

PLEDGE
Toward Paying for Balmoral Farm.

On or before June 1st, 1906, I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Reformed Baptist Missionary Board \$2.50, to pay for one acre of the Missionary Farm, situated near Paulpietersburg, South Africa.
(Signed)

✂ Cut this out and sign it and mail it to the Rev. S. A. Baker, Hartland, N. B.

BALMORAL FARM.

We would like to have all pledges given for this fund paid in before the meeting of the Alliance which takes place June 26th.

S. A. BAKER.

Highway Acknowledgements.

Mrs. Alfred Wetmore, Oct. 1905; Mrs. Charles C. Hoyt, Dec. 1906; J. L. Mauser, May 1907; Chas. H. Armstrong, May 1907; Mrs. Allen Drast, May 1907; Mrs. Andrew Laureaux, Nov. 1907.

Mission Fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. (Rev.) H. H. Cosman . . . \$ 2.00
North Head Church Emergency Fund 11.35
Hartland Church Emergency Fund 10.95

Money for Emergency Fund if required, if not, to be applied in general fund.

Millville Society \$10.00 pd.
Mrs. Frank Pelkie 1.00 pd.
Hartland 10.95 pd.
Sandford 3.50 pd.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, Methodist, has accepted a call to the Woodstock church.

Rev. J. H. Irvine who is known to many of our people has been appointed to the Methodist pastorate of Washburn, Maine, in place of Rev. I. G. Cheney who is now the field secretary of the Aroostook County Union Holiness Association.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, United Baptist, takes charge of the Jacksonville and Jacksontown pastorate about July 1st.

The clerks of the various churches will take notice that the blanks for our annual report will be mailed to them on Monday, May 21st, and will the clerks see that they are properly filled in and returned to the corresponding secretary not later than June the 15th. And while it is important that we have an account of the spiritual state of the church please make it as brief as possible.

Yours,

G. B. TRAFTON,
Marysville, N. B.

HUMILITY.

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, or irritated, or sore, or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.—Andrew Murray.

It is only in proportion as we have died unto the world that we can understand and love God's truth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal,
March 26th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—Only a dozen and a half to the services yesterday. It is now the busiest time of the year for beer drinking natives, as the birds large and small, all love this grain, amabele, from which the beer is made. It is not common for natives to eat porridge made from amabele when they can get corn, so in cases where the man is a christian, there is often no amabele planted; then both husband and wife and children, if there be any, are all free to attend the church services.

A garden of amabele requires the same work in planting, weeding and reaping as one of corn—But the watching! about a hundred long days are spent in every amabele garden watching to drive away birds. But when this grain is sold the native will sell it for the same price he gets for his corn. Not that he forgets the days of watching, but time is not counted as valuable. We know that "time is money" but they do not.

Another good example of this is the latest move of our "deacon", I call him, u Samueli. He is the young man who has built a small church at his Kraal. He had four baskets, his own hand work, valued at \$1.25 each. He is now far away from his home trying to sell his baskets, as he wants \$5.00 to pay his pole tax, or "pay for his head," as the natives expressed it. And this, by the way, seems to be the view some of the natives have of his new tax, viz., that they are paying \$5.00 for the privilege of having a head. Accordingly there has been trouble with some who were unwilling to do what seemed to them unreasonable.

But u Samueli is not among this number, and is working hard for the required sum. But the point in question is the native's value of time. So our Samueli, like any zulu would be equally willing to sell his baskets for \$5.00 at his own home or to see them for the same money after he had carried them forty or sixty miles. He will be away from home, probably two weeks. And what about his expenses, hotel bills, etc., on the road? They travel without expence to themselves, calling upon their friends and receiving free entertainment. And Samueli will return without having spent a penny. But other native men who are at work in the large towns, will earn \$10.00 in the same time that this fellow is selling his baskets for \$5.00. None of these thoughts, however, will disturb his peace. Samueli has his new testament with him and will read this and preach the word where ever he goes. Wife tells me, "he is our first evangelist on his first evangelistic tour."

It is true, as a rule, that amabele is the only native grain needing watching. But one of our best christian girls was telling me yesterday why she gets to meeting so seldom. It happens that one of their corn gardens is planted near some woods where monkeys abound, and her work is to keep these renowned thieves from stealing her father's corn. She must be on duty long before sun rise or the little fellows will be there first. "Why don't you take a dog along to help you?" I asked. "The monkeys are very angry at dogs and drive them away. Even a big dog will run from them." "What about poisoning them?" "If we place poisoned corn they know it and never touch it." "Don't you ever shoot them with a gun?" "When a man comes with a gun, he may wait a whole day, but never sees one."

The natives who live near cliffs are troubled with baboons. These are very bold especially if no man is on guard. They even succeed in stealing the roasted ears of corn that the watcher has prepared for himself. But generally they are satisfied to fill their arms with the good raw ears and take these home. But in the spring while the seeds are being planted they come out and steal in a surprising way. They scratch up the seed and pouring it from one hand to the other blow out the dust just as a person does. Dogs have great respect for the baboon. And if it happens that one who does not know his foe gets too near he is quickly caught by his two tremendous teeth with two strong hands and tremendous teeth seek his spinal column.

