invited to join with ours in asking the Lord of the Harvest for His plans: that we may do His will.

Yours happy in His service,

C. D. M. SANDERS

The above is an airgraph received from Rev. Charles Sanders just before this Highway went to press.—Editor.

GRACE AND TRUTH AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings the happy reminder of the coming to earth of the One who was said to be "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Perhaps nothing more significant was ever said of Him. And certainly this could not be said of any one else in all the long history of humanity.

Apart from Christ men have told the truth, or fought for the truth, or propagated truth. But only Christ is able to say, "I am the truth."

To be full of truth would be to leave no room for error or evil, for either intentional or unintentional, wrong.

Among men there are degrees of identification with truth. Some believe in it, but do not follow it. Others follow it, but do not embrace it. How many failures in leadership there have been through failure to apprehend it.

In Christ truth dwelt in fulness. He was forever truth—in word, in silence, in character, in knowledge.

Now, truth of itself conveys to us nothing of hope or promise. It is as rigid and uncompromising as righteousness. As we look at His truth we see our own failure. But, thank God, the Christ of Christmas is also full of grace.

Grace without measure, without limit in Christ! This is what "full of grace" must mean. There is no room in Him for anything opposed to grace. Kindness, gentleness, consideration, love, all of these are included, no doubt.

The entire fact is that both truth and grace dwell in Him and He is full of each. The balance is there. The condemnation truth would bring is met by the "Go and sin no more" of grace.

"Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17) is a further word in this matter. These qualities had never, in fullness, been seen before. Yes, it might be said, "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."—Moody Monthly.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of Dist. No. 2 convened with the Church at Moncton Nov. 30th-Dec. 3rd.

On Thursday evening the message was given by Lic. Joseph Moses, whose subject was "prayer."

In the absence of the president the business session on Friday afternoon was opened with the Vice-President, Rev. W. H. Mullen, in the chair. Roll call found the following ministers and delegates present.

Revs. B. C. Cochrane, W. H. Mullen, H. C. Archer, Mrs. Ella Sanders, Lics. R. T. Sabine and Joseph Moses.

Delegates: Westchester, Miss Frances Langille, Mrs. Victor Rushton, Killam's Mills, Mrs. George Steeves, Mrs. Melvin Steeves; Salem, Lynda Ryder; Amherst, Judson Sanders.

Reports were then read from the following churches: Amherst, Head of Millstream, Westchester, while oral reports were given from Moncton and Halifax.

On motion it was resolved that hereafter the pastor of the church entertaining the Quarterly, automatically become president of the Quarterly.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Victor Rushton be secretary of the Quarterly and that Mr. A. K. McCallum be treasurer.

Rev. W. H. Mullen suggested that pastors have an advertising campaign for their Quarterly Meetings.

Moved and seconded that Lic. Joseph Moses be welcomed to District No. 2.

Rev. W. H. Mullen reported for the Extension Fund and urged the pastors to present it to their people and urge them to co-operate. This was referred to the Sunday School Convention on Sunday afternoon.

Report of the Devotional Committee was accepted as a whole.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the Moncton Church for entertaining the Quarterly.

After the opening of the meeting on Friday evening The Highway Agent gave a good talk and gained twenty new subscriptions.

The message was brought by Lic. R. Sabine from John 12-21: "Sirs we would see Jesus." He showed us that if our lives were fully consecrated, others would see Jesus in us and multitudes would be influenced for God. The meeting closed on a note of triumph, with six souls at the altar.

The prayer service on Saturday afternoon was led by Sister Helen Sterritt and as we followed her through the green pastures and beside the still waters of the 23rd Psalm our souls were blessed.

Saturday evening Rev. H. R. Whiting from Ontario, who was in special meetings with our St. John church had charge of the service and spoke from I. John 1. His subject was "Up-to-Date Religion," and we were made to understand that if our religion wasn't still the biggest thing in our lives we needed to get back to the original pattern.

The Love Feast on Sunday morning was led by Brother S. H. Bradley, basing his remarks on John 3-16. Prayer and testimonies were definite and God was honored in this service.

Sister Alice Sterritt gave us a good talk at the Sunday morning service. "Here am I," from Genesis 22-11, was her text. It was a wonderful lesson on obedience and loyalty and a very appropriate message to precede the Communion Service which was conducted by Rev. H. C. Archer, assisted by Rev. W. H. Mullen.

Instead of the regular Sunday School in the afternoon Rev. Ella Sanders addressed the school on the responsibility of parents. The Sunday School Convention was held at 3.00 p. m.

The closing message of the Quarterly was brought by Rev. W. H. Mullen. His text was John 14-6. "I Am the Way." He showed us that Christ was the solution to all our problems and that if we would practise the Golden Rule all our problems would be ruled out. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and two souls knelt at the altar.

The special music both vocal and instrumental, was of the highest order and God's presence and blessing was on all the services. We humbly thank God for all that was accomplished.

MINNIE L. RUSHTON, Secy.

CHRIST AND TROUBLE

All about us are men and women who seem to have had more than their share of trouble, yet who go courageously and even joyfully on their way. What is their secret? It is not that their strength to bear burdens is greater than the strength of others, nor that they are more impervious to pain or sorrow than the rest of us. It is because they have learned to trust in One whose hand is mighty to help, and who gives to those who depend upon Him grace sufficient for each day's need. The ancient poet was doing more than to put pleasing words together when he wrote, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." He was stating a glorious truth which each of us who will may find true in his own experience. The peace that Christ gives is one that the world cannot destroy or take from us. It will not keep the storms of life away, but it will enable us to pass through them without fear. —Christian Observer.