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All correspondence for THE HIGHWAY should be sent before the 12th and 25th of each month, addressed to the Rev. S. A. Baker, Hartland, N. B.

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Several articles were crowded out this issue.

We wish all the HIGHWAY readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments."

In reviewing the past year let all join with David in this prayer, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my veins and my heart."

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

January 1st.—I will attend all the services, including the Sunday school, and will begin the year right by taking my place in prayer, testimony, singing, and giving.

January 2.—I will pay what I am in arrears in my subscription and renew for "THE KING'S HIGHWAY," for 1905, and I will pay what I am behind for 1904 on my pastor's salary, and all my other liabilities so far as I can.

January 3rd.—I will begin giving one-tenth of all I receive to be used in the Lord's work as he may direct me as his steward, and I will begin to give more attention to secret prayer and real communion with God than in the past.

January 4th.—I will ask the Lord to bless and help our missionaries in South Africa in their efforts to establish a station, and will send in my pledge to pay on June 1st, next, for 1-5 or 10 acres of the missionary farm as I may be directed by the Lord.

January 5th.—If I cannot attend I will pray that God may bless the quarterly meeting that convenes at Hartland on this date and that a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit may be enjoyed, and that many may be saved and sanctified wholly during the meeting, and throughout 1905 I will do the whole will of God as revealed in his word and by his spirit, and I will give him all the glory.

A PROMISE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

"They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures." Psa. 36:8.

Thank God none need have a dry bony experience, nor a dry testimony, nor lean preaching, or prayer meeting. All who are in perfect harmony with God, and are doing all his revealed will, are realizing the fulfillment of the above promises in their experience daily; far beyond the power of words to express it.

Do you wonder I'm rejoicing,  
Wonder that I shout and sing,  
For I'm living in his presence,  
And I still behold the King.

ARE YOU HAPPY?

All the children of God should expect a happy New Year and may have it by harnessing up every trial, every unpleasant circumstance, every temptation, and bridling every success that would have a tendency to puff them up, using a curb bit on the tongue and constantly keep in memory the declaration of Paul, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Rom. 8:28.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS OF JANUARY 8TH AND 15TH BY M. S. TRAFTON.

We begin our lesson studies in the gospel of St. John and pursue them in that wonderful gospel for six months. John was one of the closest friends of Jesus during his ministry. This was written towards the close of the first century, when John was undoubtedly located at Ephesus and was well advanced in years. John's gospel differs from the other three in that he deals more particularly with the Judean ministry of Jesus while the others deal with His Galilean ministry. John deals more with the addresses and hence is more doctrinal while the others deal more with the events in the life of Christ. John wrote particularly to establish the fact of the Divinity of Jesus and hence unlike Matthew who in his lineage shows him to be the son of David, and Luke who traces him back to Adam and thus links him to the whole human race, he leaps beyond all earthly lineage and declares Him to be God, eternal, creative, self-existent. Thus we now of necessity pass by the first lesson which is the introduction to the entire gospel, and as we have studied its contents we feel that indeed we have been on "Holy Ground."

Lesson II.—The witness of John the Baptist to Jesus. John 1, 19-34. Persons.—John the Baptist, Priests and Levites from Jerusalem, Jesus.

The Circumstances of the Lesson.—A deputation from the Jews at Jerusalem to John to know who he was. John's humble confession of his mission as introductory, to be followed and eclipsed by Him, who should baptize with the Holy Ghost, even as with fire. Jesus appearance and John's introduction of him. Verses 19-23 contain the question of the deputation, "Who Art Thou?" and John's answer.

There will always be plenty of people to ask questions and there are some questions that are very proper and necessary. Every public teacher ought to have some authority back of him and be responsible to some one. Not all so-called religious teachers are worthy of a hearing and he of sound doctrine never shrinks from identification with some responsible people and never skulks around public gatherings teaching slyly by word and tract.

Who art thou? also embraced, what art thou? True humility is what every Christian, and especially every Christian teacher needs in order that he might know his proper place. The

Elijahs of today are the outcome of arrogance. Few today retain their humility and simplicity during their life's work. We ought to remember we are never so great as we are when God places us.

