

CHURCH NEWS



Hartland, N. B.

Some months have gone by since we reported from this part of the vineyard.

We had special services at Victoria with Sister Sheila Graham as evangelist, in March, closing with her on Easter Sunday and continuing from Tuesday night thru Sunday, April 12th with Bro. Kenneth Gorvette. They both proved to be able ministers of the Word. Their grand messages in sermon and song were both deep and forceful and God used them to help a number of souls to seek Him at the altar. We appreciate our young workers in the gospel.

Bro. F. A. Watson came to us at Lr. Brighton April 15th, for a series of meetings, but we had to close on the following Sunday on account of a "flu" epidemic. This was a great disappointment to everyone, as his ministry was being blest of God, and we felt a real awakening would have come to the community, had this not happened.

At this present writing Evangelist Clyde Collins is with us in a week of meetings in Hartland. The interest is good, but the Campaign will be far too short to realize much results: He is stirring hearts with his messages and Christian films.

The membership of each church is small but they have done well in caring for their pastor, raising their budget and making improvements on their buildings. Each church has purchased a set of new hymn books and at Victoria a new red carpet has been placed on the pulpit platform. On June the 7th, these new furnishings were dedicated, along with a Wall Sunday School Record given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Harley DeLong in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tilley.

We had a unanimous call to remain on the field for the fourth year, and we ask the prayers of all our people that this coming year will be one of great blessing and that great spiritual gains will be the lot of each church.

Yours for Holiness,
J. A. and Hazel Owens.

Truro, N. S.

Six years of ministry in Truro have come to a close and we make our last entry from here. Two years of a three-year call remain uncompleted but the church has graciously released us to take up our work at Bethany.

The record tells of trials and tests but also of victories and advances. Sunday school attendance has been doubled; missionary giving multiplied; church attendance increased; property much improved; souls saved and sanctified each year. But statistics alone do not tell the story of an inner growth and development as well as an increasing witness in the community.

It has been our good lot to have had a group of people from the beginning who were unselfish in purpose, faithful to their leader, dedicated to the cause of Christ. They have been steady in crisis and responsive in challenge, preserving and promoting the work of the church. To these fine people belong many of the spoils of victory, now and eternally.

Across the years the church has been encouraged and edified by the coming of new people into its fellowship. At present there is a number of faithful adherents who are an asset to the work.

A most wonderful spirit of unity prevails in the church and a deepening sense of brotherhood is evident. Relationships between the pastor and people are of the highest order. Conditions are favorable to progress.

Individually and collectively the people have manifested their thoughtfulness toward us many times and in many ways. Their last act of kindness as a congregation was to hold a gathering in our honor. At the close of the evening Mrs. Stairs and I were presented with a General Electric floor polisher, a section for my filing cabinet, and a purse of money. We shall not soon forget the people of our first pastorate.

We anticipate hearing good reports from Truro in the years to come.

Sincerely in Jesus name,

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Stairs.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

Our last Quarterly Meeting of District No. 6 was held at Londonderry June 6th, 1959.

Representatives from each church on our District were present. Encouraging reports of spiritual progress came from each church of the District.

The opening love-feast was led by Rev. Milton Bagley. He spoke from Heb. 12:15. His theme was Holiness. We were reminded again of our special calling, to preach the message of second blessing holiness.

We were blessed as we listened to the testimonies of our people. Many gave witness of the experience of heart holiness.

After a short business session Rev. Ralph Hobson spoke to us on, "How We Might Promote Foreign Missions". We were challenged and enlightened by his message. Bro. Hobson is a man with a burden for souls who have never heard the message of salvation.

In the evening service we were privileged to have as guest speaker Sister Sheila Graham. We were reminded of how some Christians rob God of time, tithes and talents, so she spoke from Malachi 3:8.

Our fellowship together was blessed of the Lord, our vision was enlarged, and we went out strengthened to do the will of the master.

Let us not miss the blessing our Quarterly Meetings affords.

Yours to preach holiness,

Sect. L. W. Corey.

THY KINGDOM COME

God of heaven, hear our singing,
Only little ones are we;
Yet a great petition bringing,
Father, now we come to Thee.

Let Thy kingdom come, we pray Thee,
Let the world in Thee find rest;
Let all know Thee and obey Thee—
Loving, praising, blessing, blest.

Father, send the glorious hour;
Every heart be Thine alone;
For the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, are Thine own.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

CONTINUANCE IN PRAYER

There is nothing in the Christian's life that does not depend on prayer. We must kneel to conquer. From the case of the young convert just beginning the Christian life, to the preacher greeted by overflowing congregations wherever he travels, there will be tragic failure unless prayer is the dominant experience of life.

Lionel B. Fletcher.

The King's Highway