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ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 12, 1906.

DEAR BROTHER BAKER,—My last acre payment is almost due and so I am sending it now. The Lord has blessed me through the year in every way and I praise Him for it. I'm glad I've reached the land of corn and wine and "Hallelujah" all its riches freely mine. I'm going on pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, trusting in Him who is able to keep me from falling. Bless the Lord. I expect to be able to do more for the extension of God's kingdom in the coming days than ever if I'm spared to live. And now I must wish you a most happy and joyous Christmas time and showers of grace and blessing in the work.

Yours in Him,  
 ONE WHO LOVES JESUS.

This brother subscribed four acres for 1906.—ED.

Dear Highway,—It has been sometime since you have heard from me, but I have not been idle. I can assure you. With my other duties, came the building of the church which has taken a lot of my time. Well "Praise God" we are going to have a very nice building when finished. We have the outside all finished as far as the carpenters are concerned, and have put on the priming coat of paint, will push the inside as fast as possible till completed.

We are getting along grandly in our regular church work. All of our meetings are largely attended and the best of all is, that souls are being saved and believers sanctified and the saints built up, to God be all the Glory.

Rev. M. S. Trafton came and helped me for eleven days beginning the 9th November and I continued through the week with the result that about thirty knelt at the altar. I shall not forget one night, when six strong young men knelt side by side at the altar, seeking pardon. They seem to be doing well in their new life. Hallelujah!

The Praying Band is doing good work in the outlying districts, especially at Perth, N. B. "Praise God" the seed of Holiness is being sown. Sunday, Dec. 2nd was a grand day. The morning which commences at 10 o'clock was not out till one forty, p. m., with most of the saints on their faces, with several seeking pardon or restoration. Victory in the evening service, three at the altar seeking pardon. Glory to God.

We propose not to freeze with cold weather, but to keep the fire burning.

God is wonderfully blessing my soul. I am enjoying my stay in the land of Canaan and propose pressing farther on into the land. The Lord wonderfully supplies all of my wants. "Glory to His Name." Brethren pray for us.

Yours saved, sanctified and satisfied,  
 P. J. TRAFTON.

DONATION.

On Thursday, November 29, the church and friends of Upper Hainesville met at the home of Sister Amos Knox and presented us with the handsome sum of \$31.00. A very pleasant evening was spent in singing, praying and speech making. We thank God, and feel grateful to the donors.

S. GREENLAW AND WIFE.

GONE TO REST.

Our aged Sister Mrs. Susan Boyer, relict of the late Wm. J. Boyer, of Somerville, fell asleep in Jesus Sunday night the 9th instant at the home of Brother and Sister Albert Tracy, at Hartland. She retired apparently in her usual health, but in the morning it was found she had peacefully passed to the heavenly home she had so long talked of. The burial services were held on Thursday, p. m. and were conducted by Rev. H. C. Archer, Rev'ds J. H. Coy, S. A. Baker, J. Perry and T. S. VanWart, United Baptists, were present and took part in the service. An obituary will be written by the pastor for the next issue.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 12th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. W. Marsten, Medic, N. B., by Rev. H. C. Archer, assisted by Rev'ds J. H. Coy and S. A. Baker, Rev. George B. MacDonald and Miss Beatrice B. Marsten.

The presents were indeed numerous and valuable. A very excellent supper was served. THE HIGHWAY and all its readers join in wishing God's richest blessing upon our brother and sister as they unitedly enter the gospel work for the salvation of sinners, and entire sanctification of believers in Christ.

Mission Fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

North Head, M.B., \$5.00.  
 Mrs A. E. Bubar, \$2.50.  
 Coll. at Mt. Middleton, \$6.50.

REV. M. S. TRAFTON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, Oct. 29, 1906.

Dear HIGHWAY.—There were twenty-two at our Sunday service yesterday, three of whom were from the "big hill." It is only a little flock we have up there, but it is a nucleus which we expect to grow. One of the two young men is now away at work while the other holds the fort. uMakongeni, the one at home is very earnest though not yet out clear in his experience. God's "isigijimi," the witness of the Spirit, has not yet arrived in his heart, so he says. His sister uLakile, is a bright child of about thirteen years and can now read anything in Zulu. She is, we expect, our future teacher for the big hill.

