

# Church and District News

## HAPPENINGS AT HALIFAX

A recent campaign with the Ritchie Evangelistic Party was held at the Reformed Baptist Church.

Beginning on May 12 and continuing through to May 31, Rev. T. H. Ritchie, Irish evangelist, brought soul stirring messages to the crowds in attendance. Mrs. Ritchie, assisted by Miss Allister at the piano, provided a very interesting and varied musical program. Mrs. Ritchie played 424 sleighbells, 32 handbells, 28 musical glasses, silver cord bells and the solovox. Miss Allister and Mrs. Ritchie also provided a number of vocal solos and duets.

Three full length feature films were shown during the campaign: Mother and Home, Missing Christians, and Contrary Winds. The church was filled a number of times; the largest crowd in attendance being on Monday concluding the services when The Life of Christ musical program was presented.

We felt the Presence of the Holy Spirit in each of the services and we praise God for the number of precious souls who accepted Christ during the campaign. Many believers sought the Lord for spiritual help and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

We feel that the stay of the Ritchie Evangelistic Party with us was one of great spiritual refreshing and blessing.

**MORNING DEVOTIONS BROADCAST FROM CFNB, FREDERICTON, N. B. 8.30 - 9.00 A. M.**

Rev. G. R. Symonds, 10th of each month.  
Rev. H. S. Mullen, 19th of each month.  
Rev. B. C. Cochrane, 27th of each month.  
Rev. J. A. Owens, 30th of each month.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1 quilt from Port Maitland Church for Rockdale.  
15 dinner plates from Mrs. Lee Golding for hotel at Beulah.

## IT COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Christian holiness is not something we achieve by self-effort; it is something we appropriate through Christ by a self-surrendering faith. "A man may," as Doremus Hayes somewhere says, "scourge his back and starve his body and live in solitude, and yet not be pure in thought and in heart." But, let us hasten to add, he may, if he will, fall upon his knees and, yielding himself in unreserved devotement to the will of the Almighty Father, cry out in the earnestness of his longing spirit, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." And he who created the heavens and the earth, who one day will create the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, who creates the new life of the spirit in the mystic hour of the soul's new birth, even the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ will, by his Holy Spirit, baptize that man with the fire of purification and enable him to live a white life, full of the gracious ministries of love, in the very thick of a wicked world's traffic in sin.—Paul S. Rees.

## QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 6 convened with the Grace Reformed Baptist Church at Halifax, June 3-6. The message of the opening service was given by Rev. Roosevelt Benson on the subject, "The Infilling of the Holy Spirit." In the absence of Rev. Scott Ingersoll, the pastor brought the message on Friday evening. The regular business session was held on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening was designated as Youth Night with Rev. C. E. Stairs bringing a very challenging message. On Sunday morning Lic. Lyle Harvey brought the message entitled "Service to God." The closing message of the Quarterly by Pastor Hobson, was on the subject, "A Great Man, But . . ." We praise God for the instruction and challenge received during this Quarterly.

## HOME MISSION FUND RECEIVED

Truro Church	\$ 30.50
Royalton Church	10.00
Wood Island Church	50.00
Lower Brighton Church	6.00
North Head Church	22.50
Meductic Church	16.00
Jonesport Church	75.00
Havelock Church	14.00
Calais Church	16.75
Black's Harbour Church	113.45
Hartland Church	60.25
Amherst Church	15.00
Lower Hainesville	11.21
Mrs. Vernal Woodward (P. & P.)	12.00
Mr. Arthur Woodward (P. & P.)	12.00
Mrs. Ida Gordon (P. & P.)	12.00
Mr. James Bradley (P. & P.)	12.00
Miss Jean Hayes (P. & P.)	12.00

Thank you.

G. R. Symonds, Treas.

## NEW HOME MISSION TREASURER

**Rev. W. L. Fernley has been elected Home Mission Treasurer to succeed Rev. G. R. Symonds.**

**Please send all Home Mission money to Rev. W. L. Fernley, Box 195, Perth, N. B.**

## A SHINING LIGHT

I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong, and yet far over the waters its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your conduct and it shall not fail to be illustrious.—Spurgeon.

## HOW ABOUT IT? . . .

A missionary enroute to his station read in the New Testament and expounded the way of salvation to the boatmen. On the last day of the voyage, one of them said:

"We want you to come to our tribe with the Book and this good news."

When the missionary explained that he must go on, the boatman asked:

"But are there not many Christians in the land from which you came?"—Selected.

God keeps a school here for His children, and one of the best teachers is disappointment."

## THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS

The Rev. Andrew Murray has done invaluable service to the entire church of Christ by calling urgent attention to a sin which might be described as universal in its range and fatal in its consequence. Mr. Murray throws a flashlight upon the enormity of this impiety under the following heads:

1. Prayerlessness is a reproach to God. The Most High invites us to hold converse with Him, and it is shameful that we either cannot find time or practically say there is no special advantage to be gained.

2. Prayerlessness is the cause of a deficient spiritual life. "What is the reason why many thousands of Christian workers in the world have not greater influence? Nothing save this—the prayerlessness of their service. In the midst of all their zeal in the study and in the work of the church, of all of the faithfulness in preaching and conversation with the people, they lack that ceaseless prayer which has attached to it the sure promise of the Spirit and the power from on high."

3. The church suffers a dreadful loss as a result of the prayerlessness of the minister. "How many thousands of Christians are there who know next to nothing of the blessedness of prayer-fellowship with God! . . . The reason is simply and only that the minister understands so little about the secret of powerful prayer, and does not give it the place in his service which, in the nature of the case, and in the will of God, is indispensably necessary."

4. Prayerlessness makes the preaching of the gospel to all men an impossibility. "The Lord lay the burden of it (this sin of prayerlessness) so heavy on our hearts, that we may not rest till it is taken from us through the name and power of Jesus."—Alliance Weekly.

## NOVA SCOTIA'S LIQUOR ACCOUNT

In a recent issue of Forward we gave the figures for the legal but immoral sale of liquor in Nova Scotia. The total was over 26,000,000 dollars. The increased sale was close to two million dollars. \$600,000 of this was in the mail order branch at Halifax. We are of the opinion that that is partly due to shame on the part of customers for there is a decrease of about 130,000 dollars in two of the city branches. The department now delivers at the homes of the customers. We note that the amount of alcohol itself sold only brought \$4,300 which shows what a small place this narcotic drug has in the real welfare of the country. It was encouraging to see a decrease of \$5,000 in Antigonish. This country is largely Scotch Roman Catholic and has had a very heavy per capita rate of consumption of alcohol. Late movements in the Roman Catholic Church has shown a marked change of sentiment towards liquor. One cannot feel too much for the so-called sufferers of the coal and iron districts when the increase of sales in those towns runs 183 thousand, 143 thousand, 131 thousand, 104 thousand, etc.—C. H. J.—in Forward.

The Wallet Test.—What proportion of your income last year was turned over to the work of the Lord? Was it at least as much as the tithe which the Jew paid before the grace of God was revealed in Christ?—Bible News Flashes.