

Church and District News

HEAD OF MILLSTREAM, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends:

We feel much praise is due our Heavenly Father for the many blessings sent our way, and for the way He has supplied our needs in answer to prayer. During the past few weeks He has answered in such a way that proves to us again that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

At the present time the church is being re-decorated with paint on the floor and windows, and varnish on the walls. This greatly adds to the appearance of the interior and was made possible by a gift from Mrs. Hannah Hayes. We believe God will richly bless those taking a special interest in His house.

We are looking forward to special services from May 24th-June 7th, with Evangelist Clarence Shrier, of Ottawa, and are expecting a real revival at that time.

For some time we had planned to leave this field and go into another work, but after every way has seemed closed to us, we feel that this was not God's will for us, and feel especially led to stay with this people and church for another year. They have been very kind to us during the past two years, and we trust that this year will be the greatest one yet in soul winning.

In His service,

A. L. and Mrs. Stairs

FROM SEAL COVE, N. B.

Dear Friends:

In February and March the churches of this field sponsored revival campaigns with Brother Sam Guptil at Wood Island, and Brother and Sister Leslie Hicks at Seal Cove. All gave of their best and both churches enjoyed revival blessings. Many new testimonies are heard and the revival spirit continues on Grand Manan. The winter months have noted an increase in Sunday School interest and attendance. For five Sundays in succession the attendance at Seal Cove was over 200 with a record of 247. God is working with the people here and we are believing for greater manifestations of His power and glory.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

A. D. and Mrs. Cann

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. W. L. Fernley has accepted a call to the Perth Church.

Rev. H. E. Mullen reports a successful meeting at Fredericton, with Dr. P. Wiseman, of Nyack, N. Y., as evangelist.

Judson Sanders left Amherst April 25th for Prince Edward Island as companion to Blind Evangelist Rev. Alexander Marks, of New York, representative of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Travelling with him on a similar trip last year, Mr. Marks spoke in churches in Elmsdale, Central Bedeque, Summerside, Canne Cove, Georgetown and Upton Centre. This year Mr. Marks will also speak in New Glasgow and Grand Manan, completing the tour in about a month.

MILLVILLE, N. B.

Dear Highway:

We would like to send in a brief report of our meetings held this spring on our circuit. Brother Dow came on March 15th and conducted a week of meetings in the Central Hainsville, Lower Hainsville and Millville Churches. Bad roads and an epidemic of Flu badly hampered our efforts the first two weeks, yet we saw several forward to be sanctified.

After Easter we decided to continue the meetings in Millville, and God blessed the services, and we saw a number of genuine conversions, others were reclaimed, and some forward for sanctification. Brother Dow never preached better in his forty odd years of ministry, the Lord seemed to give him special strength, and he preached under the anointing of the Spirit. The Church was greatly strengthened and enjoyed the new voices in prayer and praise. We expect to have a Baptism in the near future. We are looking forward to the Quarterly Meeting at Maple Ridge, also to a revival effort in that community at a later date.

Brother Dow has taken up his duties as pastor of the Nortondale field, and we request your prayers for him as he labours during the summer months. We have accepted a call to remain on the Millville Circuit another year, and covet your prayers that God will continue to use us for His glory and the upbuilding of the cause of holiness in this part of our work.

Yours in His will,

J. A. Owens

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 will convene with the Church at Maple Ridge, May 28-31 inclusive. Will all churches please send written reports, and delegates, and as many as can, please plan to attend. A time of rich blessing and deep spiritual fellowship is expected.

Mrs. J. A. Owens, Dist. Sec.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 5 will be held at Glassville, May 28th to 31st. All pastors and delegates are requested to be present. A good Quarterly is being planned.

H. M. Kimball

FROM THE ALLIANCE TREASURER

As Alliance Treasurer, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our churches for their splendid co-operation through this church year.

However, as there are some unpaid pledges still not in and some Budgets still unmet, let me solicit your continued co-operation so as to have all Funds in. I will be closing my Books on June 15th, 1953, for this Church Year.

R. H. PARKS

"Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do?"

"A man may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving."

HOLINESS AND TERMINOLOGY

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spiritual healing. Furthermore, the word sanctification may be used with reference to the life of the sanctified, meaning a state of grace, a development in God, after the second definite crisis in the soul, preserved blameless.

It is thus revealed that the term sanctification may be used to express the fact of dedication to God for sacred use, the act or definite work in the soul in definite cleansing from all sin, the process of development from the moment of conversion, the state to which the church is called, or the state or condition of the soul following the definite act of cleansing, generally known as holiness. This work of grace is also known as "Christian Perfection," "Perfect Love," "Heart Purity," "Entire Sanctification," "Holiness," and similar terms. From the standpoint of Theology—and we trust orthodoxy—it may be suggested that Sanctification is a process involving a crisis, a second definite work; also "Holiness" a state in which we live after the second definite work has been wrought, a life lived under the cleansing flow, a life of fulness in God the Holy Spirit.

Some argue that sanctification is complete at justification. To this Rev. J. A. Wood replies: "The theory that the soul is entirely sanctified at regeneration involves the whole subject of Christian sanctification in great difficulties. The following are some of them:

"If sanctification is complete at justification, then every man who enjoys religion is entirely sanctified.

"If sanctification is complete at justification, then every Christian, to be truthful, should profess entire sanctification.

"If all who are converted are entirely sanctified, then all the directions in the Word of God to seek holiness, sanctification, or perfect love, are given exclusively to sinners.

"If sanctification is complete at justification, then ministers have no right to urge Christians to 'go on unto perfection,' or 'to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.'

"If entire sanctification is complete at justification, it is so in opposition to the experience of the whole church of God; and, with slight exceptions, the whole Christian world has been seriously mistaken during two thousand years.

"If all that are regenerate are wholly sanctified, then whosoever is convicted for full salvation, and groaning after it, is at once to infer that he was never converted, or that he is now backslidden. Thus would this heresy, if received, perplex and harass with perpetual difficulties and discouragements the very members of the church who are most deeply concerned to possess all the mind that was in Christ.

"A system involving such difficulties cannot be received as the truth of God and should be regarded as anti-scriptural and avoided as dangerous heresy."

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Unless a man is ready to work for the salvation of others, it may be questioned whether he himself is saved. He who wants only enough religion to save himself is not likely to have even that much.—Henry Clay Trumbull.