

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANCHOR LINE, S. S. Asia, Red Sea,
August 13th, 1902.

DEAR BRO. MACDONALD,—You will be surprised to learn that I am enroute to Liverpool, England. The way opened so suddenly I can hardly realize that I am really on the homeward voyage. Am not on a pleasure excursion or in search of health. We left Bombay on Saturday evening, August 2nd, in company with an invalid missionary lady of the C. M. Society. A trained nurse was in charge. My passage was paid to Liverpool in return for services in helping care for the worn out worker. We hoped she would live to meet her dear ones in England. On Monday morning the 11th just as we were passing Aden our Father gave His weary child rest. We had carried her to the hatchway to get the air as the heat was great. Shortly after she peacefully passed away. For five days the sea had been rough so that at times the waves dashed over the hurricane deck. On Monday it was as calm as a day in June at home. A coffin was made and at 4 o'clock p. m. we laid the body of our sister in. The coffin was lowered to the side of the vessel with the flag over it, the engine was stopped and all was so quiet and solemn as the captain read the burial service and the body was committed to the mighty deep till the sea shall give up its dead. A moment or two more and the vessel was speeding on its way. Our work for the sufferer is over just how the Lord will lead when we get to Liverpool we cannot say we only know He is leading and we trust opening the way to lay before friends of the cause in England and Canada the needs of the work in Bombay. We hope to return in a few months with helpers for the work in the slums. Bear us up in your prayers, ask the Lord to lay the needs of this work on the hearts of Christians in England.

One of the methods of work laid on our hearts months ago is gospel wagon work. Last January dear Miss Gaunce, of Balasore, sent the first gift for the wagon in a ten rupee note. Later on the Western Missionary Society of Bhadrack Orissa (native) sent rupees five through Miss Barnes. This is all that has been given definitely for that work. Other gifts have been used in the distribution of gospels and tracts. On leaving Bombay the amount on hand for gospel wagon work rupees fifteen (15,00) was deposited with Brother H. C. Crisp a faithful steward of the Lord's money and treasurer of the Baptist church on Bellasis Road, Bombay. May the Lord soon send the required amount. Have I told you that a few months since I united with that church? It is an open communion church with a very few members but we have precious fellowship in the Lord. This is the only Baptist church on this side of India. The present pastor is Rev. D. M. McLean who is also manager of the Book and Tract Society of Bombay. He is a hard working man with little time for pastoral duties. Pray especially for him and also for the pastors of the two Methodist churches in Bombay. We speak of these especially as we know of the great difficulties with which they have to contend. These churches stand in the front of the battle that is going on against sin in Bombay. We ran into Grant Road M. E. parsonage to say good-bye to dear Mrs. Celkins the pastor's wife ere leaving. We found her not in the home but in the church kneeling at the altar pleading for the returning of the Spirit on a dear young native girl kneeling by her side. Amanda Smith preached in this church when in Bombay. The building where the sainted Bishop Taylor preached is near but alas it is a haunt of vice.

We hope to arrive in Liverpool on 7th September. From there expect to go to London in the interests of the Lord's work thence returning to Liverpool and getting a chance to work my passage across the Atlantic.

Lately it seems as if my life work were just beginning. Am looking forward to years of service for the Master in India yet. My health is good and I am praising the Lord daily for all His goodness toward me, more than all for the cleansing blood of Jesus. Craving a continued interest in the prayers of the Lord's people.

Yours in Him,

JESSIE B. HOOPER.

MEDITERRANEAN SEA, 22nd August.
Had hoped to post this at Port Said

but it got missed, will do so at Marseilles on the 24th. Passed the volcano of Stromboli this morning. Having a pleasant voyage for this season of the year, seems like a day in June with the exception of the greater heat when in the sunshine. J. B. H.

UPPER WOODSTOCK, Sept. 5th.

DEAR HIGHWAY,—I have been thinking for some time that I should write again to your pages in testimony of God's wonderful love to me. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul and is my Saviour and Sanctifier. Oh that all young christians knew of God's sanctifying power! How few comparatively speaking would be drawn back into sin! We need the Holy Ghost to help us as we start out in life, to direct us, to give us courage to meet the difficulties of this life and to make our lives a success in the true sense of the word.

