

Church and District News

FROM DOAKTOWN, N. B.

Just a few words from the field in Doaktown and Blissfield. As we look back over the winter months we feel we have much to praise God for. We have been so conscious of His Spirit and leadings in the work in general, and He has shown His hand in so many ways. We have had the joy of seeing folk at the altar seeking the Lord in saving and sanctifying power, and many more are attending the services who are under a spirit of conviction. We are looking forward to a real outpouring of God's Spirit upon us in May as we start our special meetings with Bro. Shrier from Ottawa, and we covet an interest in your prayers as you seek God's throne. Meetings are from May 3 to 22.

We were blessed in our souls and encouraged in our hearts as we enjoyed the fellowship of Rev. B. C. Cochrane, his wife and Margaret over March 1 week end. God's blessing was on all the meetings both in preaching and their singing.

We have just completed our twenty first radio broadcast over CKMR, Newcastle, and we feel that God has blessed this radio ministry, even though we have not been able to see the visible results. We have received some very fine letters from our listeners who tell us that this is certainly the message that the people in that area need, and we feel that it has certainly been a wonderful opportunity and an effectual door to get the gospel to this darkened area of Catholicism. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Barker's Point Church and the Marysville Church for their fine gifts of twenty-five (25.00) each. It was a wonderful help as the burden has been heavy financially and we find ourselves behind in our obligations. If there are any others who would like to have a share in this ministry, perhaps some of our Y. P. groups, it would be greatly appreciated.

Trusting if the Lord tarries to see you all in a few months at the Camp Grounds, until then, keep on holiness ground and pushing the battle.

Yours for Souls,

NEIL RICE.

WITNESSING BY LIFE

The pulpit must never cease to proclaim the great truths of the Christian faith. But there is an even more effective way to make them known, and that is for Christians to live them day by day. Those who teach from the pulpit are few; church members are many. Most of those who need to know what the pulpit teaches do not give it a chance to reach them; a Christlike life bears its witness wherever it goes—in the home, in the office, on the street—everywhere. Men may give little heed to what we say; they cannot ignore the testimony of a godly life. We would not by word or thought detract from the pulpit. It has its God-ordained place, and cannot be supplanted. But it can be supplemented. And the plain teaching of the Word is that every disciple is to be an ambassador of God, to witness by his manner of life to the redemptive power of Jesus Christ.—William T. McElroy, in Christian Observer.

MINISTERS OPEN FOR A CALL

The following ministers have written saying they are open for a call to pastoral work for the coming church year:

Rev. A. L. Stairs, Head of Millstream, N. B.
Rev. E. R. Watson, Milltown, Me.
Rev. H. E. Anderson, Meductic, N. B.
Rev. W. L. Fernley, Black's Harbour, N. B.
Lic. M. W. Bagley, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.
Lic. James MacArthur, Island Falls, Me.

NEWS IN BRIEF

G. R. Symonds has resigned the pastorate of the Perth and Gordonsville churches and has accepted a call to be pastor of the Marysville church.

Rev. C. E. Stairs has accepted a call to the Truro Church.

Rev. J. A. Moses has accepted a call to the Jonesport Church.

Lic. F. L. Harvey writes that he has accepted a unanimous call to remain at Londonderry. He states too that the church is in the midst of special meetings and that God is blessing. At the time of writing there had been fifteen seekers.

THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE RALLIES STARTED OFF WELL. AT ST. JOHN, SUSSEX, AND MONCTON THE ATTENDANCES WERE LARGE, THE FINE SINGING AND PREACHING MUCH APPRECIATED, AND THE RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL FOR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT SPLENDID. BE SURE TO ATTEND THE RALLY IN YOUR DISTRICT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AT FREDERICTON AND MONCTON WITH DR. P. WISEMAN, OF NYACK, N. Y.

THE CHRISTIAN

Vera Miller

Could I be called a Christian

If everybody knew

My secret thoughts and feelings

And everything I do?

Oh, could they see the likeness

Of Christ in me each day?

Oh, could they hear Him speaking

In everything I say?

Could I be called a Christian

If everyone could know

That I am found in places

Where Jesus would not go?

Oh, could they hear His echo

In every song I sing?

In eating, drinking, dressing

Could they see Christ in me?

Could I be called a Christian

If judged by what I read,

By all my recreations

And every thought and deed?

Could I be counted Christ-like

As I now work and pray

Unselfish, kind, forgiving

To others every day?

THOUGHTS FROM THE BACK SEAT

By Rev. E. R. Storm

I am the back seat. In many places I am not popular. At a baseball game nobody wants me. In the great arena where the men are playing hockey, I am often quite forsaken. When two prize fighters are matching their wits, people try to get as far away from me as possible.

But inside a church—am I ever popular! I am the most important seat in the entire building. I might not amount to much when elsewhere, but when I go to church, believe me, I really am somebody. People make a big fuss over me. I am always the most crowded of all the pews. The young people love me, and so do the old folks, too.

I am not much for looks. Many of the other seats are far nicer than I am. I have many other disadvantages, too. People can hear the preacher better, listen to the singers better, and catch the spirit of the meeting better, when they are sitting on any other seat except me. Yet, for all this, I do not seem to be losing my popularity. I am more in demand than ever. Sinners love me, and so do Christians. That is something that cannot be said for my fellow seats.

I am the first seat to be filled. I am never empty. I sometimes pity those poor front seats. They look so sad and empty-like—just as if it were a funeral, and they were waiting for the mourners to come in and fill them.

Some people say they like to be under the sound of the Gospel. Then why don't they get under it? Why do they always want to sit in me? Why don't they move up where they would be under the minister's preaching?

I wish I could hold more people. I sometimes think our church attendance would be larger, if my seating capacity could be increased. Honestly, sometimes I don't know what to do. It puzzles me greatly. I remember one time when old What's-His-Name came to church. Why, the old sinner hadn't been there for months. Finally, one Sunday night he decided to come. He thought he would sneak into the church, and sit in me without being noticed. But when he got there, I was so crowded with dear, thoughtless Christians, that there wasn't any room for him, so he turned around and went home. He hasn't been back since.

I don't know why so many people pick on me. What do they always have to sit on me for? Maybe I shouldn't say that, because I think I do know why they always choose me for a parking place. It's because—well, I won't mention it here, because you don't want everybody else to know why you generally sit on me, do you? It's kind of a good reason, all right, but it mightn't look so good in print.

I remember hearing a preacher say one time, "There aren't any back seats in heaven." I wonder what he meant.

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

LIMITING GOD!

Beware, in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, above all that we ask or think. Each time you intercede, be quiet first and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, of how He delights in Christ, and of your place in Christ.—Dr. Andrew Murray.