Verses 25.—Why, and what the importance of your mission?

Verses 26-28.—John interprets his mission and exalts Jesus and His ministry.

John's baptism was with water and was significant of regeneration. Jesus' baptism was with the Holy Ghost and was significant of cleansing, purity, being even as with fire. The baptism with the Holy Ghost never illustrates regeneration, though it always embraces it and never precedes it, but if received always follows it. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not meant to do away with the mode and rite of water baptism, this is no where taught or evidenced in the New Testament church.

Verses 28-34.—The day following Jesus appears, John points him out, explains what he had said previously in reference to Christ's great office and tells how he knew him.

Behold—the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. "The Lamb" significant of sacrifice. John had true light on the prophesy of Isa. 53:7. He emphasized the atonement rather than His kingly office. We need to preach blood today. Unitarianism is gaining ground today because there is a lack in preaching the gospel of blood. "The sin of the world" not only embraces actual sins but goes deep to the root of sin in the human heart. God through Christ forgives the sins and by Christ's baptism takes away, purges away the Adamic sin and makes the heart pure. Forty-two days previous John had baptized Jesus in Jordan and had seen the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove come upon him and John says that He who had sent him to baptize had also told him that this should be the sign to him of the Messiah. God wants us firm in faith and leaves nothing wanting to that end. We see again water baptism is God's appointed rite and is fulfilled by Jesus.

Lesson III.—Jesus wins His first disciples. John 1, 35-51.

Persons.—John, two disciples, Jesus, Peter, Philip, Nathanael.

Circumstances.—John again points out Jesus, two of his disciples follow Jesus, Andrew finds Peter and brings him to Jesus, the next day Jesus finds Philip, Philip findeth Nathanael.

Verses 35-37.—John's introduction and the two disciples choice to become followers of Jesus. John was great enough to be willing, yea rather urged his best disciples to follow Him who was greater than he. Selfishness is a dangerous foe in religious work. John knew his ministry was brief and he wanted his disciples to be where their work would reach its greatest usefulness.

Verses 38-39.—Christ tests their motives. They own him as master and humbly confess their desire to know him. Jesus says come.

Our motives must be pure if we would follow Jesus. Men may pass us through easily but God scrutinizes us and tells the sincerity of our desires. He who seeks sincerely to know Jesus will never be turned away. Jesus' ministry was one of invitation and the first, come, is only the beginning of the golden chain. He who earnestly follows and seeks to know Jesus in the early hours will not be rejected in the tenth hour. Jesus invites us to closest fellowship. True followers of Jesus will abide with him through the day of eternity.

Verses 38-46.—Personal work. Discipleship.

He who truly finds Jesus seeks to find others and may first and easiest

win their own. Jesus sees what is good in man and when allowed hastens to appropriate it for his own glory. How we ought to cherish the thought that there is something in every one of us that God can use for his own glory. We ought not to envy one whom God places special usefulness upon. We ought to strive to make character that is firm. God wants men not jelly fish.

We make a fatal mistake to think that nothing good can come from certain localities and certain families. Nazareth was despised, but behold Jesus. God chooses the weak things to confound the mighty and the things that are naught to bring to naught the things that are. We ought not to despair of any one or any place. What they need is God. Jesus redeems lives and communities.

Verses 47-51.—Jesus pays tribute to Nathanael's character, indicates his omnipresence. Nathanael is convinced and embraces Jesus in his divinity and kingship. Jesus approves and promises greater things.

We again see Christ's scrutiny of character. "An Israelite indeed." We may seem alike to men, we must do many things that all do, but in all the activities of life we can keep our hearts clean our garments undefiled. Jesus saw in the scribes and pharisees whitened sepulchres full of rottenness, in Nathanael "no guilt." God's true followers are those who seek and obtain purity. Jesus sees us in all our walks in life. Nathanael undoubtedly was a man of meditation and prayer as suggested by his being under the fig tree. God promises greater things to those who will follow him. Sin is the only hinderance to us knowing God in all his fullness. God rewards confession and faith. The leading thought of this lesson should be not only, thou seest me, but, thou God knowest me. Let us live as in his presence.

DONATION.