I take this opportunity to give praise to God for healing my body of consumption which He did in January of 1901. I followed out the Scripture order of Jas. 5. 14 and by simple faith in God's word He took the disease entirely away. Praise His name, I never can cease to praise Him for His wonderful love. I would recommend Him to others who are suffering for He indeed "took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

Your sister in Christ,

LAURA BURPEE.

CALAIS, Maine, Sept. 12, 1902.

DEAR HIGHWAY,—We are very glad to read of the reports of the work in all the communities. We have been especially interested in the work at Port Maitland and the Convention recently held there. We have been praying much for God's blessing upon the people there, and we trust that the field there to which Bro. Cosman has gone may be wonderfully blessed with an outpouring of God's Spirit upon the hearts of those who love Him.

We have much to be thankful for in our work here. We are endeavoring to keep our people stirred up in all the things that pertain to their salvation, and God is giving us victory. We find here some very earnest and consecrated people who are doing all they can, we believe, to strengthen the cause of God and build up the church of Christ, and God is truly blessing them. And we pray that their number may be increased, mightily.

We trust to have a Quarterly Meeting soon somewhere in this district, for we believe they can be made seasons of real spiritual profit to all, both ministers and laity. Surely our business cares (?) should not at any time become so weighty that we find ourselves unable, or unwilling to deny ourselves a little profit that some other needy, weary, and perhaps discouraged soul might be refreshed, and helped and strengthened by us. When we find ourselves so deeply engrossed in realizing our personal ambition and comfort to the extent that we forget the needy and destitute around us and in other places. I think we have come to a place where we need to go forward to the altar in consecration and earnest prayer. And we purpose, by the grace of God, to keep pushing forward. Paul told Timothy not to neglect "to stir up the gift that is in thee," And we believe it will repay a hundred fold to keep stirring up ourselves constantly to greater usefulness in all God's work. Lord, help us so to do.

Well, brethren, our minutes are ready, and will be published soon. It was a larger task than we anticipated, but we have been as careful as possible that no mistakes should occur in the various reports and statements of finances. When published they will be sent to the various churches through the clerks and ministers.

We have been very busy of late and tired in mind and body, so an invitation to spend a few days at Oak Bay came very opportune, and the delightful breezes from the bay and the rambles over the cliffs and along the beach had a good effect upon one's exhausted energies, and we came home refreshed and invigorated for work.

We are glad to hear that preparations for more extensive camp meetings are being pushed forward with vigor at Riverside and we trust that all the brethren and sisters in that vicinity who love holiness will seek to take their part in this great work by strengthening financially the hands of the committee who have the

matter in charge. God bless them all. We believe they will all aid in this good work.

A. L. BUBAR.

Dear Highway:—I wish to report that I am still on the victory side with victory in my soul, and enjoying my new field of labor very much. The brethren and sisters that compose the Robie church have stood at their post week day and Sunday all through the busy summer months without wavering either in attendance or testimony, after the long day of hard labor the church is well filled with bright cheerful people, gladly telling of the victory and joys of full salvation.

We have begun our regular meeting at Fort Fairfield Village. We have secured a nice hall centrally located, and the attendance has increased every Sunday, and the number of testimonies are multiplying, and the general interest is rising. But we are meeting, to us, a new phrase of Sidetrack in the form of Come outism.

These people seem to think they have at last found the central idea upon which everything must revolve, viz. that salvation depends on coming out of all organized church relationship, and practically to become a lot of Spiritual tramps, but we will still continue to work on the principal of organized effort which God has so wonderfully blessed in the past, and continues to bless. We have secured the largest and best hall in town for a 10 days meeting in December 18th, to 28th, when Dr. Carradine is to be with us, and we are looking to God to wonderfully use him in laying a sure foundation for a great work throughout this beautiful country for true holiness free from sidetracks. We would like to make this occasion a large convention and invite the people from near and far, but being in the winter, it will be impossible for us to find entertainment for the people, there are but few, if any, homes in the village that we could ask to entertain visitors, and Robie is so far off that the friends could not care for many visitors and attend the meetings themselves. The people are very kind and considerate of our temporal needs, but this kindness has abounded toward us on every circuit we have served.

