

FROM HERE AND THERE

By the Superintendent

Since our last writing, I have attended two Quarterly Meetings, served as evangelist in a two-week revival campaign, conducted eleven rallies in interest of our "Evangelistic Crusade," visited two more of our churches, and at present am in another two-week campaign.

March 1—4 the Quarterly of District 1 was held at Woodstock, N. B. The services were blessed of the Lord and the fellowship was enriching. The pastors of the District brought fine messages and ministers and delegates were very kindly entertained by Rev. B. M. Hicks and the people of our Woodstock church.

March 8—11 the Quarterly of District 5 was held at Perth, N. B. Ministers and delegates attending this meeting were warmly welcomed and kindly cared for by Rev. G. R. Symonds and the Perth people. Here again the meetings were good and the preaching of the pastors of a high order. The written reports of the churches of both these Districts, as well as those given verbally, had an encouraging note.

March 13—25 it was our privilege to be with Rev. F. A. Anderson and our church at Lower Brighton for a revival campaign. The roads were very bad and there was much sickness in the community, but the people attended the services well, and we did enjoy working with both pastor and people, as well as meeting the people in their homes. The campaign was too short however, and it seemed that we were just getting started when we had to close and move on to attend to other duties. We left Lower Brighton regretfully, wishing that we might be able to remain another two weeks as there seemed to be encouraging signs of a moving of the Spirit in the community. The people of our Hartland and Victoria churches gave fine support to this campaign, and we were also privileged to have help from the pastor and people of our Woodstock church.

April 1—8, Deverne and Paul Mullen and I travelled 1500 miles and conducted eleven meetings in interest of our "Evangelistic Crusade." In most places we were welcomed by capacity congregations, pastors and people of the communities in which the meetings were held giving fine co-operation, and others attending from the surrounding district. The blessing of God was upon these meetings in a marked way and the response of the people was wonderful. The spirit of these meetings, if retained, will lead us to victory in the work of the Lord. The fine music, instrumental and vocal, of the Mullen brothers, was a great uplift to these special meetings. We were very conscious of the presence of the Lord as we travelled and ministered, and praise Him for taking us safely through this "whirlwind" itinerary, and enabling us to keep appointments as scheduled. We also wish to acknowledge the fine co-operation of pastors and people in respect to planning for and carrying on these rallies.

On Sunday, April 15th, we were privileged to visit our Fort Fairfield and Presque Isle churches. We had a fine time with Brother Delong and his people at the Fort where the work is in an encouraging state and a spirit of prayer is upon the people. We also had a union service at the Fort Sunday afternoon in interest of the "Crusade," Brother Symonds

and the Perth people coming over for this meeting. A funeral at the Presque Isle church prevented Bro. McGeorge and his people attending this rally, as they had planned. Sunday evening we were at P. I. for a fine service. Brother McGeorge has done a splendid work in Presque Isle and the work there is in a thriving state. The fine, large building there was well filled for the service, despite the disadvantage of a very rainy night. The pastor and his wife, and the people of our Presque Isle work are doing a great service for the Lord in their fine city. It is inspiring to find a new work of this kind making such good progress.

On Monday evening, April 16, we opened a two-week campaign with our church at Belvedere, Maine, of which Rev. S. G. Hilyard is pastor. We'll write of this campaign later. We appreciate your prayers. God is blessing.

Yours in Christian love,

B. C. COCHRANE.

BISHOP B. T. ROBERTS ON WORLDLY CONFORMITY IN DRESS

Putting on gold to adorn the person by one who was once clear in his experience, is an indication that he has backslidden from God. So far as we know, all Methodist Disciplines are agreed in saying that the putting on of gold and costly apparel is "doing what one knows is not for the glory of God," and something that none can do who have a "desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." However, the branches of the Methodist Church may differ, they are all agreed in their published position on these points. This is laid down in their printed constitution. It is also the plain teaching of the Bible. "Be not conformed to this world." What ever else may be embraced in this general prohibition, it certainly includes all that the Bible forbids by name. So if you are by little putting on things that you could not once wear, it is a sure indication that you are backsliding from God. You are gradually and noiselessly slipping away from him. Many things indicate this is to others, though you yourself fail to see it. You are not as ready to give your testimony as you once were. It is no longer clear and definite and affecting. You may say the same things in a fashionable dress as you used to say in a plain dress, but there is not the same ring to it. The indorsement of the Spirit is wanting. Your words are powerless. Your appearance conflicts with your testimony. Consent to see and acknowledge that you are backslidden. Return unto the Lord, and he will return unto you.

Years ago, Methodists could not gain admission to their love-feasts without a ticket given to them by the preacher in charge of the circuit. The rule of Discipline, by which he was governed, read: "Give no ticket to any, till they have left off superfluous ornaments. Allow no exempt case, not even of a married woman. Better one suffer than many. Give no tickets to any that wear high heads, enormous bonnets, ruffles or rings."

If this rule were carried out today, how many sisters would they have in their love-feasts? Were they FANATICAL then, on the subject of dress, or are they BACKSLIDDEN NOW?

Times may change, but God does not change. His Bible does not change. It still reads, "Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of

gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."—Canadian Free Methodist.

PINNACLE SAINTS

A pinnacle is a dangerous place for a saint to occupy. Few remain there long. Satan is pleased to see one there; he laughs and with pleasure anticipates the fall which is almost sure to come. All saints need grace for times of trial, but "while adversity hath slain her thousands, prosperity hath slain her tens of thousands," and a double amount of grace is needed to keep one safe in the hour of prosperity. We all enjoy prosperity but few can stand it. What we like most naturally may greatly endanger our spirituality.

Not every saint of God who reaches a pinnacle straightway falls off, but, when he reaches the pinnacle, if he does not fall on his knees and beseech God for humility and declare his dependence on Him will sooner or later get his eye off the great upholder of His people and take a tumble. The spirit of humility and earnest prayer is the only safety in the day of prosperity.

God knows best what His people can stand, therefore He permits the majority of them to suffer rather than to enjoy prosperity. He is doing His best to get men and women through to Heaven.—Herald of Light and Zion's Watchman.

OBITUARY

Mr. Alfred Trail, aged 40 years, passed from this life April 11, at the Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, N. B., after a lingering illness.

The funeral service was held from his late home in Nortondale, to the United Baptist Church in Temperance Vale, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. George Billington. Music was furnished by the Temperance Vale choir.

Mr. Trail professed faith in Christ as his Saviour, and died trusting in His love and mercy. He leaves to mourn, his widow (nee Marceline McFarlane), six sons and three daughters. May God protect and sustain the sorrowing family. Interment was made in the cemetery at Temperance Vale.

J. A. OWENS

Mrs. Blanche Kimball

Mrs. Blanche Kimball, 88, widow of the late Frank T. Kimball, died Saturday night, March 24th, at the home of her son, Lawrence D. Kimball, with whom she had made her home the past three years.

Surviving are a daughter (Dora), Mrs. Roy L. Kinney, of Daytona Beach, Fla., three sons, Lawrence and Burrel, of Fort Fairfield, and Rev. Hollis Kimball, Blackville, N. B., eighteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one brother, Frank McGee, of Norridgewock, Me.

Prayer was had at 1.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by G. A. DeLong, and the funeral held at 2.00 o'clock at the Reformed Baptist Church, of which Sister Kimball was a charter member. G. A. DeLong officiated at this service, assisted by G. R. Symonds and H. O. McGeorge.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy. REV. G. A. DeLONG