

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Moncton, N. B.,
August 29, 1946

Dear Friends:

It has been my privilege to supply at our Moncton Church during the pastor's vacation. There are many encouraging factors that became more evident as I associated with the people. A blessed spirit of unity prevails. Our denominational emphasis on Holiness is fervently maintained. Brother and Sister Cochran have the love and confidence of the people, and the city at large. The prayer and Young People's meetings are well attended and give promise of a good future for the work here.

Sisters Mary Campbell and Thelma Rose conducted a successful Vacation Bible School from August 12-25, with an average attendance of 67. Several children professed salvation as a result of their labors.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the good people here, and pray that great grace may be upon them all. Pray for us as we seek to labor for the salvation of the lost.

Yours in His service,
NORMAN E. TRAFTON

Dear Friends:

Hartland, N. B.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School at Hartland closed with a public meeting, on Aug. 8. Our workers were Misses Mary Campbell, Thelma Rose and Evelyn Orser. They were assisted by the writer. The average attendance was sixty-six, including those who came from Victoria Corner. The young people responded well to the memory work, Bible Study, etc., and some professed to find salvation from sin. We appreciate the good done by our special workers, and will look forward to Bible School again in other years, if Jesus tarries.

We would like also to express appreciation to the Hartland Church for a visit to our home, bringing us a beautiful floor lamp.

Yours in His service,
A. D. CANN

HOW A HOLINESS CHURCH WAS RESURRECTED

Some twenty-five years ago, the writer held a meeting in a holiness church in the town of C—in the State of Maine, in which the cause of holiness has had a hard struggle to become established.

But we found a real live pastor, with a Spirit-filled wife who were carrying on in a comfortable church, with a good membership, a growing congregation and a prosperous Sunday School.

But a few years prior to this, things were quite different. Prominent members had moved away, some had backslidden, and those that remained became so discouraged that they felt they could not maintain a pastor, so the church was closed.

But there was one member, a sister past middle life, who had been converted from Catholicism, and enjoyed a blessed experience of holiness of heart, who became greatly burdened for the situation. "Does not God love holiness in his people? Has He not provided holiness in His glorious atonement through the power of the Holy Ghost? Has He not promised to make His Zion a praise in the earth?"

Thus she reasoned with herself, and finally

decided to put God to the test. One with God is a majority, and she believed to see the desert made to rejoice and blossom as the rose. Sunday morning, when the other congregations were assembling, she repaired to the church with her Bible and hymnal and began to pray. She not only prayed. She sang and rejoiced in God and at times she marched around the church praising God for what she believed to see in that community.

The evening found her there carrying on her service, and on Wednesday evening she held a prayer meeting.

She had a strong voice and could make some noise; occasionally some of the young folk would peer in the door and then run away, laughing at the crazy old woman praying and shouting alone.

She advertised her meetings, and went to visit some she knew who had once come to the holiness church, and challenged them to come up to the help of the Lord. After some weeks a few came straggling in. They knelt at the altar of prayer and were restored to faith and love. Our sister's heart was encouraged.

Some months after she had begun her services, God sent a splendid family into the town of C—The husband was high up in the dairy business, and his wife was a woman of splendid personality and considerable culture, and had a strong love for holiness. She began inquiring for a holiness church in the town, only to be told that the holiness church had been closed. "Oh, yes," they said, "there was an old lady who was holding service alone, and who was declaring that God was going to resurrect the dead."

This greatly interested this lady, who the next Sunday morning, while the old sister was engaged in prayer, slipped into the church. She was much impressed with the leader's simplicity, her evident faith and sincerity, and when opportunity was given, she marched up to the front, took the leader's hand in hers, and said: "I believe that God has sent me to this town to help you revive this church. I am with you heart and soul. Needless to say there was a shout of victory in the camp. The word got out that something was taking place in the little despised church.

Sometime before this, a splendid young railroad man, in a nearby town, had been gloriously saved and sanctified. The lady recently come was acquainted with him, and so the little band got in touch with him and invited him and his godly wife to come and hold a meeting for them. He was on fire for God and glad of any opportunity for service. He came and soon the Spirit of God was outpoured upon that church and community. It was a splendid revival which ultimated in the reorganization of the church, with the evangelist consenting to become its pastor at much less salary than he received on the railroad.

That was about a quarter of a century ago, but the work has prospered through the years, and that church has been a soul-saving station to this day. God honored the faith of that illiterate, holy woman who dared to put Him to the test. Truly it is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord.

W. EDMUND SMITH,
Associate Editor

A HORNET'S NEST

Someone asked the temperance lecturer, John B. Gough, whether alcohol was a food or a medicine. His reply was: "It is very much like sitting down on a hornet's nest—stimulating but not nourishing."—Julia A. Shelhamer.

OBITUARY

Mrs. T. Leslie Hayes passed away at her home on July 16th, after several months illness.

She is survived by her husband, one sister, Mrs. Dallas H. Carleton, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Following prayer at the home, the service was conducted by Lic. Herman E. Anderson, assisted by Rev. W. P. Stiles and Rev. C. L. Gesner in the Reformed Baptist Church.

The service was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes.

May God comfort and bless the sorrowing ones.

The death of **Mrs. Amanda J. Boyer**, after a lingering illness, took place at the home of her son, Hartley R. Boyer, 2336-7th Avenue West, Vancouver, B. C., August 7th, 1946. She is survived by her son, with whom she made her home; another son, Weldon, of Moncton, N. B., and one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Fairchild, of Vancouver. She is also survived by one brother, Fred H. Tedlie, of Spokane, Wash., and one sister, Mrs. Addie Trafton, Saint John, N. B.

Mrs. Boyer was born in 1858 at Lower Brighton, Carleton Co., N. B., the daughter of the late William and Adeline Tedlie. She married the late Nehemiah Boyer in the year 1877 and resided at Hartland, N. B., prior to moving to Vancouver, being a member of the Reformed Baptist Church.

The funeral and burial took place at Vancouver, August 9th.

The double funeral of **Percy H. Rushton** and his 10 year old son, **Harry** (who died under such tragic circumstances, being struck by a train at the railway crossing on Aug. 19th) was held from their residence on Wednesday, August 1st.

The funeral was conducted by Mr. Jones, of the C. S. S. M., assisted by Rev. G. Hadley.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

THE BLESSED HOPE

"Every one that hath this hope purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (I. John 3:3).

Dr. A. R. Torrey

The imminent return of our Lord is the great Bible argument for a pure, unselfish, devoted, unworldly, active life of service. In much of our modern preaching we urge people to live holily and work diligently because death is swiftly coming, but that is never the Bible argument. The Bible argument always is, Christ is coming. Be ready when He comes. This leads inevitably to the question, "What constitutes readiness for the coming of Christ?" Answer—Separation from the world's indulgence of the flesh of this life, and intense daily earnestness in prayer is the first part of preparation for the Lord's return.

STEPS TO PEACE

The Chinese have a proverb: "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."—Daniel L. Mar.