Church and District News

REPORT FROM HARTLAND, N. B.

The Lord has been pleased to bless us here at Hartland with a revival in the church that should be a great benefit and help to us for some time to come. The meeting began Sunday evening, January 18th, and continued over three weeks, closing Sunday, February 8th.

Brother Symonds was our evangelist, and brought truth that was close and searching, and that was delivered in a spirit that caused it to be well received by the people. While attendance was good, there was never large numbers of unsaved present after the first few meetings, so our brother presented his message with special emphasis on the doctrine and experience of holiness. The Spirit owned and blessed the message so that of the twenty-five to thirty seekers at the altar, by far the greater number were seeking sanctification through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and most all gave clear testimony of victory.

Brother Herbert McCrae was in charge of the singing and proved a great help to the meetings, both by the spirit he inspired in the congregational singing and by the special numbers which he sang himself. Other members of the congregation at Perth, as well as those of the church here, helped with special songs, or instrumental numbers and added blessing to the services.

Finances came easy so that we were not only able to pay the workers, but at the suggestion of Brother Symonds, a special offering, that proved to be generous indeed, was taken for the pastor. We greatly appreciate this kindness, as well as the splendid co-operation of the people throughout the meeting.

In spite of the many problems that seem ever present in church work, we feel we have much for which to be thankful, and praise God.

In the latter part of March and early April we expect to hold special services in our Victoria Church, with Brother Leslie Hicks and his wife as workers. We look forward with pleasure, and with prayers for victory, to this time of special effort with the help of these workers who proved to be a blessing to us in their work at Victoria last spring. As we have not written to The Highway for some time, we would like to express our appreciation to the people of the circuit who remembered us so well with cards and gifts at Christmas, and for the many kindnesses which have helped to make us feel that both in the advancement of the work and in other ways, this has been the best of our three years here.

MONCTON PASTOR REPORTS

While we have no special series of meetings to report we can report special services. We seek to make all our services "special," in that we seek to put our best into them and get God's best for them. Our people are praying more, giving more, showing more interest in missions, getting more people to church and to Sunday School, doing more witnessing and personal work, and God is giving us that which He alone can supply. The seriousness of the day in which we live calls for nothing less.

Since we last reported in November, God has given us a number of brand new converts, several believers have been sanctified, we have had a baptismal service, eleven new members have been received into the Church, and last Sunday our Sunday School attendance reached a new high of 201. We have no desire merely to report, much less to boast. We would acknowledge the faithful efforts of our people, and humbly give God due thanks for His mighty help.

For March we are planning a month of concentrated soul-winning effort, touching every department of the Church. We are asking the deacons, the choir, the Y. P. S., the Sunday School superintendent and teachers, the Junior Y. P. S. workers, and the Church in general to work together with the pastor in a month of strenuous evangelistic effort. At present no extra preaching services are planned, but there will be extra prayer meetings, tract work, visiting, personal work, and whatever may come through our waiting upon God.

Let us all be busy for God. We ought not to be satisfied with "business as usual" unless we are doing unusual business. "It is high time to awake out of sleep . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand." We covet your prayers.

E. W. T.

REV. H. S. MULLEN WRITES

NORTH HEAD, GRAND MANAN

We feel it is in order to report from this part of the Vineyard, as we have not been in touch with the readers of the Highway since coming to North Head. We felt the sting of parting when leaving Amherst, after two years of fellowship with those good people—as is always the case when leaving one place for another—but it was just another step to meet more people of "like precious faith." How our Lord does bless us by this continued fellowship with one another. Some day, we just don't know how soon, we are looking for that great ingathering where there will be no parting.

I want to say "Hello and God bless all friends and fellow workers" at this time, and to testify to victory just now. Praise the Lord. We arrived here in July to a land we had never seen before, but at the very first liked our new home and the good people of the church, as well as all our neighbours. The people are co-operative, and thoughtful of their pastor in all things; and we feel a keen interest by all in the work of the Lord, and unity in our midst.

We have just finished a special effort with Evangelist Clarence Shrier, of Ottawa. We found him to be a very effective preacher and burdened for the lost, and through the effort the church received a boost and some new names were added to the book of glory. We are expecting a greater harvest to come.

Brother Shrier also assisted in services at Woodard's Cove, where I have been labouring since Christmas, and find a co-operative people wanting a full gospel. We are looking for great things in this place in the future, as the people are looking and praying for a special outpouring of God's Spirit. We covet your prayers for this place, that we may see a great harvest of the youth in answer to the prayers of parents.

We feel that the work in both churches is advancing and growing, and we are getting acclaimed and have that settled peace that all the native islanders have, and enjoy the fellowship of all these people.

May the God of peace and love bless you all through 1953, and may many lands be taken for His glory. Amen.

May the Lord richly bless all our churches and cause His work to go forward everywhere.

F. A. ANDERSON

BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

The St. John Church will broadcast the morning service on Sunday, March 15th, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, over station C.F.B.C. Rev. P. H. Green is the pastor.

REV. F. A. WATSON OPEN FOR CALL

Rev. F. A. Watson, pastor at Marysville, has resigned and is open for a call for the coming year.

The King's Highway

Revival! Revival!! Who says, Revival? Well, listen, the "Mullen trio" is re-entering the evangelistic field. God is blessing us here at Truro, but after considerable prayer and meditation we believe God is calling us back into the field again. Previous to our coming here we had two most wonderful years in the field, and we were out for two campaigns this last fall and had two most blessed revivals.

We will be open for calls after Beulah Camp. That is after July 15. Dates already booked from Sept. 6 to Oct. 11 unless something happens that we don't know of at present.

If you care to have us for a meeting, write us right away while booking is good. We will go anywhere where we can have the privilege of preaching full salvation, Holiness unto the Lord. As for remuneration, all we ask is that pastors do their best through free will offerings. Of course, we mean do their best. We are willing to take the bitter with the sweet, some places not much, others little more than we might possibly get along with. No evangelist could live if it was all bitter with no sweet.

Well, a word to the wise is sufficient. What we want is souls, souls, souls. If we'll work and pray to that end God will give us revivals. Brother and Sister Price

MINISTERS OPEN FOR A CALL

Although I have received a unanimous call to remain at Old Town for another year, I feel under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to place myself open for a call where the Lord may lead. J. A. Moses, Box 179, Old Town, Me.

I am open for a call from a church for the coming church year. Arnold L. Stairs, Head of Millstream, N. B.

Lic. James MacArthur, of Island Falls, Me., is open for a call for pastoral work for the coming year.

Lic. F. L. Harvey, pastor at Londonderry, N. S. is open for a call for the coming year.

while we labour together. Amen! Praise the Lord! He saves and sanctifies right now. Hallelujah!

Get your dates in right away. "The Mullen Trio," 38 Pleasant Street, Truro, N. S. H. S. MULLEN.