



North Head Churches

Greetings to our many friends from this corner of God's vineyard. We give thanks to God for His many blessings to us. Our hearts have been made to rejoice once again as we have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, in bringing full salvation to this old world.

How we praise the Lord for His blessing upon us as we close another year of labour here at Grand Harbour and North Head, and look out upon 1959, expecting God to visit us with old time revival.

We have just closed a meeting with Lic. Sheila Graham at Grand Harbour. Everyone enjoyed the forceful preaching of Miss Graham, attendance was good, and God blessed with seekers at the altar. We plan to have her again for another Youth Rally, Lord willing.

We praise the Lord that He has given us new recruits in the Sunday School, and are happy to report that the record has been broken twice since Beulah Camp. Praise the Lord.

Attendance is good at North Head and we thank the Lord that He has given us a fine young peoples group there, and we are trusting God for revival in this Mother Church.

The people from both churches have been most gracious to us at this Christmas season, we feel they are the best, and we thank God for each one.

We are looking forward to having Rev. R. C. Stabler from Penn. U. S. A. and his wife on Jan. 27 to Feb. 8 at Grand Harbour. We are uniting with our people here for a Holy Ghost visitation of old time power and conviction upon the community. "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" Glory be to God.

In these awful days of wickedness and sin let us hold the banner of holiness high, preach the gospel straight as a gun barrel and stand out against everything the devil is for, so that when He appears we may stand before Him unashamed.

Yours for the cause of holiness,
Rev. and Mrs. J. A. MacKenzie.

Head of Millstream

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We trust that this letter finds each of you experiencing and enjoying the blessing of the Lord.

We wish to thank all those who made this Christmas season a blessed occasion for us. Their thoughtfulness and concern was expressed in many generous gifts for which we are most grateful.

During the last weeks of November we experienced a time of spiritual refreshing. Our evangelist, Lic. Stafford Hutchinson favoured us with genuine gospel preaching. With the anointing of God upon him Brother Hutchinson ministered with a deep love for souls, and his faithful labours were rewarded with seekers at the altar. His personal consolation and instruction was very helpful.

We are challenged again with the prospects of a new year. As we reminisce and rejoice over the work that has been done let us not forget what has been left undone. Shall we press on with a greater accuracy, expectancy, and fervency "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

Yours for Souls,
Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Brown.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 5

Greetings to our friends throughout the Denomination from District No. 5. We are happy to report that the work on our District has been progressing favorably and during the past year our Quarterly Meetings have been richly blessed of God.

The last meeting of the District convened with the church at Fort Fairfield, Me., Nov. 27th-30th. It was well attended and a fine representation of our pastors was present throughout. Above all we were thankful for the presence of God in our midst, and the freedom of spirit in all the services. As the Quarterly came to a close, people returned to their respective churches strengthened in the inner man, and more determined than ever to be a greater influence for the cause or righteousness.

As we look back over the year of 1958, as a District we recall many wonderful times together in the Lord. Facing another year, let us pray together that our several Districts will continue to become a great force for God in the holiness ranks.

Rev. H. B. Ricker, Secy.

THE MINISTRY OF BOOKS

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Orient, the verdure of the tropics, the bleakness of the poles come into our lives. They lead us into all the epic movements of the human race and fill us with emotions which have stirred the hearts of multitudes. Down through the centuries they take us as we view the march of Roman legions, the raids of northern Teuton hordes, the conquests of Moslems, the Crusades of the Middle Ages, the rabble of the French Revolution, and the rise of our own republic.

With books we follow the course of the Church of Christ from the days of Peter and of Paul: we meet in them Polycarp, Athanasius, Augustine, Jerome, Chrysostom, Boniface, the Waldensians, the Reformation, and our modern missions. How narrow, how poverty-stricken would our intellectual horizon and our spiritual life be if it were not for the ministry of books!

Books permit a better and efficient use of time. Our friends cannot always be available when it best suits our needs. They have their programs and obligations to meet, and these sometimes take them from us when we need them most. But books can be turned to at any time and all times. With them there is no resentment at being set aside and no impatience of intrusion, however unexpectedly we call on them for help.

Not only do books minister to our own needs; they are the willing instruments with which we may serve others. They can be our staff of experts subject to our call in solving problems of our loved ones and our friends. Not one of us possesses firsthand all wisdom and knowledge which we need; nor have we the capacity to help those dependent on us without the use of books.

Our children's lives are largely molded by the books they read. Mother's bedtime stories come from books. Later when the growing child is groping for an answer to some of life's questions, he may shrink from inquiring of his parents; then the proper book tactfully placed within his reach will do what neither mother nor father would have been allowed to do.

So also in Sunday school and church. Discussions in class and social gatherings may bring out questions too intricate for brief answers. Then some book may be recommended which deals in detail with the subject. Youths of high-school age will eagerly accept suggestions

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