

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

District No. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Crystal, Me., June 1-4.

The speakers during the meeting were Revs. M. Estabrook, of Island Falls; H. C. Mullen, H. L. Robertson, Lic.'s Ralph and Ronald Sabine, the latter two driving all the distance from Eastern Nazarene College to attend the quarterly. The messengers were blessed as they preached the Word, and we trust that the hearers furnished that good ground necessary to yield fruit an hundredfold.

The usual business session was held on Saturday afternoon. Ministers present were Rev. L. T. Sabine, Rev. H. C. Mullen and Lic. Ronald Sabine. Delegates were Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. Kelly and Laurence Mullen.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. L. T. Sabine; vice-president, Rev. H. C. Mullen; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Mullen.

Letters were read from the churches at Crystal, Fredericton, Perth, Hartland, Lower Brighton, Victoria, Meductic and Woodstock.

The matter of attendance at the quarterly meeting was brought to our attention. The discussion at the previous one, held at Woodstock, has not yet borne the desired fruit of increased interest and attendance. Let us give this matter serious thought, and make every possible effort to attend the next sessions held in September. Any church desiring it will correspond with the officers.

MRS. H. C. MULLEN Secretary

District No. 2

The quarterly meeting of District No. 2 was held at Westchester, N. S., May 25-28.

On Thursday evening Rev. G. A. Rogers spoke from Neh. 6:3-4:6. This fine message plainly showed the necessity of willing co-operation of preacher and people for definite results in the great work of God.

The devotional service Friday afternoon was led by Lic. H. M. Sterritt, who spoke from Psa. 3:3. A gracious refreshing fell upon God's people at this hour.

The message Friday evening caused all hearts to hunger for more of the "Glory of God" as Rev. B. C. Cochrane spoke on those words, using as his text 1 Sam. 4:22. The service closed with a season of earnest prayer and heart-searching before the Lord.

The business meeting Saturday afternoon was preceded by a time of prayer led by Lic. Alice Sterritt. Scripture lesson, Matt. 21:17-22.

The following preachers were present: Revs. J. A. Owens, B. C. Cochrane, G. A. Ragers; Licentiates W. H. Mullen, Mrs. J. A. Owens, Helen Sterritt, Alice Sterritt.

Delegates were present from Saint John, Moncton, Amherst and Westchester.

Officers elected:

President—Lic. W. H. Mullen.

Vice-Pres.—Rev. G. A. Rogers.

Secretary—Lic. Alice Sterritt.

Treasurer—Mrs. Victor Rushton.

Highway Agent—Rev. B. C. Cochrane.

The written reports from Amherst, Salem, Killam's Mills, Moncton and Westchester churches were encouraging. Verbal reports were given by Revs. J. A. Owens, B. C. Cochrane and Lic. Helen Sterritt, of the work in the Saint John-Grey's Mills, Halifax and Head of Millstream churches respectively.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Westchester church for the kind hospitality and care of the visitors to this quarterly meeting and the invitation to the Head of Millstream for the September quarterly was accepted. The slate for the year was as follows, subject to approval of churches named:

September, 1944—Head of Millstream.

December, 1944—Moncton.

March, 1945—Saint John.

May, 1945—Salem.

Lic. W. H. Mullen was re-elected treasurer of the Sunday School Extension Fund.

A vote of appreciation was given Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Owens, who are leaving this district for North Head, Grand Manan, after eight years of faithful service.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary send a letter of greeting to the new church in Halifax.

A motion was made and carried that we recommend to the Alliance that the Halifax church be added to this district.

Rev. J. A. Owens had the evening service. His subject was "Christian Perfection," using as his text Matt. 5:48. The speaker emphasized the need of perfection of "love" in order to keep God's commandments.

The Sunday morning Love Feast was in charge of Lic. Norman J. Sanders. His brief, inspiring remarks were based on the question Christ asked His disciples: "Whom say ye that I am?" Matt. 16:16. All felt it a privilege to confess Christ and a good testimony meeting followed.