Last Monday wife and I visited the kraal of one of our young christian women. She was watching in an amabele garden nearly half a mile away, but was

soon called by what might be termed the "native telephone." Among these hills it is an every day occurrence to hear the Zulus carrying on a conversation with another at a long distance. They have no news papers and could not read them if they did. Yet everybody seems always to know all the news. With this help of their shouting capacity all are soon informed of any new occurrence. So by the "native telephone" u Malia was called from the distant garden to see her "white teachers. She weighs only about 200 lbs, and we often see her running at a good pace. But this time it was all up hill, and though she had, as she said, thrown away" her load of corn and pumpkins, yet she was much out of breath and perspiring freely when she arrived. We had a good helpful talk with her, which will we trust, strengthen her for her life in the kraal where she is, at present, the only christian. We are trying to visit all such ones who are, during this season, unable to attend the meetings. But she is planning to be here at communion next Sunday.

While waiting for her to arrive I told a small boy whom I saw eating a roasted corn, that we were hungry and would like an ear or two. He said "this is the last of it," but ran off the amabele garden where the fire was and soon returned with three ears nicely roasted and each one tied in the middle with a corn leaf that held it balanced and suspended; so his hands were not touching them. Perhaps because the corn was so hot. We thanked him and ate the corn, though it was much harder than we like. All the natives eat their green corn when it is very hard and nearly ripe.

We had a long talk with the kraal people, an old man, three old women, a young man, the little boy, our cook, and two grown girls. Others were watching the gardens. All seemed indifferent but one girl who promised to come, when reaping is over and "look on." We hope for her to be saved.

Then a couple of young men came along with a pack of cards. The natives like this game and, in the towns play for money. Two more young men joined them and we spoke to them of eternal things. One answered for the four, the one who carried the cards. The others laughed, and all, the speaker included, seemed to think him very smart. He said, "How are you believers to get into heaven? Is there an opening in the sky? or will you just pierce a hole as you ascend? Have you received a letter from God this year? Did you last year?"

This is the first time I ever heard a Zulu talk on such a line, as they generally do not question nor have doubts. I think he learned his smart questions where he learned to play cards, at Johannesburg. Malia considers card playing of the devil and will not join their game.

She pressed us to let her cook a fowl for us. But we told her we had eaten the corn and was satisfied. She then insisted on giving us the hen and will send it along by first chance.

We have just introduced a new method of teaching our converts. At class a chapter is carefully read over, and during the following week, those who can read, go over the chapter several times. Then when we meet again each one tells the verse that has especially impressed him, and what lesson he or she finds in it. At Tabamhlope we tried this with good results. It teaches them to find soul food in the word as well as to preach from a text.

Yours in His service,
H. C. SANDERS.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal,
South Africa, March 31st, 1906.

Dear Highway,—It is with great joy we receive the news from the home land that the work is prospering there. That at Hartland, Port Fairfield and other places the Spirit is being poured out in answer to prayer and souls are being saved and believers sanctified. May the revival fire continue to spread until all of Canada and the U. S. has felt its power, is our prayer.

We also rejoice that in India and some other parts of the heathen world God has been visiting the people in a wonderful manner and we long for the time to come when this dark land shall feel the power of the gospel as it never has in the past, when Pentecost shall be repeated here as it never has been in Wales and other

parts during the past two years. We believe this can be brought about by the missionaries upon the field and workers at home co-operating with God. Prayer, we believe, is one of the greatest means of co-operation. Some, it may be, are not able to do much else; we feel, to a great extent, helpless ourselves while getting the language but we know that the God who used Paul in prison and John, when banished upon the lonely Island of Patmos, will find some way of every one, even at this time, so will He every one, who keeps in close touch with Him, what ever their position may be. May the Lord so hide us in the secret of His presence, that the Holy Ghost may teach us to pray the prayer of faith for the thousands who are in utter darkness, that their hearts may be opened to receive the truth. Then as we are faithful to the opportunities given us we know God will be true to His promise: "I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessings." Why should not this barren desert receive the showers as well as other places? The need is surely great and God loves to bestow upon the needy. Then since many of us have freely received of Him we must freely give in order that we may continue to receive His best for us. So let us continue to pray in the Holy Ghost and labour in this end that the showers may come in due time.

The harvest time here is near at hand. The natives will soon be gathering in their amabele and their watching in the garden will be over. Then as the winter months approach they will have ample time to listen to the gospel. Then just as you have seasons for special effort at home, so we expect D. V. for a real battle at that time. The new missionaries hope to have a sufficient hold upon the language by that time to enable them to be of at least some help in pushing the work. But above everything we ask you to pray continually that the Holy Spirit may keep us prepared for the little things he has for us to do.