Some of the Highway readers may be asking. What about Riverside Camp Ground? Well, I will say something about Riverside again. But report for the present that we need 3 large buildings before July 31st, 1093. A tabernacle that will seat 2000 people for it is quite common for 3000 or more to attend there on Sundays.

A Dormitory containing 20 or 40 rooms for every available place was filled this year and some could not get lodging.

3rd. A horse shed to accommodate at least 100 horses for many come with their teams, enough people are within every driving distance in Carleton county alone to fill both of the after named buildings.

Already the trench for the foundation of the tabernacle has been dug and filled with stone under the supervision of Brother J. C. Smith, and the bill of lumber is now being figured on to ascertain the cost. Next in order is a meeting of the committee at Riverside at an early date to complete the plans that everything may be in readiness to begin work in the spring.

It would be nice if 2500 persons would contribute one dollar each toward Riverside Tabernacle and settle the financial question in its erection. Rev. H. F. Reynolds heads the list with \$1.00. Who will follow? I feel sure that many will.

S. A. BAKER.
Fort Fairfield Me., Box 534.

BE FAITHFUL.

Support your own church in every way, especially by attending regular services.

Visit members who grow careless and urge them to be more loyal.

When you hear a sermon that helps you encourage your pastor by telling him so.

Tell those outside the church what a good preacher you have. Invite them to come and hear him.

Always give strangers a cordial welcome.

Have the Flower Committee furnish bouquets for the pulpit, afterward carry them to the aged and sick.

Manifest a special interest in the mid-week prayer meeting, endeavor to make it spiritually helpful. Teachers in the Sunday school be prompt with lesson well prepared. Members of the choir be in your place at the appointed hour.

If your pastor has special work for you do it cheerfully, and, above all, give him the hearty co-operation of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Why Should a Christian Join a Church?

You are robbing the Lord if you live a life better, purer, stronger, because of his help, and yet will not acknowledge by public confession that he is your helper. By as much as your life through Christ's help is better than the life of others, you are keeping from him the glory due to his name, by refusing to join his church.

He founded the church, which he purchased with his blood, to be the "pillar and ground of truth," a reservoir and a channel of blessing, your spiritual mother, and nurse, and teacher; so that not to belong to the church is to rob not merely the church, but Christ himself. It is his household of faith, his body, his bride. He has identified himself with it in such wonderful intimacy that, when Saul struck at the church, Jesus said, "Why persecutest thou me?" There is no escaping the fact that, when you withhold your public allegiance from the church of Christ, your name from its roll-call, your loyalty, and sympathy, and interest, and strength from its service, you are robbing the Redeemer of the church. It is the church of Christ, and bears his name in the world, and what you do to the church is done to Christ, and what you refuse the church you refuse Christ.—Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D.

Highway Acknowledgments.

Franklin Carr, Geary, N. B., June 1903; Mrs. G. Ellingood, Grand Manan, N. B., Dec. 1902; J. S. Richardson, Castalia, N. B., Dec. 1902; Mrs. C. S. Page, Caribou, Me., June 1903; Mary H. McAllister, St. John, N. B., Sept. 1903; Mrs. S. Pennell, Norwood, N. S., June 1903; Mrs. R. Kitchen, Millville, N. B., Dec. 1902; Mr. A. Dow, Upper Southampton, N. B., Nov. 1902; Mrs. George Price, St. John, N. B., June 1901; Mrs. Lamereaux, St. John, N. B., Dec. 1900; C. H. Preston, Pembroke, Me., March 1903; Mrs. Benjamin Boyd, Calais, Me., Dec. 1902; Mrs. Hiram Allen, Calais, Me., Dec. 1902; Miss Gertrude Young, Calais, Me., Dec. 1902; Mrs. W. H. Williamson, Lynn, Mass., Oct. 1903; Mrs. Hattie Haskell, Port Maitland, N. S., July 1903; W. L. Estabrooks, Marysville, N. B., Dec. 1902; Mrs. Elias Porter, Port Maitland, N. S., June 1903.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Woodstock, the 10th inst., by Rev. M. S. Trafton, Mr. John Albert Sylvester, of Chelsea, Mass., to Miss Hattie Beatrice Watson, of Woodstock.