Lic. Mrs. J. A. Owens brought a tender message from Psa. 121:1, 2 in the 11 o'clock service which God blest to all hearts.

At 2.30 Rev. G. A. Rogers spoke from Rom. 6:6. A definite, searching message on "Carnality" and the need of the crucifixion of the "man of sin." Our brother was "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" and God honoured this unpopular truth in His own special way.

At the close of this service several car loads of people were driven to a lake several miles distant to witness a beautiful baptism when two of our sisters followed their Lord wholeheartedly in this sacred ordinance. The scene was beautiful beyond description and the presence of God graciously felt. It was a sacred hour. Rev. G. A. Rogers read the Scripture, Acts 8:26-39. Rev. J. A. Owens' prayer was a benediction. Rev. B. C. Cochrane baptized the candidates, whose shining, happy faces reflected the glory of the Lord and hearts were deeply touched. This service will be long remembered. The two baptismal candidates were received into church membership Sunday evening.

In the evening service the Spirit of God was graciously present in convicting power as Rev. B. C. Cochrane spoke to a well filled house, from Rom. 6:23: "The wages of sin." The unction of God was upon the speaker as sin and its consequences were plainly dealt with. One sister was sanctified and two sought pardon at the close of the service—others were deeply convicted of their need.

Thus ended a most gracious quarterly meeting and time of blessed fellowship in the Lord. The special singing was uplifting and surely God was in our midst. We thank Him for His people and for their kind and gracious hospitality; for His special touch upon all the services. May He continue to richly bless the labours of Brother Mullen and his consecrated wife as they labour among these dear people.

Already they are dearly loved and God is blessing in this beautiful part of His vineyard.

ALICE F. STERRITT,
Secretary

District No. 3

The quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Jonesport, Me., May 31-June 4.

The first message of the quarterly was brought by H. E. Mullen on Wednesday night, speaking from the text: "And great grace was upon them all."

On Thursday night G. A. Delong spoke from Proverbs 4:18. His text was: "The path of the just."

The following service on Friday night was conducted by Rev. G. R. Symonds, who spoke from the text: "Let your light so shine." Matt. 5:16.

On Saturday 2.30 p. m. the business meeting was held.

The following ministers were present: Revs. G. R. Symonds, W. E. Smith, H. E. Mullen, G. A. Delong and H. S. Wilson.

Election of officers followed: President, G. R. Symonds; vice-president, H. S. Wilson; secretary, Scott Ingersoll; treasurer, church treasurer; Highway Agent, H. E. Mullen.

Churches reporting by letter were: Seal Cove, North Head, Wood Island, Jonesport and Beals Island.

A verbal report of the churches of Calais and Crawford was given by W. E. Smith.

A goodly number of delegates were present, each church of the district being represented. Contributions to the Extension Fund were as follows: Seal Cove \$2.00; Crawford \$2.00; Calais, \$2.00; Jonesport \$2.00; Beals \$2.00, bringing the total amount up to \$187.00.

Saturday evening Rev. W. E. Smith spoke from Rev. 3:4. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis."

The love feast on Sunday 9.30 a. m. was conducted by H. E. Mullen, who brought some very helpful and encouraging remarks from Isaiah 58:8. Following at 11 a. m. W. E. Smith preached using for his text, "True Holiness."

Immediately following this service a half hour was given to Sunday school discussion. Brother Joseph Moses being in charge.

At 2.30 p. m. Rev. G. R. Symonds preached from the text found in Numbers 23:10: "Let me die the death of the righteous; let my last end be like His."

At 7 p. m. Brother G. A. Delong brought the closing message of the quarterly, his text being, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ." Matt. 27:22.

From every standpoint we feel we had a very good quarterly. The blessing of the Lord was upon us and a very gracious spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

The next quarterly will convene at Wood Island.

SCOTT INGERSOLL,
Secretary

District No. 4

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the Church at Port Maitland, June 1-4. The Lord blessed with fine weather, and a goodly number gathered at each service. Ministers and delegates were kindly entertained, a blessed spirit of fellowship and unity prevailed and a note of victory and praise was heard in the testimonies of God's