

Church and District News

RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

Rev. H. S. Dow

Our Superintendent asked me to write a report for The Highway, of our recent camp meeting held at Robinson, Maine. I suppose, like all religious meetings, it had both its encouraging and discouraging features. Should we magnify the encouraging features while we overlooked the discouraging things, we would be superficially optimistic. On the other hand, if we ignore the good things and emphasize the discouraging features we would be called a pessimist.

First, let us note the Lord was very good to us in giving us good weather. Then, we had a very good evangelist in the person of Rev. Clifford Filer. His messages were scriptural and forceful, and preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but very few responded to his appeals to come forward and seek salvation. That was one of the discouraging features of the meeting.

The attendance at the camp was not as large as it had been in previous years. The special singing, for the most part, was very good and inspirational. The meals at the hotel, prepared by Mrs. McGeorge and her daughter, Miss Reta, were excellent.

It is true that many of the Christians who listened to the preacher professed to be helped and blessed, for which we were thankful. However, we should not be too easily satisfied with the visible results at our camp meetings or church services, saying, "We had a great meeting," when if we did our part, prayed more, believed God for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit of conviction, prayed until His presence was mightily manifested among us, we would have seen greater results in the salvation of more souls.

The fact is, friends, the world and many backslidden church members have become so accustomed to the ordinary things in our religious services, that they are no longer stirred or moved toward God; hence, we need something extra-ordinary. We need a greater manifestation of God's presence among us. Human programs, more entertainment for our young people, social life, big eats, games, etc., will not meet our need. Others have gone after and gotten the above mentioned attractions, until they can say like the Laodicean church, We are "rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," not knowing that in God's sight they are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Many churches which we might criticize and call dead were at one time live, soul-saving stations. This writer can well remember when they had holiness evangelists in the old Methodist churches, who preached the Wesleyan, scriptural doctrines of full salvation, and some people prayed through and got sanctified wholly. We can also remember when they had a camp meeting at Littleton, Me., where full salvation was preached. But they are all gone. How are the mighty fallen! They went after quantity instead of quality. Many did not consecrate and seek holiness, and pastors did not preach the experience and feed hungry souls.

We cannot build strong churches unless our people pray through and experience holiness

of heart and life. No church has ever been known to confess to its own backsliding. No, they just add a little more of the human and go on, often without God. It is said that Napoleon Bonaparte said that his soldiers marched on their stomachs. He meant they needed to be fed well in order to stand long marches and fight well. The Church of Jesus Christ marches on her knees. There is no sufficient substitute in the life of a Christian or a church for prevailing prayer. Our camp meetings and churches lose their hold on needy people when our people lose their hold on God through lack of prayer.

It is so pleasant to visit old friends and talk at our religious gatherings, but if prayer is neglected the good becomes the enemy of the best. We may talk too much, become dry in our souls, have the glory depart, lose our desire for testimony, until there is little conviction on the unsaved and the unsanctified. Paul said, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."

In conclusion let us say, we need a revival of holiness in our churches, which must begin with our pastors preaching the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. "As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy." (I. Peter 1:15-16). If we fail in this we are heading toward a form of godliness with the power. Paul wrote, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ."

WOOD HARBOUR, NOVA SCOTIA

August 14th saw the closing of an exceptional Daily Vacation Bible School in the Reformed Baptist Church here. The church was packed for the final program. Our enrollment jumped from 56 last year to a new high of 82 children, ranging in age from 4 to 14. In spite of one stormy day out of the ten days in session, our average attendance was 55. Fifty-two diplomas were presented for faithful attendance and creditable work. The offerings taken amounted to \$41.66. The excellent staff, Mrs. Lester Malone, Mrs. James Garron, jr., Mrs. Albert Nickerson, Mrs. Alvin Nickerson, Mrs. Lee Wilson, Miss Ida Malone, Mrs. Joseph Atwood, Mrs. Robert Devine and Miss Barbara Malone, worked tirelessly and capably to make it a success. The Nazarene Course of Study was used, and Mrs. Saunders directed the music and handwork periods.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

St. Clair Nickerson,

S. S. Supt.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS IN THE U. S. A.

WILL OUR SUBSCRIBERS IN THE U. S. A. PLEASE SEE THAT ALL MONEY ORDERS SENT TO THE HIGHWAY ARE MADE PAYABLE IN CANADIAN MONEY. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR US TO CASH THEM.

"O Holy Ghost, Revival comes from Thee,
Send now Revival, start the work in Me."

REV. H. S. MULLEN WRITES

Dear Highway:

Greetings from the "Mullen Trio." We have just closed very profitable meetings at P. E. I. A goodly number found their way to the altar seeking to be saved, sanctified, or reclaimed.

Our next meeting will be at Windsor, N. S., in the Church of the Nazarene, Sept. 6-20. Any who are in coming distance, come to the meetings. We covet the prayers of God's dear children for us there.

Please note that due to a change of dates we have an open date this Fall—Oct. 18-Nov. 1—that we would like to have filled. Anybody wishing our help for that time, please contact us just as soon as possible. Write us at, Havelock, Digby Co., N. S. Our slate is nearly filled for this church year, so if you want us for any time get your dates in and start on the next church year.

Yours for souls,

H. S. Mullen

NOTICE RE COVENANTS

Covenants are now available from the Alliance Secretary at the rate of eight copies for one dollar. Please address all orders to Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, 45 Charles Ave., Barker's Point, N. B.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 will convene with the church at Doaktown, Sept. 10-13. Let every church send delegates and let us have a good Quarterly Meeting.

Mrs. Bruce Logan,

Secretary

WORK AND PRAY

I heard a story the other day of an old ferryman, who had painted on one of his oars the word "Pray" and on the other the word "Work." A gentleman was one day being rowed by this fisherman across the ferry when he noticed the words, and, out of curiosity, asked what they meant. The old man did not answer, but laying down one of his oars, began to pull very hard with the other oar on which was painted "Work." You can guess what happened! The boat made no progress at all, but began to turn round and round! Presently the oar "Work" was laid down, and the oar "Pray" taken up and used; but with the same result! After a moment the ferryman picked up both oars and, with a few long hard pulls brought the boat to the shore. "Do you see now, sir," he asked the gentleman, "why I have painted those words on my oars?"—Selected

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It's SILENCE when your words would hurt;
It's PATIENCE when your neighbor's curt;
It's DEAFNESS when the scandal flows;
It's THOUGHTFULNESS for another's woes;

It's PROMPTNESS when a stern duty calls;
It's COURAGE when misfortune falls.

—Heart and Life.

"We may neglect prayer when we no longer need the favor of God; we may cease to praise Him when He ceases to be gracious to us."