Before meeting yesterday morning I was talking with a woman who comes from a place some six miles away, where we have long desired to start meetings. She seems near the Kingdom, saying "I will be so glad if you come and hold meetings near our home." We would so like to begin work there at once but can not for lack of workers.

Yes, our work is widening all the time. The first meeting was held yesterday in a very desirable locality where we have been wanting to get a footing for the past two years. It is where I was called to see the man who fell into a douga, fracturing his thigh. And two weeks ago the first meeting was held in another new place. Thus, though four of our young men have recently left us for work in the large towns, yet by getting the women and girls in the harness all the outposts are kept running and an occasional new one opened. We are thankful, of course, for what is being done. God is working in our midst we know, but oh, the unreached harvest going to waste! My heart is sad and burdened for several special places where we could so easily give them the gospel if we had the workers.

You remember my telling you of uElizabetha proposing to uPitiroi. I said that this is not Zulu custom, nor is it. A girl was visiting here a short time since, who followed the national custom. She was working in our garden together with other maidens, and when a certain young man came their way, two of the girls (so uLidia tells me, I did not see it) took after him with sticks and gave him a "very hard beating." He said to them, "I thank you." Then they inquired, "do you understand who is it that has chosen?" He replied in the negative and was informed that uLea had "chosen" his brother uDwabu. The Zulu custom is as follows: The young men "qomisa," cause to choose. The maidens "qoma," or choose. A young man usually spends three or four years in "qomising" before he succeeds in getting a girl to "qoma," or choose him. But when at last he has been successful his girl gets other maidens to join her in informing him that he has won her heart. They get him if they can. If not his brother will do, or even one of his sisters. No word is spoken until the beating has been administered. The next thing in order is to thank the condescending maiden. In uLea's case the eldest brother of the fortunate man came around that evening to thank in behalf of uDwabu. The following day the friends of the successful lover are called together, and go in a body to thank his maiden and to dance before her and her friends.

All this sounds quite romantic, but remember the many girls who do not have the opportunity to "qoma" but must take the one to whom their father sells them. We know many young men and old men who have never been successful in their "qomising." They say of themselves, "All the maidens refuse me." But it is not this way with the other sex; all have a chance of marriage, and all marry. Sickly girls, homely girls and even deformed ones; yes, and deaf, dumb and blind. It may be that the young men fear that there will not be enough to go around, as they seem to have no special choice, any girl will do. Yet occasionally we see one who seems to have set his heart on just one and will continue to "qomisa" and even resort to witchcraft.

There is now a girl only six miles away who has been thus treated. She has been engaged to the uncle of uLidia. She likes him, wants to marry him, and even some of the cows have been paid, yet there is another man in this case, a married one and a church member, who is trying to

get her. The game is worked thus: The man in love with a girl who won't have him may get the help of a witch doctor. Twenty five or fifty dollars is the price paid for this special medicine which is very powerful, though there are cases known when it has failed. But the rule is success. The man, having bought this medicine, returns home, gets a dish and some water and goes out to some lone spot to work the magic unseen. He pours the medicine in the water and stirs until foam has accumulated on the surface. Then he "talks into the medicine," calling the girl by name, telling her to come to him. This is all he needs to do, the medicine does the rest. The girl, no matter the distance away, feels that she is called. She screams with pain and falls in a dead faint. Cold water is dashed into her face which brings her to. She comes to her feet and darts away on a "very swift run" towards the kraal of her slighted lover. Of course she has heard the people talking, and has been informed of what was going on. I judge that the wily "doctor" sees it that she knows which direction his medicine is expected to make her run. She finally arrives at the right kraal and there remains until the man tells her to return, by going again to the hillside and "talking into his medicine." From now on she comes whenever he calls her, each time falling into a faint, etc. just as at first. But medicine even thus far successful often fails to make the girl's heart love and choose the man.

But whether she chooses him or not she is ever thereafter subject to those same spells. If living with the man who bewitched her, she only cries with pain and falls—does not run. But if living with another man, she will fall, get up and run to him though he has long since thrown away his medicine and ceased to call her. The natives call this condition a sickness and say that death is its only cure.