Two or three weeks ago the prophet pronounced the benediction in Zulu for the first time and Ida gave her testimony; much to the pleasure of the native Christians. They think it strange that we can sing and read in their tongue but can speak so little. Praise the Lord for a complete Salvation.

Yours in the work,
I. F. KIERSTED.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal,
April 2, 1906.

Dear Friends,—Yesterday was our communion Sunday. I wish you might have been with us! There were three baptised and nine taken into the church, making the total membership twenty-one. Others are away from home at work, who we trust are ready for baptism.

When a day has been spent in visiting the heathen in their homes, or speaking to a large number of passers-by, there comes over one a feeling of depression—a temptation to give up trying to bring them to Christ. Their utter indifference seems to freeze one's ardor. We then go "tell it to Jesus alone," and by waiting upon Him, find our strength renewed.

But in our meetings like yesterday's it is very different. The powers of darkness are shut out and our service is like one in the home land, except to our congregation the sacrament is more intensely enjoyed than by a home church. They are thoroughly in earnest, and all who partake of the sacred emblems, know from experience what it is to receive life from God and have daily fellowship with Him.

Thus you get a glimpse into our real work, both the dark side and the bright. Yours for souls in Darkest Africa,
H. C. SANDERS.

P. S.—Now that we have received, and are enjoying the many gifts sent by kind friends in the home land, we wish again to thank you all. We regret that the barrel containing the gifts from N. S. and Grand Manan was somehow delayed and has not yet arrived.
H. C. S.

St. JOHN, N. B.,
39 Peters St.

Dear Highway,—In my last report I said I would mention in particular of the church at Port Maitland. There are but few people who know of the importance of this church's work in its spiritual power and its widespread influence. Out

of its membership we find a successful missionary in Corea, two missionaries in Africa, one of our most prominent ministers in the home land, we also find the backbone of the Methodist church at Port Maitland former members of this church. Yet they have a good working staff left with a good Sabbath school and with the increase of strength coming to them in young men and women reached during our last special meetings led by Bro. McDonald the pastor. I see before them a bright future. Had it not been for the fact clearly manifest that God had a special work for them in the spread of scriptural Holiness in that place, its doors would probably have been closed long ago. I trust that the Lord will impress upon each of its members the importance of their mission; and that every one will be at their post and faithful to Christ our head in this great work.

On April 22nd I met my son, Lawson, at Forest Glen, Yar. Co., N. S., where we were engaged in special meetings until May 6th. In this place we saw a glorious work of grace, some fifteen or twenty starting for the Kingdom. The interest in the meetings was so great that in some instances women walked three miles to get to the services, and some of the men who were converted in the meetings walked eight miles to get to meeting and walked all the way back after service. We also had a good and profitable visit to a lumber camp where some thirty men were engaged in stream-driving, who seemed impressed with their need of Salvation. Lawson visited and spent the 29th with the people at New Tusket preaching three times, giving the dear friends of that place great encouragement.

I shall be at home for a few days, my wife being quite sick under the Dr.'s care. As soon as I can I hope to visit Phinney's Cove, N. S.

Yours in the work,
H. H. COSMAN.

GRAND MANAN, N. B.,
May 10th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—Since last writing we have been enjoying the blessing of God in this part of the vineyard.

The work goes on as usual. Our services are well attended and are seasons of much blessing. With the return of Spring we find many of our people having to leave home for work during the summer months. We miss their assistance in the meetings much but trust that they may be used of the Master where they may go. At present the brethren at Seal Cove are making some much needed improvements to the inside of their church building: viz—The platform has been raised and enclosed with a suitable rail, also a new carpet, pulpit, organ, and chairs have been purchased. This we know is a move in the right direction, as we believe that the Lord's house should be kept neat and attractive. And that when people have Salvation it will manifest itself along the lines. We also find them here very thoughtful of their pastor, as last week one of the brethren at North Head sent us in a New Century Washing Machine, for which we are very thankful.

Personally we are enjoying the blessing of God, and looking to Him for victory.

Yours in work,
H. C. A.

NORTON, N. B., May 12th, 1906.
Dear Highway,—We are getting along grandly at Mercer Settlement, services are kept up regularly with good interest, souls saved, saints edified and built up in the faith. Praise the Lord!

We are putting the church under a thorough repair; raised its foundation 18 inches, reshingled the roof, the interior to be remodeled and ceiled with metallic plating; this will at least be \$150 beside the labour. Parts of the money is already raised and we are trusting the Lord for the balance; any one wishing to contribute to this noble project now in operation will kindly send into A. F. Tanner, Norton, N. B.; it will be thankfully received in the name of Jesus and acknowledged through this paper. We are meeting with some opposition but nevertheless the work is going on the spirit of the people is to be admired. They are taking hold of the work with a will. Cottage meetings are being held while the church is being repaired. Through earnest prayer and push we expect to be ready for the quarterly meetings on the 5th of June. The readers of the Highway are requested to remember Mercer church in prayer, that the work may be completed to His honor and glory and that means may be provided.

We are co-workers together. Praise the Lord!
A. F. TANNER.