

BRAINERD, MAN OF PRAYER

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to wrestle ardently in intercession and at night the Lord visited me marvelously in prayer. I think my soul never was drawn out in such agony before. I felt no restraint, for the treasures of divine grace were open to me. I wrestled with God for friends, for the ingathering of souls, for multitudes of poor souls in many distant places . . .

"I was in such agony from sun half an hour high to till near dark that I was wet with sweat, but yet to me it seemed I had done nothing.

"O, my dear Saviour did sweat blood for poor souls! I longed for more compassion toward them. I felt still in a sweet frame, under a sense of divine love and grace, and went to bed in such a frame, with my heart set on God."

It was prayer that gave his ministry such spiritual power. Brainerds whole life was a life of prayer. By day and by night he prayed. Before preaching and after preaching he prayed. In the quest for the souls of the Indians, riding through the interminable solitudes of the forests, he prayed. On his bed of straw he prayed . . . "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil 4:6).

Hour by hour, day by day, early morn and late at night, he was praying and fasting, pouring out his soul, interceding, communing with God.

He was with God mightily in prayer, and God was with him mightily, and by it, he being dead yet speaketh and worketh, and will speak and work till the end comes, and among the glorious ones of that glorious day he will be among the first.

Jonathan Edwards says of David Brainerd, "His life shows the right way to success in the work of the gospel ministry. He sought it as a soldier seeks victory in a siege or battle, or as a man runs a race for a great prize.

"Animated with the love of Christ and souls, how did he labor? Always fervently! Not only in word and doctrine, in public and private, but in prayers by day and night, wrestling with God in secret and travailing in birth with unutterable groans and agonies, until Christ was formed in the hearts of the people to whom he ministered.

"Like a true son of Jacob, he persevered in wrestling through the darkness of the night, until the breaking of the day."—Selected.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 5

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 5 will convene at Hartland, N. B., Feb. 28 - March 3. Friday night will be "Youth Night."

The pastor and a delegate from each church of the district, with as many visitors as possible, plus the blessing of God, will make for a grand Quarterly. Come expecting great things from our heavenly Father.

Rev. J. A. Owens, Pastor

WEDDINGS

Grant-Bradley At the Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock, N. B., Tuesday, Jan. 1st, Jennie Frances Bradley was united in marriage to Alonzo Fraser Grant, of Meductic, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll.

Avery-DeMerchant At the Reformed Baptist parsonage, Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 11th, Elizabeth Marion DeMerchant, of Kilburn, N. B., was united in marriage to Ronald Keith Avery, of Coldstream, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll.

OBITUARY

On Jan. 17th, the funeral service of Mrs. George Crosby was held in the Sweeney Funeral Parlor, Yarmouth, N. S. For the past several years Mrs. Crosby boarded at one of the Yarmouth "Rest Homes" where, during the past year, her health failed quite rapidly. S. W. Ingersoll officiated at the service, assisted by W. E. Green and L. K. Mullen. Interment in the Brazil Lake Cemetery. To the sorrowing ones we extend sympathy and prayers.

Verdie Mullen, son of Rev. H. E. Mullen and the late Mrs. Mullen, died at Havelock, N. B., Sunday, Feb. 3rd. Verdrie had been in poor health for months and his death was not unexpected.

Surviving besides his father are, the stepmother, two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Mitchell (Phyllis), of Halifax, N. S., and Mrs. Gerald Mallonee (Lily), of California; also one brother, Wesley, of Fredericton.

The funeral service was held from the McAdam Funeral Home, Fredericton, Wednesday, Feb. 6th, and was conducted by Rev. F. A. Dunlop, assisted by Revs. G. R. Symonds and R. G. Morehouse. Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Traf-ton sang. Interment was in Rural Cemetery Extension, Fredericton.

To all who mourn we extend our prayerful sympathy.

Mrs. Mary Nixon, of Woodstock, N. B., died Dec. 15th, at the age of 83, following a two weeks illness as the result of a fall. She had lived a number of years at Lower Brighton where she was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church, moving to Woodstock after the death of her husband. She is survived by one son, four daughters and three brothers.

Funeral service was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Downey, Dec. 18th, conducted by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, assisted by Rev. J. A. Owens and Rev. Gordon Vincent. Interment was in Lower Brighton cemetery.

Our church at Woodstock was saddened with the passing of Mrs. Catherine Phillips, aged 80, on Jan. 3rd. Although in failing health since September her final illness was brief. Mrs. Phillips joined the Reformed Baptist Church shortly after its organization and had been most active in its work. She had been a Sunday School teacher for over sixty years and was highly esteemed by all who attended her class across the years. She was a regular attendant at Beulah Camp.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by a sister in Minneapolis, a brother in Milwaukee and several nieces and nephews.

After prayers at the home of her nephew, Gerald Phillips, the funeral service was conducted in the Reformed Baptist Church with Rev. H. R. Ingersoll officiating, assisted by Rev. J. A. Owens.

WEDDINGS

Guptill-Tatton A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ingersoll, of Woodard's Cove, Grand Manan, N. B., on Dec. 26th, when Janice Sherrill Tatton, of Fredericton, N. B., and Claude Wayne Guptill, of Peterborough Ont., were united in marriage by Lic. J. A. MacKenzie, assisted by Rev. A. D. Cann.

Tweedie-Clark—At the residence of Myles Saunders, Marysville, N. B., Feb. 9th, 1957, Myrna Clark, of Marysville, N. B., and Robert Tweedie, of Chatham, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. G. R. Symonds. About fifty guests were present and a reception followed.

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