After uLidia had told me all this I said to her, "do you believe that medicine really has all this power?" "But I have seen many cases with my eyes," was her only reply. Then she counted up quite a number of girls and women whom she personally knows to have this "ihabia," as the condition is called.

It is hard for our christians not to believe in such things. The head man of the kraal where uLidia lives, is an intelligent native, desiring to be a christian, yet he would not begin planting this year though beautiful rains had fallen, until a "doctor" had arrived and made medicine to sprinkle over all his gardens that they may yield well. One native on our farm gave a cow to have his gardens thus "doctored" this year. And so Satan and superstition reigns among this simple-hearted people who are ready to believe all we tell them. They are ready to accept the Gospel message. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Yours in His harvest field,  
 H. C. SANDERS.

BEALS, ME, Dec. 10, 1906.

Dear Bro. Baker,—I wish to drop a line this morning to express through the columns of our dear HIGHWAY my gratitude to Almighty God for giving us a degree of victory in this place. We have found the battle hard, the enemy being well entrenched and subtle but our God is almighty. For some time we felt as though we were bombarding a wall of unbelief; but thank God, last night in our meeting the wall began to tumble. A number of those who had been a long time in the background were heard from asking for prayers, and stating their determination to live a christian life. And a number of sinners who had never been heard from were up for the prayers of christians, which gladdened the hearts of those who had stood true amid all discouragements. Two weeks ago Brother I. W. Saunders of St. John, joined us, and has been a great help in the work. I believe this young brother if faithful will be a power for God. Many of our friends will remember him being at Beulah Camp meeting last year, as it was there he got such a blessing in his soul, and settled the question as to his calling. Brother Hilyard also joined us yesterday and had the old time fire. It was good to hear him, and he helped us much as two is better than one, and a three-fold cord is not easily broken.

Brother Hilyard is planning to put the

winter in evangelistic work. Brethren pray for us as a great work needs to be done here yet.

Your brother in Christ,  
 H. H. COSMAN.

SUSSEX, N. B.

Dear Editor,—I would like to write a few lines to our much loved paper, THE HIGHWAY, for the benefit of some brothers or sisters' souls as it is nearing Christmas holidays; a time when presents shall be given by friend to friend with best wishes—earthly wishes. We hold Christmas as a celebration of the birth of our dear Lord and Master, but the spirit of it in general is decidedly wrong in the sight of God. Christmas is generally devoted to revelry and gratification of the carnal nature, but the true deciple of Christ should remember that the wise men brought their gifts or presents to their King instead of bestowing them upon one another. Whom shall we imitate this coming Christmas, the wise men or the world? Throughout this world, in every nation, kindred and tongue, there are those who are hungering after righteousness, and others being destitute of food and clothing. Whatever shall be given towards this cause shall be recognized in heaven as a present to the King of Kings, for we read in Matt. 25, 34 40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Then let us give out of our treasury this coming Christmas as never before to the cause of Christ. The night shall come when our work shall cease and our gifts that might have been welcomed will be spurned "inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these my brethren ye did it not unto Me."

Yours saved,  
 J. A. GALLEY.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Set the example brother.—ED.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal,  
 South Africa, November 5th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—Our rainy season has set in earlier than in previous years they tell us. It seems strange to us to see it rain part of every day and at times several days there will be no let up, this is usually accompanied thus far with much thunder and the lightning is almost continuous. These rains will probably last three or four months at least. Last week we had two hail storms lasting about half an hour each. There is scarcely any warning of these storms save a rumbling sound similar to thunder. Though we had vegetables up in our garden the hail did very little damage, which we are thankful for. Throughout the colony there was much loss of property, especially in the Vryheid district, about fifty miles from here they experienced the heaviest storm for years, destroying fruit trees, also killing fowls.

Yesterday being the first Sunday of the month is what the people call the big Sunday, as on these days they all gather here for communion. On other Sundays our workers hold service at the different out posts and are doing good work.