About fifty of the members of the churches, and congregations composing the Hartland circuit, met at the home of the pastor on the evening of the 19th instant and spent a pleasant time, including refreshments provided by the ladies. Deacon G. G. Gray was appointed chairman who spoke of the pleasant relationship of the churches, and pastor, and his wife, and presented the pastor with cash and goods amounting to \$41.00. The evening being stormy many were prevented from being present, who afterword sent their gifts making a total of \$55.00. Several of the business men sent in contributions of cash and goods. We feel very grateful to all of our friends for these and all kindnesses.

WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding took place at the house of brother, and sister E. H. Cox of Victoria on the 28th inst, when their eldest daughter Bessie N. was united in marriage to Mr. Guy L. Hughes car inspector of the northern division of the "Bangor and Aroostook Railway," by Rev. S. A. Baker, in the presence of seventy-five invited guests. The bride received a large number of valuable, and useful presents, an excellent supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will reside in Houlton Maine.

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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. H. H. Cosman preached in the Baptist church at Port Maitland, N. S., on the 4th inst, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Rutledge, who preached at Sandford, N. S.

Sister Ida Morgan has returned from Boston, and is completing her preparations to sail for South Africa on the first steamer sailing from New York for that far off land. She expects to attend the quarterly meeting at Hartland.

Don't forget that the quarterly meeting convenes at Hartland on the 5th of January, 1905.

Rev. I. F. Kierstead and W. J. Hamilton are holding meetings at Lower Southampton. Brother Hamilton is from Nova Scotia. He united with us and attended the Alliance last summer. We trust he will be greatly blessed in his work among us.

Rev. Henry Smith closed the meetings at Port Gilbert, N. S. There was the usual battle to be fought, but Jesus always is the victor. He held two meetings at Weymouth. There is a good little band of people who enjoy holiness preaching. He spent Sunday, the 11th, at New Tusket, and enjoyed a grand day.

Revs. A. Hartt, Albert Hartt, Z. M. Miller, I. G. Cheney, J. H. Barker, A. Kinney and Mr. Roupach, were at the convention at Fort Fairfield. The writer was present one afternoon and evening.

Rev. Aaron Hartt is to assist Rev. C. A. Bell in special meetings at New Limerick, Maine.

We closed the special meetings at Peel on the 21st instant. A good interest was awakened and several were revived and helped.

An excellent public missionary meeting was held at Lower Brighton on the 20th instant.

Our missionary letters failed to reach us in time for the last two issues, so we have three for this date. We have also some interesting matter in private letters from Brother and Sister Sanders, regarding the farm, and the grain, vegetables and fruit that can be raised, which we will give our readers later.

DIED.

At the residence of her brother, B. N. Shaw, Windsor, Carleton Co., in October last, Mrs. Bloodsworth, aged 83 years. Mrs. Bloodsworth was the daughter of the late Nathaniel and Phoebe Shaw, of Wakefield. She was baptized by the late Rev. W. E. Pennington, and was one of the original members of Victoria Corner Free Baptist Church. She survived three husbands, James Churchill, Fowler, of Nowntown, Kings Co., and Mr. Bloodsworth.—Religious Intelligencer.

At the home of her daughter, Presque Isle, Me., Dec. 19th, Cilicia, widow of the late Colin McKay, aged 87 years, leaving to mourn their loss three sons, two in Perth, Me., one in Seattle, and two daughters, Mrs. Hezekiah Fox, York Co., and Mrs. Jones, Presque Isle, Me., with whom she lived for some years. The deceased, although not a public professor of religion, was considered by neighbors and friends a good woman and kind and peaceful in her home and community, and one who had learned to go to God in prayer. A funeral service was conducted by the writer at Lower Southampton, at which place the family formerly lived for a good many years, where her remains were brought for burial beside those of her late husband, a respectable congregation of her former friends and neighbors giving their attendance and manifesting their respect and sympathy to the bereaved family.

J. GRAVINOR.

All the pastors and ministers residing on the first district, and all others who wish to come, and delegates from the churches are expected to attend the quarterly meeting at Hartland on January 5th.

The annual Sunday school concert of the Hartland Sunday school was greatly enjoyed by the large number present.