

services all day Sunday, he came finally in the afternoon of his own accord, staggering to a rear seat, too drunk almost to know what was taking place.

But Father's vigorous preaching would never allow even a drunkard to sleep, and John soon found himself in that state which old-fashioned Methodists call deep conviction.

At the close of the appeal, he arose, stumbled part way up the aisle then muttering half aloud, "Wait, I've got dirt in my mouth," he turned back to the entrance. Here he threw away all the tobacco on his person, then made a bee line for the altar.

For two solid hours John called on God, alternately beating the altar with his fists and bowing his weeping face to the floor. Those who knelt on either side continued waiting on the Lord until the man was sobered enough to "come now and reason together." Then his repentance quieted into something deep and sincere.

It was six o'clock when faith leaped to touch the reaching hand of God, and John Guise was transformed. Jumping to his feet, he paced back and forth in front of the altar, clapping his hands for joy, and praising God with all his might.

From that moment the man had not the smallest desire for drugs, drink, or tobacco, and never touched them again. He joined the church, found work, and lived the life of a consistent, victorious Christian.

Six months later none would have recognized the John Guise of former days. He had become stout, ruddy, and pleasant-faced. And he was now the husband of one of our best church workers, a young widow whose small son was at last getting the discipline he needed.

How wonderful is the gospel of Christ, the dynamo of God unto salvation! And surely one who has seen a John Guise born again will never be tempted to doubt the reality of its power.

—Olive Lane Sherwood

Sunday School Times.

CHRIST OUR ALL

I've found a joy in sorrow,

A secret balm for pain,

A beautiful tomorrow

Of sunshine after rain.

I've found a branch of healing

Near every spring,

A whispered promise stealing

O'er every broken string.

I've found a glad hosanna

For every woe and wail;

A handful of sweet manna

When grapes of Eschol fail.

I've found a Rock of Ages

When desert wells are dry;

And after weary stages,

I've found an Elim nigh—

An Elim with its coolness,

Its fountains and its shade;

A blessing in its fullness,

When buds of promise fade.

O'er tears of soft contrition

I've seen a rainbow light;

A glory and fruition,

So near—yet out of sight.

My Saviour, Thee possessing,

I have the joy, the balm,

The healing and the blessing,

The sunshine, and the psalm,

The promise for the fearful,

The Elim for the faint,

The rainbow for the tearful,
The glory for the saint!

—Mrs. Jane Crewdson.

Taken from the book—"The power of a surrendered life."

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

QUARTERLY MEETING DIST. NO. 1

A very gracious time in the Lord was enjoyed by the church and people of Maple Ridge, when they entertained for the first time in many years, the Quarterly meeting of this District.

The people of the community co-operated in giving the church a thorough renovating inside, also a new green roof and this added greatly to the eagerness with which these faithful folk looked forward to the Quarterly.

Our Superintendent was with us for three nights preceding the District meetings, and his messages were greatly appreciated by those who heard them. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cochrane, who sang with him in each service.

The Quarterly opened on Thursday night May 31st with Rev. B. M. Hicks, of Woodstock as preacher. It was a splendid message on "Repentance".

Friday night, Rev. R. H. Nicholson was the speaker, using as a text, Rom. 1-16. Our brother brought a good message.

Saturday at 2.30 the usual business meeting was held. All reports were encouraging. A special welcome was given to Bro. Jim Blinn, also to Sister Blanche DeLong who were guests of the Quarterly.

Saturday evening Rev. H. Anderson spoke on "Holiness".

Sunday morning Love Feast was in charge of Sister De Long who blessed our hearts as she talked to us in prayer, using Elijah's experience on Mt. Carmel as a lesson. The presence of God was in our midst in a marked manner. We won't forget that service very soon.

Bro. Blinn spoke at the 11 o'clock service, giving us an account of his conversion. Bro. Blinn is assisting our brethren in special efforts, and we pray God to make him a great witness, and soul winner.

Rev. H. E. Mullen was the preacher in the afternoon. Many references have been made to this very helpful message.

Rev. F. A. Watson preached the closing message to a packed house. Four young ladies were forward for help in their Christian life. A splendid testimony service closed a great day in the Lord, and all went home feeling refreshed in spirit. The blessings received by the Maple Ridge people linger with them.

In Him,

Hazel Owens, Dict. Sec.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT DISTRICT NO. 2

The Quarterly meeting of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Killams Mills, June 7-10.

Rev. R. T. Benson brought the opening message of the quarterly from 1 Thess. 2:4.

Friday evening Rev. E. W. Tokley brought the message from Hebrews 6:1-6, speaking chiefly from verse 1 on the text, "Let us go on unto perfection".

Saturday afternoon a devotional service was held at which time Sister Miriam Sanders spoke on the challenging example of the Apostle Paul. Following the devotional service the regular business session was held. Roll call showed the following ministers present: Rev. E. W. Tokley, Rev. B. D. Price,

Rev. Grace Sanders, Lic. Miriam Sanders, Rev. R. T. Benson, Lic. Lawson Saunders. Delegates were present from five of the churches.

Saturday evening Rev. B. D. Price brought the message from Hosea. ch. 2, showing God's grace and love in dealing with the backslider, that he may again be brought into fellowship with Him.

The Sunday morning love feast was in charge of Sister Miriam Sanders, who spoke from John 17:3. At 11 o'clock Rev. Grace Sanders spoke to us concerning the missionary work in South Africa. We thank God for the progress in our mission field, and yet, "there is much land to be possessed." May we press on in this great battle for the salvation of souls.

At 3 p. m. Rev. E. W. Tokley brought the message, speaking from Acts 5:31,32, his subject being, "Three of God's great gifts", (1), Repentance; (2), Forgiveness; (3), The Holy Spirit.

Rev. R. T. Benson brought the closing message of the Quarterly, speaking from Mark (Continued on Page 8)

THE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY

By Dr. P. Wiseman

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled (Matt. 5:6)

The Test suggests the resourcefulness of the Lord Jesus Christ. He took a towel—He took a child—He took a loaf. Here He took two of the common physical needs of humanity and used them in the spiritual realm, "hunger and thirst."

"Hunger" and "thirst" represent the deeper needs of the physical man; needs that demand response. When the late Dr. C. W. Troxel would have occasion to refer to his experience in the concentration camp in China, he would often say, "Have you ever been hungry? Do you know what it is to be hungry, really hungry?" This terrible gnawing experience is known to millions in the East, and in Europe today. These poor people eat, if they can get something to eat, because they are so hungry. The Americans eat to keep from getting hungry.

Some of us have heard the late Dr. Willis Hotchkiss tell of his experience of hunger and thirst in Africa; how that for fourteen months at one period he never saw bread; for two months he had nothing to eat but beans and sour milk; how for days, crossing the desert, his tongue was swollen from lack of water; and on discovering a place where the mud had a little moisture, he lay down and put his tongue into that mud, and thanked God.

"Hunger" and "thirst" are equally realistic in the spiritual realm. It marks the progress in religious people. Hungry and thirsty people move forward spiritually.

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are blessed because they have the full assurance from God of their standing in Him!

The Merciful

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy (Matt. 5:7)

While this beatitude presupposes the obtaining of grace as described in the preceding beatitudes, yet it stands alone as God's requirement in Christian grace, also the way of grace. The world would say, "Blessed are they who take revenge, they who get even." Our Lord says, "Blessed are the merciful."