The people from the Pongola come early, we heard them in the distance singing their familiar hymns as they marched along usually a Samuel leads this procession with many gestures keeping time with the singing. One woman with them carrying an infant of six weeks on her back. She thought nothing of walking the ten miles. A new out post has recently been opened for preaching, it is about two hours ride from here. This is an opening made by the providence of God. Near where the service is held a man lately got drunk on native beer, fell into a douga and broke a limb. Dr. Sanders was sent for and did all he could for him, but he died in a few days. The Lord used this event in awakening the head man of a kraal, who desires to believe. He speaks of himself as a head man indeed as he has a large Kraal, and wears a head ring which is a sign of his greatness or that he is in favor with his chief. We hope his greatness will not prevent him from getting saved. A love for the praise of men keeps many here from getting saved, as well as at home. Mr. K. visited this out post last Sunday and led the service. Twenty two were present, eleven native workers and the rest probably never attended a christian service before.

We praise the Lord that the Holy

Spirit is mighty to penetrate these darkened souls with the Gospel truths until they become interested, then a real concern about their souls welfare, and are willing to give up their sins and heathen customs and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. Ours is a wonder working God. Several of our young men who are active workers have gone away to work, will no doubt be gone several months. One or two others have returned who will remain home for some time. They are so glad to get back where they can attend service again. Many who work for their white men are made to work all day Sundays and are not allowed to attend service of any kind, yet even these young men come back strong in the faith and have kept true. A promising young man has joined the English class and will come to study as he has opportunity. Though at present his time as well as that of the teacher is pretty well taken up with work in the gardens.

We have so much to praise the Lord for these days, for both physical and spiritual health, and for supplying all our needs according to his riches in glory.

Shall be so glad when the HIGHWAY becomes weekly. We would gladly give the amount required to make it so if we could.

Yours in Christian love,  
 IDA M. KIRKSTAD.

NORTH HEAD, Grand Manan, N. B.  
 Dec. 5th, 1906.

Dear Highway,—We are very glad to report victory through Jesus. In spite of the old devil, coming sometimes as a roaring lion and sometimes as an angel of light. Whether he roars to frighten or puts on a sinister smile to deceive. I still praise the Lord for keeping me.

Glad to say we are much encouraged in our work. Steadily we are making advances along the line of full salvation. At Seal Cove there has been an improvement in many ways. We believe they are loyal to the truth of holiness and constantly moving forward. All our services there are seasons of much blessing.

They are also settling down to house-keeping in a real business-like way. In a few weeks we shall have there two new Chandeliers for lighting the church besides a number of brilliant reflecting lamps. Also a large new stove for heating the church will be put in shortly. A new chimney has already been built from the foundation and other inside improvements that were necessary. One of our business men in the community has donated the church a complete set of bookracks for all the seats and song books will soon be supplied for the congregation. The brethren at Two Islands are always ready to assist in all these necessary expenses and with the brethren and sisters at Seal Cove they are determined to press the battle against sin and the devil. Amen.

At North Head we are also encouraged in our work for the Lord. The brethren and sisters are getting warmed up in their hearts, and prayers and testimonies are fresh and new from the skies. All the services are seasons of spiritual refreshing. We are looking forward to greater victories for Jesus than has yet come to us. God's power is just the same and the Holy Spirit is just waiting to bless us. We pray that God will put every one of us at our best for His service and for his glory.

In conclusion, we may say that our missionary work is progressing. We are sending in some funds and there is "more to follow. On Dec. 16th will be Missionary Thank-Offering Day, both at Seal Cove and at North Head. We expect a good offering for the support of our Foreign Missionaries in Africa.

Recently we have organized a Young People's Meeting, with leaders selected from among our sisters. It will be a regular meeting of the church. The object is to specially reach the young men and young women of our homes and Sabbath school and bring them to Christ. We trust God for victory.

Now we desire to give notice at this writing that our Quarterly Meeting of this District begins at Seal Cove, Wednesday evening, Jan. 9th and the work will continue as long as the church may desire.

Personally we are enjoying good health, just now. Mrs. B. and Reita have fairly good health. We hope and trust that God may wonderfully preserve us and make us channels of blessings to the people. Amen.

A. L. BUBAR.