At the residence of Mr. Luther M. Dow, Broadway, Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 9th, 1902, by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., Mr. D. Weston Grant to Miss Lucy M. McAtee, both of Houlton, Me., U. S. A.

"OLD THINGS PASS AWAY"

In one of our meetings a bright, pretty young girl was deeply convicted for sin. She was able to yield every point except one. She had learned to dance. It was fascination, it fairly entranced her. She did not want to give this up. Satan suggested "there was no harm in it." She struggled for several days, but could get no peace. It became a matter of heaven or hell, choosing the dance and losing her soul, or accepting Christ. The congregation had been dismissed, and she alone still tarried at the altar. The struggle was desperate, her face bore the picture

of despair. We gathered about her for the final battle with the powers of darkness. Christian faith and prayer prevailed. She lifted her face and cried, "I yield, Lord, I give it all up. Oh, save me, save me, now." The complete surrender brought the answer, the burden rolled away and God spoke peace to her heart. How her face did shine, how she praised God for the inexpressible peace that surged through her soul! It was a glorious triumph. The "one thing" that had stood in her way had now become loathsome. "I just hate it," was her testimony. "Old things had passed away." The grace of God was so much better. And so I believe that a real good case of regenerating grace is a sure cure for all forms of worldiness.—Christian Standard.

Ministers and Churches.

Pastor M. S. Trafton is taking a much needed rest; he has been visiting his friends at Woodstock and vicinity.

Pastors G. B. Macdonald and C. H. Archer exchanged pulpits recently.

Bro. J. F. Kierstead has returned to the province from the United States. He has supplied the churches at Hartland, Lower Brighton and Victoria Corner in the absence of the pastor G. W. Macdonald who has been assisting at the convention at Port Maitland, N. S. and also at Havelock Kings Co., N. B.

Pastor S. A. Baker has secured a hall and is permanently settled in regular work at Fort Fairfield.

We hear good reports of the work under Pastor S. Greenlaw at Moncton.

Rev. J. H. Coy is settling down to pastoral work at Millville and adjoining settlements.

Rev. H. H. Cosman is expecting soon to move to Sandford where all is in readiness to receive him.

CONCERT.

The Missionary Society of the R. B. Church at Lower Brighton gave a concert at its last monthly meeting which was very interesting and we believe helpful to those who had part in the work and to the audience as well. Mrs. F. H. Hale who is ready at all times to act in mission work was present and gave an instructive talk on the work in other lands which we believe will bear fruit.

Mr. D. H. Wilson presided over meeting with modesty and discretion.

The several parts well performed, both young and old acquitting themselves in a way that would do credit to those of long training and practice in public work. The large audience present were we believe edified and pleased. A collection of \$12.30 was taken to swell the funds of the society.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

We hope the churches will not forget that the Quarterly Meeting convenes with the church at Maple Ridge, Thursday, 18th. Let there be a good strong gathering of the brethren. Come one and all. We presume teams will be in readiness at Millville to convey delegates to place of meeting.

ON SPEAKING TERMS.

A missionary from South Africa said one morning saw a converted African chieftain sitting under a palm-tree, with his Bible open before him. Every now and then he cast his eyes on his book and read a passage.

Then he paused and looked up a little while, and his lips were seen to be in motion. Thus he continued, alternately to look down on the scriptures and turn his eyes toward heaven.

The missionary passed by without disturbing the good man, but after a little while he mentioned to him what he had seen, and asked him why it was sometimes he looked up.

This was the African's reply: "I look down to the book, and God speaks to me. Then I look up in prayer, and I speak to the Lord. So we keep up, this way, a holy talk with each other."—Sel.

If Jesus should turn and look at you, would it put the "weep bitterly" in your heart?